

EMPHASIS ON FAMILY SUPPORT

LGBTQ youth are overrepresented in the foster care and juvenile justice systems as well as among homeless youth populations.

When LGBTQ youth are placed in out-of-home care, there is often an assumption made that family reunification and permanency are not possible. But we know this is not true.

A youth "coming out" can often be a time of crisis for a family. However, with education, information and support families can move from rejection to acceptance.

We believe that when LGBTQ youth and their families/caregivers are provided with comprehensive supports, healing, reunification or other safe and stable permanency is possible.



YOUTH ACCEPTANCE COLLABORATIVE



The Youth Acceptance Collaborative (Y.A.C.) is a partnership between BAYC, Family Builders and Alameda County Social Services Agency.

For more information about the Y.A.C., to refer a youth or family for services and/or to access case consultation support, please contact us:

Email: LGBTQ@baycyouth.org
Call: (510) 727 - 9401 x 108

To download a copy of the Y.A.C. Referral Form, please go to:
www.baycyouth.org/services_YACreferralform.php



**WORKING TO BUILD
A BETTER WORLD FOR
LGBTQ YOUTH AND THEIR
FAMILIES**

YOUTH ACCEPTANCE COLLABORATIVE



A COLLABORATION OF BAYC,
FAMILY BUILDERS
AND ALAMEDA COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY



Serving and supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth; their families and caregivers.

YOUTH ACCEPTANCE COLLABORATIVE

The Y.A.C. provides a continuum of services towards the prevention of some Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth from entering the child welfare system and the transition of others from placement to family-based permanency.

Y.A.C. services include:

- Outreach and engagement with disconnected and high risk LGBTQ youth
- Placement stabilization and crisis support capacity
- Safe drop-in space for LGBTQ youth to explore their identities and receive stabilization services
- On-site LGBTQ affirming case consultation for Child Welfare Workers (CWW), foster parents, group home providers, relatives and other care givers and biological families with the Y.A.C. Family Advocate and LGBTQ Youth Advocate
- Engagement and support services for LGBTQ youth at the Alameda County Assessment Center
- Support services for families and caregivers of LGBTQ youth
- Mental health supports for LGBTQ youth, their families and caregivers
- Monthly family support group

www.BAYCyouth.org
www.familybuilders.org

DROP-IN SERVICES

Our Space is an LGBTQ youth community center that provides safe and affirming space for LGBTQ youth to socialize, explore their identities, build community and develop leadership skills.

Drop-in services often serve as an early intervention strategy to protect against homelessness and involvement in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.

Our Space drop-in services are available to youth ages 14 – 24 and include:

- A peer support group for LGBTQ youth
- Creative expression activities and groups
- Leadership development opportunities
- Referral & linkage services
- Food pantry & clothing closet
- Internet access and an LGBTQ library
- LGBTQ field trips & special events
- Opportunities for intergenerational community building

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

- Individual therapy for LGBTQ youth
- Clinical case management services for LGBTQ youth
- Family therapy for LGBTQ youth, their families and caregivers

CONSULTATION

The Y.A.C. offers consultation services to child welfare workers and providers to support their ability to respond to and address the needs of LGBTQ youth in out-of-home care.