

IMPACT REPORT **JULY-SEPTEMBER 2022**

Street Outreach

THIS QUARTER, SMYAL LAUNCHED A NEW LATINX/LATINE STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM

SMYAL's Street Outreach Program is designed to fill gaps in services for Spanish-speaking/non-English proficient/English as a second language LGBTQ youth in DC. This program goes out into the community to meet young people where they are, helping to connect/reconnect them to culturally competent and language accessible resources.



SMYAL's Street Outreach Team Can Assist with:



Emergency Food/Basic Needs



Housing Navigation



Mental Health Support



DACA/Immigration



Case Management



Education & Vocational Search



Employment Search



Name & Gender **Marker Changes**



Transportation



Public Benefits Navigation



In 2 months of piloting the Street Outreach **Program, 47 Spanish-speaking individuals** received support, including 4 who have been connected to affirming housing

"SMYAL's Latinx Street Outreach Program is vital to the community because we are able to serve our undocumented and non-English proficient queer community members in the language that they speak."

-Sierra Barnedo, Bilingual Case Manager





Clinical Services

Celebrating 1 Year of Affirming Mental Health Counseling!

Since Opening in October 2022:

50

Youth and families are currently receiving individualized mental health counseling a week at SMYAL

> SMYAL's Clinical Services are at full capacity!

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New therapeutic groups have been launched, providing youth with a space to build community, find support, and receive counseling

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Youth have completed their therapy journey with SMYAL having achieved their goals and stabilized their mental health

"Therapy at SMYAL has helped me open up a lot after a very difficult year. I am really grateful that I was given the opportunity to improve and grow."

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Thank you to CareFirst and the Kiwanis Club of Washington, D.C. for their support of SMYAL's Clinical Services

Rise Up! Youth Organizing Conference

90 young LGBTQ
activists came together
to network, build skills,
and strategize at the 3rd
annual Rise Up! virtual
conference



4 days of programming

11 youth-lead workshops

in-person self- care day

Attendees joined from 36 states, DC, and Canada

"This has been an awesome opportunity to connect and learn from other queer youth. hearing different perspectives on gender and queer activism was really eye opening to me."

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