Summary of surveys for Pride Centre Youth Transitions Program - FCSS

January 31, 2020

For programing spanning January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019 Total youth served: 1105

13-17: 770 18-24: 335

The Survey had 59 Respondents

Number of people reached out to 215

40% of respondents were between the ages of 18 - 24

60% of respondents were between the ages of 13 - 17

The majority of participants are between the ages of 13 - 17

Communication Skills Questions asked to participants:

- 1. I felt comfortable communicating with other people when I attended the program
 - a. 95% of respondents agreed, 55/58
 - b. 5% of respondents disagreed, 3/58
 - c. Of the respondents who indicated disagreement, 33% were from the 18
 - 24 age group with the remaining 66 % from the 13 17 age group
- 2. The Pride Centre's programs have helped me to learn how to communicate with LGBTQ peers and others
 - a. 97% of respondents agreed 56/58
 - b. 3% of respondents disagreed 2/58
 - c. Of the respondents who indicated disagreement, 50% were from the 18- 24 age group with the remaining 50% from the 13 17 age group

Social Skills Questions asked to participants:

- 1. I felt at more ease with myself when I attended the program
 - a. 95% of respondents agreed 54/57
 - b. 7% of respondents disagreed 4/57
 - c. Of the respondents who indicated disagreement, 25% were from the 18
 - 24 age group with the remaining 75% from the 13 17 age group
- 2. Compared with before I started going to The Pride Centre's youth programs, I am more confident around people
 - a. 87% of respondents agreed 47/54
 - b. 13% of respondents disagreed 7/54



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- c. Of the respondents who indicated disagreement, 57% were from the 18 24 age group with the remaining 43% from the 13 17 age group
- 3. Compared with before I started going to The Pride Centre's youth programs, I have more confidence in myself
 - a. 89% of respondents agreed 48/54
 - b. 11% of respondents disagreed 6/54
 - c. Of the respondents who indicated disagreement, 50% were from the 18 24 age group with the remaining 50% from the 13 17 age group

Youth Program Comments and suggestions:

- Members who come here have all kinds of experiences that may range from good to bad, and often, it may not be the fault of the P.C.O.E. I recommend dispelling all unwelcome notions at the door and to not let environmental factors affect the experience of a given individual.
- I've arrived at the pride centre for the past year and so: education those who arrive at the centre to events will not only help support the centre but give way to positive reviews and an improvement on general opinion of the centre.
- The prom was wonderful and a total blast. I was able to bring my younger sibling with me, and it was one of the few times I saw them be truly confident and comfortable in their own skin. It was the best experience for sure!
- I haven't been here in probably almost 5 years due to some disastrous programming & you all have insanely improved. Ya'll are amazing. I'm so proud of you all.
- More time choices and/or weekends. We come from out of town so it is difficult to get there before 7 pm.
- Having more fun days on weekends because I can't attend mostly anything during the weekdays
- Very respectful of pronouns/names -Lots of resources for everyone no matter how you identify
- 1. Extended time 2. Going out into the community 3. Attending event 4. Exploring outdoors
- I'd like more opportunities for youth-led workshops!
- More student lead activities would be fun!
- Cooking classes



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Five of the Youth Stories:

- I'm gonna get a little personal here, because this is anonymous. I've only been here around five times, and it was mostly to stay warm or have a place to charge my phone. But sometimes, I come here so I don't have to go home. Because it's good to be a person and not a daughter. Sometimes I need to hang out somewhere I won't freeze, and where people will accept my queerness at face value. I can't seem to keep friends, but there are people around here. And it makes me feel less alone and afraid here, better than anywhere else downtown.
- I was at the Halloween event at the pride center and was reunited with I childhood friend I lost contact with. I had frequently wished to reestablish contact but didn't have any of her contact info. It was so great to meet each other again! It also turns out that we are both trans, so we don't remember each other as the wrong gender anymore.
- The staff is very kind and helpful. They have provided good resources to help with my transition and opportunities to connect with the LGBTQ community. I have enjoyed the youth activities so far, and I appreciate having this hospitable and relaxed environment to hang out in and meet new people.
- I've never been to the center itself But through one GSA I've figured things out about myself that I thought I was not normal/broken for being that way. I've had a great experience with that GSA and made many friends there and I'm so glad to know them:-)
- Attending the pride center's programs have helped connect me with other LGBT youth, and it's given me more confidence knowing that I'm not totally alone in life. The friendships I made at the centre are ones that will last long past this lifetime <3
- Before coming here, I felt very suicidal and alone. I feel a lot better after getting in touch with resources. I'm going from being 90% set on suicidal thoughts to almost none. Each week the negative thoughts decrease.

The Pride Centre of Edmonton (PCE) youth program focuses on supporting sexual and gender minority youth in empowering the growth of communication skills, social skills and developing positive identities.

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