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
- Education & Vocational Search
- Employment Search
- Public Benefits Navigation
- Transportation
- Name & Gender Marker Changes
- Case Management

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

Thank you to Capital One for their support of SMYAL's Street Outreach Program.
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

2
New therapeutic groups have been launched, providing youth with a space to build community, find support, and receive counseling

8
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."

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

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."

4 days of programming

11 youth-lead workshops

1 in-person self-care day

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