Youth Pride provides a safe space where young people can learn, engage, and grow. For many, Youth Pride is the first place where they can be themselves, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. At YPI, youth come together from a wide range of backgrounds and connect with one another over common issues and activities. Whether a youth comes to YPI to access the Basic Needs Pantry, talk to staff, join in on leadership and learning activities, or simply play video games and share a meal - whatever their reason, in the end, they walk away transformed.

EXPANDING OUR REACH

Recognizing that not all youth are able to visit YPI, the Youth Pride team connects with schools and organizations throughout the state to empower their staff to provide support and resources to young adults impacted by sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. On a larger scale, Youth Pride collaborates with institutions so that they are better equipped to address the needs of the youth that they serve with sensitivity and care.
I feel like I have had my whole world expanded – things I didn’t recognize before make sense now.”

WHAT WE DO
Young people come to YPI for a variety of reasons – from getting support during a crisis to becoming active members of our community. Once they discover YPI, they quickly become involved in the many programs that the organization has to offer.

• Drop-In Center including one-on-one counseling, case management, peer support groups, and access to YPI’s Basic Needs Pantry.
• OUTSpoken Leadership Development Program, which focuses on personal growth, cultural awareness, leadership development, community involvement, and advocacy.
• Policy and Advocacy and activism on issues impacting LGBTQQ and the larger community
• Sexual health and HIV Prevention
• Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Network Coordination
• Participation in Pride and other LGBTQQ community events

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY
YPI provides outside trainings each year for a variety of providers who work with LGBTQQ youth, including educators, mental and physical health practitioners, and institutions.

“I feel like I should help people be accepted for who they are.”
Despite our achievements, there is no question that serious challenges remain. Our pantry includes food, toiletries and clothing, to meet the needs of our numerous youth who are impacted by family rejection, homelessness, and poverty. As more youth come out, we have witnessed an increasing need for services to our 13 and under community, Trans* and gender non-conforming youth, and the growing number of GSAs throughout Rhode Island.

We would not be the organization we are today without the support of our donors, volunteers, and friends. On behalf of YPI’s youth, board, and staff, we thank you for your support.
OUR MISSION
To meet the unique and ongoing needs of youth and young adults impacted by sexual orientation and gender identity/expression through advocacy, support and empowerment to bring about social change.

I’m going to use my voice.”

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