



THE RISE PROGRAM

For LGBTQ+ Youth

What is the RISE Program?

The RISE Care Coordination Team (CCT) is a Child & Family Team that is committed to increasing the safety, well-being and permanency of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ+) and Gender Non-Conforming children and youth.

Services are designed to:

- Increase support and acceptance in families- biological, extended, foster- with LGBTQ+ and gender non-conforming children and youth
- Promote self-esteem and wellness for LGBTQ+ children and youth
- Achieve and sustain permanent relationships with kin, adoptive, and chosen families
- Provide culturally competent education to professionals responsible for the care of LGBTQ+ children and youth

Who is eligible?

LGBTQ+ youth age 5 - 17 years old and residing in LA County, who are:

- Involved with the child welfare system or;
- Living at home and experiencing family conflict related to their sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression

If you have questions or would like to refer please contact:

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For more information about the RISE Program please visit:

www.LALGBTCenter.org/RISE



Services for Homeless & At-Risk Youth

The Los Angeles LGBT Center (LA LBTC) offers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth, 14 to 24 years old, tools for self-empowerment through its Children, Youth & Family Services Department (CYFS). We believe that all youth have the right to a safe, secure, and nurturing living environment. Whether taking steps toward independent living through our Transitional Living Program or simply getting a hot meal and shower at our Youth Center on Highland, the Los Angeles LGBT Center provides LGBTQ youth the resources they need to reach their full potential.

The Youth Center on Highland

Operated by the Los Angeles LGBT Center, our Youth Center helps homeless and at-risk LGBTQ youth ages 14 to 24. It serves as an entry point to assist youth in making the transition from the streets into independent living as well as to create a comfortable space to socialize with other LGBTQ youth in a safe and affirming environment.

Basic life-sustaining and recreational services are provided such as:

- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks
- GED Preparation Program
- Case Management
- Clothing & Laundry
- Employment Services
- Counseling & Support Groups
- Showers & Hygiene
- Computer Lab
- HIV Testing & Counseling
- Recreational Activities
- Housing Referrals
- Art/Music Groups

Information: (323) 860-2280

Address:

1220 N. Highland Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90038

Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Emergency Overnight Beds, Transitional Living & Supportive Apartments

CYFS also operates a 60-bed residential program that comprises 24 emergency overnight beds, 24 transitional housing beds and 6 single apartments with double occupancy to assist LGBTQ youth 18 to 24 years old, who are either homeless or in unsafe living situations. By providing ongoing supportive services such as case management, counseling, art and therapy groups combined with basic life sustaining services like shelter, food, and clothing, youth are able to focus on their goals and develop the skills necessary to live independently.

Information: (323) 860-2280

GED/Education

The GED (General Education Development) Program gives young people the opportunity to complete their high school education and receive a recognized diploma. In addition to the real sense of achievement, the GED Diploma opens up a new range of opportunities for further education and employment. The GED program is self-directed and allows participants to study at their own pace. **Information: (323) 860-3661**

Street Smart

Street smart is an HIV Prevention & Education Program to educate youth and provide them tools to reduce their risk of HIV infection. The program includes a series of 4 workshops that emphasize learning and changing behaviors to help young people negotiate and practice safer sex. Individual counseling sessions and referrals to HIV testing and counseling are also provided. Groups are held three times each week and incentives are provided.

Information: (323) 860-2285

Youth Employment

The Youth Employment Program provides assistance with career research, resume writing, job searches and interview preparation. In addition to assisting participants find a job, the program also focuses on providing the soft skills necessary to hold onto their job and progress in their career. **Information: (323) 860-2295**

Senior-Youth Photo Project

The Senior-Youth Photo Project is an annual collaborative project with the Seniors Program. This 8-week workshop series runs each year between February and May, and is designed to bring youth and seniors together for this unique and highly experimental study of the technical and artistic aspects of photography. The project is open to youth between the ages of 14 to 24 who are still at home but are at risk of homelessness or for those who are already homeless. **Information: (323) 993-7450**