

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: July 10, 2024

TITLE: **REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE REGARDING AN ALLOCATION OF \$25,000 TO PRIDELINES, INC. FOR PRIDELINES MIAMI BEACH PROJECT SAFE (SAFE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR EVERYONE.)**

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (PSNQLC) discuss the item and provide a recommendation.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At the June 26, 2024 City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the Mayor and City Commission referred item C4 AL(attachment A) to the PSNQLC regarding an allocation of \$25,000 to Pridelines, Inc. for Pridelines Miami Beach Project SAFE (Safe Accommodations for Everyone).

The referral requested the Committee to consider allocating an additional \$25,000 to Pridelines for another initiative, called Pridelines Miami Beach SAFE (Safe Accommodations for Everyone) to address LGBTQ youth and community homelessness.

In 2023, the Mayor and City Commission accepted the recommendation of the PSNQLC, and approved a grant in the total amount of \$50,000 to Pridelines for the development and implementation of a safe space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach youth at the LGBTQ Visitor Center located at 1130 Washington Avenue on Miami Beach (attachment B). The initiative includes personal, academic, and professional development programming with integrated wellness resources. In view of the importance of this organization and the public purposes served by this programming, the Commission prioritized a \$50,000 grant to Pridelines, Inc. in FY 24 and on a recurring basis. The Safe Space Program has been a success with the Visitor Center hosting 7-12 youth on a daily basis,

Currently, Pridelines at The LGBTQ Visitor Center located at 1130 Washington Avenue provides a safe space for LGBTQIA+ youth (ages 13-20). The partnership with Pridelines includes, but is not be limited to, the below youth programs (attachment C):

- Rainbow Circle - A peer-led LGBTQ support and discussion group. Topics covered often include coming out, relationships, bullying, peer pressure, drugs and alcohol, depression and self-esteem. Youth are encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings without fear in a safe and supportive environment
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- Social Fridays - Fun social activities with friends that include game nights, movie nights, and art projects

On April 28, 2023, Resolution No. 2023-32591 approved a grant for \$75,000 to Save Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, for the development and implementation of a social media

campaign to support and provide resources to Miami Beach LGBTQ+ youth (attachment D).

The campaign entitled Miami Beach Cares (www.MiamiBeachCares.lgbt) launched on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. The launch included a social media campaign, digital banners, and ad placement on bus shelters, sidewalks, and other public areas. Information can be found by visiting the City of Miami Beach website www.miamibeachfl.gov/education

The purpose of the Miami Beach Cares campaign is to provide valuable information and resources to parents and youth who are dealing with issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity (attachment E). Resources on the website address topics of mental health and suicide prevention, faith and religion, homelessness and housing, youth programs, bullying, family acceptance, and more. This initiative serves the Miami Beach community well and continues to build on the City of Miami Beach's legacy as a beacon for the LGBTQIA+ community. The grant was extended an additional year at \$25,000 and may be extended for one more additional year if approved.

ANALYSIS

Many Miami Beach locals, especially LGBTQIA+ individuals, find themselves in a serious and desperate situation, experiencing insecure housing or navigating homelessness, forced out of their families and away from their homes because of their queer identity, or are otherwise on the streets because of various negative social determinants of health.

In the recent aftermath of the tragic death of Andrea Doria Dos Passos, a transgender woman who was tragically murdered while sleeping outside, crisis rapid intervention infrastructure for our unhoused population, especially the most vulnerable ones, is of utmost importance.

The proposed Miami Beach Project SAFE(Safe Accommodations for Everyone) would provide for immediate client needs, such as structured case management facilitated by trained staff, personalized needs assessment and safety planning, navigation support for government, public health, application-based transitional/temporary housing, academic, and employment system, access coordination for emergency shelter, transportation assistance, relocation assistance, and professional-facilitated counseling and therapy.

The City's Office of Housing and Community Services' Homeless Outreach Services Division operates a walk-in center for persons experiencing homelessness located at 771 17 Street, Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. The caseworkers staffing the walk-in center serve persons seeking family reunification, identification assistance, shelter services, and other referrals.

Additionally, the City's Mobile Outreach Team canvasses the entire city identifying individuals living in places not meant for human habitation to offer services. Collectively, the Division serves 30-35 persons daily, by not only offering the referral services previously mentioned, but also coordinating with partners in the Continuum of Care (CoC) to effectively address the specific needs of the person seeking guidance and support.

The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust provides funding to several community providers within the CoC to offer various resources to persons experiencing homelessness. For example, hot meals and showers are typically provided to unsheltered individuals at the following locations in Miami-Dade County:

- **Camillus House Day Center**, 1603 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33136
Meals: Monday - Friday at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
Showers: Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m.
- **Miami Rescue Mission**, (services available for homeless males) 2020 NW 1st Avenue, Miami, FL 33127

Meals: Monday - Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Showers: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m

- **The Missionaries of Charity of Mother Teresa**, (services are available for homeless women and children) 724 NW 17 Street Miami, FL 33136

Meals: every day, except Thursday from 10 a.m, to 11:00 a.m,

Currently, Pridelines provides a Project SAFE for LGBTQ youth (up to age 24) experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in Miami-Dade County. This vital program provides access to safe and supportive shelter through housing partners or the pilot Host Home Program, which pairs young people with caring individuals willing to open their homes. In addition to secure housing, Project SAFE offers comprehensive care coordination to address the unique needs of each individual, from referrals for HIV testing and substance abuse treatment to transportation assistance, emergency meals, and family support. Participants also enjoy access to safe and affirming programming, including warm showers, laundry facilities, and ongoing advocacy with service providers to ensure their safety. Project SAFE is not only a vital resource for young people in need, but it also works to increase LGBTQ knowledge among social service agencies, offering cultural competency training and technical assistance.

An expansion of the current youth focused Project SAFE to ALL Miami Beach LGBTQIA community members experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness would potentially provide the following:

- Access to safe and supportive shelter through Miami Beach housing partners or Pridelines' pilot Host Home Program
- Holistic care coordination to address the individualized needs of each person
- Referral services for HIV testing, substance abuse, medical needs, educational support, etc.
- Transportation assistance
- Emergency meal assistance
- Family support as appropriate
- Access to laundry facility
- Warm Showers
- Access to safe and affirming programming and community
- Ongoing advocacy with service providers to ensure safety

Project SAFE is dedicated to increasing the LGBTQIA+ knowledge base amongst homelessness and social service agencies across Miami-Dade County, and provides cultural competency trainings and technical assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FY 25 \$25,000

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on . See BIE at:
<https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

2023Applicable Area

Citywide

**Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item,
pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond
Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481,
includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Education and Performance Initiatives

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Referral to PSNQLC for allocation of \$25,000 to Pridelines Inc. for Miami Beach Project SAFE
(Safe Accommodations for Everyone)



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: June 26, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32631

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING A GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO PRIDELINES, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SAFE SPACE PROGRAM FOR LGBTQIA+ MIAMI BEACH YOUTH; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CITY'S STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING; AND FURTHER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND THE PUBLIC PURPOSES SERVED BY THIS PROGRAMMING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE AN ALLOCATION OF A \$50,000 GRANT TO PRIDELINES, INC. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND ON A RECURRING BASIS, AS PART OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

WHEREAS, the Miami Beach Youth Commission made a motion at their December 14, 2022 meeting as follows: the Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Commission support the identification of a safe space in the City of Miami Beach for LGBTQ+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly information sessions where guest speakers provide useful information to positively impact their lives; and

WHEREAS, at the February 1, 2023 Commission meeting, Commissioner Alex Fernandez referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee support in the identification of a safe space in Miami Beach for LGBTQIA+ Youth; and

WHEREAS, at the March 23, 2023 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, members unanimously supported the development and implementation of a Safe Space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach Youth; and

WHEREAS, staff from the Office of Education and Performance Initiatives and the Miami Beach Police Department met to discuss the feasibility of using the Police Department Community Room (1st Floor) as a safe space for Miami Beach teens to gather; and

WHEREAS, staff determined that an alternate option was preferred; and

WHEREAS, Chief Education Officer Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld met with members of Pridelines to review opportunities for partnership to support Miami Beach youth; and

WHEREAS, Pridelines is a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe space, social support, skills building, leadership development and referrals to mental health, health care and support services for LGBTQ youth and their straight allies throughout South Florida; and

WHEREAS, currently, Pridelines at The LGBTQ Visitor Center located at 1130 Washington Avenue may be an option for a safe space and to expand youth programming on Miami Beach

WHEREAS, a potential partnership with Pridelines would include, but not be limited to, the below programs:

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WHEREAS, the attached proposal from Pridelines includes additional details as to programming options for consideration to support a Safe Space for Miami Beach LGBTQIA+ youth and families; and

WHEREAS, at the May 23, 2023 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, the Committee unanimously supported providing a grant in the amount of \$50,000 on a recurring basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, and approve a grant in the total amount of \$50,000 to Pridelines, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation of the State of Florida, for the development and implementation of a safe space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach youth; authorize the City Clerk and City Manager to execute the City's standard grant agreement with respect to the foregoing; and further, in view of the importance of this organization and the public purposes served by this programming, direct the Administration to prioritize an allocation of a \$50,000 grant to Pridelines, Inc. in fiscal year 2024 and on a recurring basis, as part of the City's annual budget process each year thereafter.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 28 day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:



Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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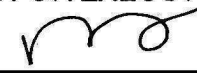


Dan Gelber, Mayor

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez)



**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**



City Attorney *DF* Date 6-21-23

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager
DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING A GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO PRIDELINES, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SAFE SPACE PROGRAM FOR LGBTQIA+ MIAMI BEACH YOUTH; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CITY'S STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING; AND FURTHER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND THE PUBLIC PURPOSES SERVED BY THIS PROGRAMMING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE AN ALLOCATION OF A \$50,000 GRANT TO PRIDELINES, INC. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND ON A RECURRING BASIS, AS PART OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that this be submitted for consideration through the FY 2024 budget process. As this is not budgeted in FY 2023, a budget amendment will have to return to the Commission for approval.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At the March 23, 2023 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, members unanimously supported the development and implementation of a Safe Space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach Youth. At the February 1, 2023, Commission meeting, Commissioner Alex Fernandez referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee support in the identification of a safe space in Miami Beach for LGBTQIA+ Youth.

The Miami Beach Youth Commission made a motion at their December 14, 2022 meeting as follows:

The Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Commission support the identification of a safe space in the City of Miami Beach for LGBTQ+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly information sessions where guest speakers provide useful

information to positively impact their lives.

Staff met with the Youth Commission at their February 28, 2023 meeting to determine venue preference, meeting dates and times, and topics of discussion. A grant to cover programming for this Safe Space LGBTQIA+ youth program in Miami Beach is an option.

ANALYSIS

Staff from the Office of Education and Performance Initiatives and the Miami Beach Police Department met to discuss the feasibility of using the Police Department Community Room (1st Floor) as a safe space for Miami Beach teens to gather. Following multiple conversations, it was determined that an alternate option was preferred.

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The attached proposal from Pridelines includes additional details as to programming options for consideration to support a Safe Space for Miami Beach LGBTQIA+ youth and families.

This new program would have an annual recurring budget impact of \$50,000.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

49% of residents are satisfied or very satisfied with public schools in Miami Beach

42% of LGBTQIA+ young people seriously contemplate suicide each year

Trevor Project noted increase in calls from Florida youths in 2022-23

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FY 2023: \$50,000

FY 2024: \$50,000 per year annually

Applicable Area

Not Applicable

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

City Code Section 2-14?

No

No

Strategic Connection

Prosperity - Be known for (K-12) educational excellence.

Legislative Tracking

Education and Performance Initiatives

Sponsor

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▢ YC Motion December 14, 2022
- ▢ Pridelines Proposal
- ▢ C4J February 2023 Memo
- ▢ Resolution

NOT REPRODUCIBLE

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

NO. LTC # **525-2022**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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Rafael E. Granado
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DATE: December 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Youth Commission Motion

The Youth Commission would like you to be aware of the following motion regarding a safe space and programming for LGBTQ+ Miami Beach youth, made at their December 14, 2022 meeting.

C: Executive Staff

Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Education Officer

Attachment
KB/LDR

DS DS


City of Miami Beach
Youth Commission

Meeting of December 14, 2022

Members Present: Penelope Heller, Natanya Rogoff, Owen Basner, Brett Burstein, Aubrey Rosenhaus, and Ava Annunziato

Members Absent: N/A

Motion

Made by Ava Annunziato

Second by Penelope Heller

The Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Commission support the identification of a safe space in the City of Miami Beach for LGBTQ+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly informational sessions where guest speakers provide useful information to positively impact their lives.

The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 6-0

PRIDELINES YOUTH SERVICES
Miami Beach LGBTQ+ Community Center



LGBTQ+ Youth, Ages 13-19, Programming Proposal (1-Year of Support):

- Rainbow Circle (12 - 1x a month)
- Beyond the Binary (12 - 1x a month)
- Fun Fridays (12 - 1x a month)
- Miami Beach Pride Weekend Activity

(Designated Teen Safe Space / Time for High School-Enrolled Youth, Ages 13-19, ONLY)

The Rainbow Circle, Ages 13 - 19

A peer-led LGBTQ+ support & discussion youth group covering a range of age-appropriate topics like coming-out, healthy relationships, bullying, peer-pressure, drugs & alcohol, positive identity / image development, self-esteem, anxiety and depression, college and careers, as well as civics, social and environmental justice activism.

Beyond the Binary, Ages 13 - 19

A peer-led support & discussion group for transgender and gender non-binary / non-conforming youth focusing on age-appropriate topics like holistic wellness / well-being, as well as the cultivation of long-lasting friendships, and a sense of belonging and affirming community.

Focus Cohort -

- 10-15 Sustained, High School-Enrolled, Youth Participants Per Activity
- 25-50 Semi-Regular Youth Engaged at the Center at least 2x per month

Budget Justification:

Meals, Snacks, Beverages:

\$125 per Rainbow Circle, Beyond the Binary, and Fun Friday
\$375 per month | \$4,500 / year

Fun Friday Activity:

\$500 per event
\$500 per month | \$6,000 / year

Special Guest / Workshop Facilitator:

(4 of 12 Rainbow Circle events feature Special Guest)

(4 of 12 Beyond the Binary events feature Special Guest)

(Examples of Special Guest programming include: Arts Therapy Facilitator, Social Media Content Creator / Influencer, LGBTQ+ Adolescent Psychologist [to conduct a wellness workshop], Etc. — Pridelines Groups are peer-led and Special Guest interest, identification and selection are gauged by popular opinion and up to majority vote)

\$350 per consultant (Planning and Implementation)
\$2,800 / year

Personal / Young Professional Development:

(Academic Enrichment, Resources, Trainings, Certifications, PT / Summertime / Holiday Break Employment Support, Etc.)

\$3,750 / year

Apparel:

\$1,250 / year

Miami Beach Pride Weekend Activity:

(Approximately 45 people, drink / food, games, prizes, large group art project - e.x., Splatter Painting)

\$2,500 / year

Drop-In Hours - Virtual Schooling, Study Hall, Youth Lounge:

Tues., Wed., Thurs. - 10am-6pm

Free Printing, Subscriptions to online academic resources, major newspapers, educational media, tv streaming services, etc.)

\$1,200 / year

Programming Supplies:

Miscellaneous Programmatic Materials (e.x., Arts & Crafts Therapy, Tech Equipment Maintenance - iMacs)

\$3,000 / year

[\$25,000 Direct-Service Programming Expenses]

Administration - Program Staff Salary Support:

- Youth Programs Manager, FT
 - Peer Navigator, FT
- \$20,000 / year

Operations:

(Rent, Utility, General Facility Maintenance)
\$5,000 / year

Total Request for Support = \$50,000 (1-Year Programming)



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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
 FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez
 DATE: February 1, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE -
 SUPPORT THE IDENTIFICATION OF A SAFE SPACE IN MIAMI BEACH FOR LGBTQIA+ YOUTH.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place the above item on the February 1, 2023 City Commission Meeting Agenda as a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee.

Under the current political climate, legislative attacks on the LGBTQIA+ community have become all too common across the United States. Here in Florida, our LGBTQIA+ youth have been specifically targeted with the passage of damaging laws such as HB 1557/SB 1834, otherwise called the Don't Say Gay Bill, and SB 1024 that bars transgender youth from participating in public school-sanctioned sports.

It is because of this troubling trend that we must act quickly and compassionately to protect our children regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation. Through a unanimously passed motion from the Miami Beach Youth Commission, it is in their view that the City of Miami Beach support the identification of a safe space within the City for LGBTQIA+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly sessions where guest speakers provide useful information and resources to positively impact their lives.

I would like the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to consider this motion and assist in making this very crucial community resource come to fruition.

Miami Beach has been a haven for the queer community for generations. It is fitting that Miami Beach extends its inclusivity, acceptance, and protection to our LGBTQIA+ youth.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Applicable Area

Citywide

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Strategic Connection

Non-Applicable

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

COMING OUT

WITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT

By Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld

It's hard enough being a teenager, but Miami Beach youths who are also questioning their sexual orientation, gender identity or both, require even more support.

Recognizing that LGBTQIA+ youths face an increased risk of bullying and self-harm compared to their heterosexual classmates, the City of Miami Beach recently launched Safe Space, a unique program that provides a nurturing environment and judgment-free place to explore issues that otherwise may prove difficult to discuss with family and friends.

"To us, Safe Space is more than just a physical location for queer people," asserted Edward Summers, the CEO and executive director of Pridelines, an LGBTQIA+ advocacy group that manages the Safe Space program out of Miami Beach Old City Hall outside the Miami Beach Police Department.

"It's also something that has roots in advocacy and empowerment," added Summers, who holds a doctoral degree in philosophy and is an experienced mental health counselor.

The Safe Space program for LGBTQIA+ teens ages 13-19, grew out of a discussion by the Miami Beach Youth Commission on what the city could do to counter the wave of anti-LGBTQIA+ sentiment in Florida.

Pridelines was founded by gay and bisexual youth in 1982 in response to then celebrity Florida Citrus spokesperson Anita Bryant's "Save Our Children" campaign, which targeted then Miami-Dade ordinance 2010-3669 banning discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodation on the basis of sexual orientation. Miami Beach residents, including teens, have housing, employment and access to service rights — including education — which cannot be violated upon coming out.

Daniel Molloy, director of programs, grants and gifts at Pridelines, said many of the young people who participate in the Safe Space program have experienced bullying in school. He is encouraged by how many of the participants have embraced their identities.

"The work by parents and community-based organizations like Pridelines is really paying off since the teen's sexual orientation or gender identity is not the primary source of trauma in their life because today's LGBTQ+ youth are more actualized — and at a younger age — than youths in years past," he said. "There are other factors such as social media which certainly can be a source of different sorts of challenges."

Miami Beach has budgeted \$50,000 a year for the program, which provides participants with assistance on coming out, help in dealing with family rejection and mental health issues among other services. In addition, Safe Space provides refreshments and educational resources.

"I did not know that this place existed," said a 16-year-old. "I feel comfortable coming here when I have conflict with my friends and girlfriend to talk and to get snacks."

Regular programs include Rainbow Circle, a peer-led support and discussion group; Beyond the Binary, a peer-led group for transgender and gender nonconforming youth as well as Fab Fridays, a fun safe space where participants can socialize.

Pridelines CEO Summers said some LGBTQIA+ youth have fewer issues than others based on their unique family experiences.

"It depends on the environment that one grows up in," he said. "If you have parents who have friends who are gay — and gay couples are always over — it's much easier to come out because it's normalized." **MB**

For additional information on education programs provided by the city, please visit www.miamibeachfl.gov/education. A listing of resources for Miami Beach LGBTQIA+ youth can also be found at **www.miamibeachcares.lgbt**.

Scan the QR code for the address and operating hours of the Miami Beach Safe Space program:





'To us, Safe Space is more than just a physical location for queer people'

Edward Summers

Asumir la orientación sexual con el apoyo de la comunidad Ya es bastante difícil ser adolescente, pero los jóvenes de Miami Beach que además se cuestionan su orientación sexual, su identidad de género o ambas, necesitan aún más apoyo.

Reconociendo que los jóvenes LGBTQIA+ se enfrentan a un mayor riesgo de acoso y de lesionarse a sí mismos en comparación con sus compañeros heterosexuales, la ciudad de Miami Beach acaba de poner en marcha el programa Safe Space (Espacio Seguro), un programa único que proporciona un entorno propicio y exento de juicios para explorar cuestiones que de otro modo podrían resultar difíciles de tratar con familiares y amigos.

"Para nosotros, el programa Safe Space es algo más que un lugar físico para las personas queer", afirma Edward Summers, CEO y director ejecutivo de Pridelines, un grupo de defensa de la comunidad LGBTQIA+ que gestiona el programa Safe Space desde el antiguo ayuntamiento de Miami Beach, al exterior del Departamento de Policía de Miami Beach.

"También es algo que tiene sus raíces en la defensa y el empoderamiento", añadió Summers, quien posee un doctorado en filosofía y es un experimentado asesor de salud mental.

El programa Safe Space para adolescentes LGBTQIA+ de 13 a 19 años de edad surgió de un debate llevado a cabo por la Comisión Juvenil de Miami Beach sobre lo que podría hacer la ciudad para contrarrestar la ola de sentimientos en contra de la población LGBTQIA+ en la Florida.

Pridelines fue fundada por jóvenes homosexuales y bisexuales en 1982 en respuesta a la campaña "Save Our Children" de la entonces célebre portavoz de Florida Citrus, Anita Bryant, la cual se oponía a la entonces ordenanza 2010-3669 de Miami-Dade que prohibía la discriminación en la vivienda, el empleo y los alojamientos públicos por motivos de orientación sexual. Los residentes de Miami Beach, incluidos los adolescentes, tienen derechos de vivienda, empleo, y acceso a servicios — incluyendo educación — que no pueden vulnerarse después de haber manifestado su orientación sexual.

Daniel Molloy, director de programas, subvenciones y donaciones de Pridelines, dice que muchos de los jóvenes que participan en el programa Safe Space han sufrido acoso escolar. Le motiva ver cómo muchos de los participantes han asumido sus identidades.


"El trabajo de los padres y de las organizaciones comunitarias como Pridelines está realmente dando sus frutos dado que la orientación sexual o la identidad de género de los adolescentes no es la principal fuente de trauma en sus vidas, ya que los jóvenes LGBTQ+ de hoy en día están más actualizados —y a edades más tempranas— que los jóvenes de generaciones anteriores".

Miami Beach ha presupuestado 50.000 dólares anuales para el programa, que ofrece a los participantes apoyo para salir del clóset, asistencia para enfrentar el rechazo familiar y ayuda para atender los problemas de salud mental, entre otros servicios. Además, el programa Safe Space proporciona refrigerios y recursos educativos.

"No sabía que existía este lugar", dijo una joven de 16 años. "Me siento cómodo viniendo aquí cuando tengo conflictos con mis amigos y mi novia para hablar y tomar una merienda".

Los programas que se llevan a cabo con regularidad son Rainbow Circle, un grupo de apoyo y debate dirigido por pares; Beyond the Binary, un grupo dirigido por pares para jóvenes transgénero y no binarios, y Fab Fridays, un espacio divertido y seguro donde los participantes pueden socializar.

Summers, CEO de Pridelines, dijo que algunos jóvenes LGBTQIA+ tienen menos problemas que otros en función de sus experiencias familiares únicas.

"Depende del entorno en el que uno crezca", afirma. "Si tus padres tienen amigos homosexuales —y frecuentemente socializan con parejas homosexuales— es mucho más fácil salir del clóset porque eso está dentro de la normalidad". 

Para obtener más información sobre los programas educativos que ofrece la ciudad, visite www.miamibeachfl.gov/education. También podrá encontrar una lista de recursos para los jóvenes LGBTQIA+ de Miami Beach en www.miamibeachcares.lgbt.

Scan the QR code for the address and operating hours of the Miami Beach Safe Space program:



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32631

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING A GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO PRIDELINES, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SAFE SPACE PROGRAM FOR LGBTQIA+ MIAMI BEACH YOUTH; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CITY'S STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING; AND FURTHER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND THE PUBLIC PURPOSES SERVED BY THIS PROGRAMMING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE AN ALLOCATION OF A \$50,000 GRANT TO PRIDELINES, INC. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND ON A RECURRING BASIS, AS PART OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

WHEREAS, the Miami Beach Youth Commission made a motion at their December 14, 2022 meeting as follows: the Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Commission support the identification of a safe space in the City of Miami Beach for LGBTQ+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly information sessions where guest speakers provide useful information to positively impact their lives; and

WHEREAS, at the February 1, 2023 Commission meeting, Commissioner Alex Fernandez referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee support in the identification of a safe space in Miami Beach for LGBTQIA+ Youth; and

WHEREAS, at the March 23, 2023 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, members unanimously supported the development and implementation of a Safe Space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach Youth; and

WHEREAS, staff from the Office of Education and Performance Initiatives and the Miami Beach Police Department met to discuss the feasibility of using the Police Department Community Room (1st Floor) as a safe space for Miami Beach teens to gather; and

WHEREAS, staff determined that an alternate option was preferred; and

WHEREAS, Chief Education Officer Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld met with members of Pridelines to review opportunities for partnership to support Miami Beach youth; and

WHEREAS, Pridelines is a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe space, social support, skills building, leadership development and referrals to mental health, health care and support services for LGBTQ youth and their straight allies throughout South Florida; and

WHEREAS, currently, Pridelines at The LGBTQ Visitor Center located at 1130 Washington Avenue may be an option for a safe space and to expand youth programming on Miami Beach

WHEREAS, a potential partnership with Pridelines would include, but not be limited to, the below programs:

- Rainbow Circle - A peer-led LGBTQ support and discussion group. Topics covered often include coming out, relationships, bullying, peer pressure, drugs and alcohol, depression and self-esteem. Youth are encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings without fear in a safe and supportive environment
- Beyond the Binary - A peer led group for transgender and gender non-conforming youth, and is one of a few programs serving transgender youth in Miami-Dade County
- Social Fridays - Fun social activities with friends that include game nights, movie nights, and art projects


WHEREAS, the attached proposal from Pridelines includes additional details as to programming options for consideration to support a Safe Space for Miami Beach LGBTQIA+ youth and families; and

WHEREAS, at the May 23, 2023 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, the Committee unanimously supported providing a grant in the amount of \$50,000 on a recurring basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, and approve a grant in the total amount of \$50,000 to Pridelines, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation of the State of Florida, for the development and implementation of a safe space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach youth; authorize the City Clerk and City Manager to execute the City's standard grant agreement with respect to the foregoing; and further, in view of the importance of this organization and the public purposes served by this programming, direct the Administration to prioritize an allocation of a \$50,000 grant to Pridelines, Inc. in fiscal year 2024 and on a recurring basis, as part of the City's annual budget process each year thereafter.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 28 day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:



Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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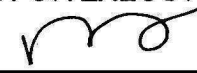


Dan Gelber, Mayor

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez)



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FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**



City Attorney *DF* Date 6-21-23

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager
DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING A GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO PRIDELINES, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SAFE SPACE PROGRAM FOR LGBTQIA+ MIAMI BEACH YOUTH; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CITY'S STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING; AND FURTHER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND THE PUBLIC PURPOSES SERVED BY THIS PROGRAMMING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE AN ALLOCATION OF A \$50,000 GRANT TO PRIDELINES, INC. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND ON A RECURRING BASIS, AS PART OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that this be submitted for consideration through the FY 2024 budget process. As this is not budgeted in FY 2023, a budget amendment will have to return to the Commission for approval.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At the March 23, 2023 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, members unanimously supported the development and implementation of a Safe Space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach Youth. At the February 1, 2023, Commission meeting, Commissioner Alex Fernandez referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee support in the identification of a safe space in Miami Beach for LGBTQIA+ Youth.

The Miami Beach Youth Commission made a motion at their December 14, 2022 meeting as follows:

The Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Commission support the identification of a safe space in the City of Miami Beach for LGBTQ+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly information sessions where guest speakers provide useful

information to positively impact their lives.

Staff met with the Youth Commission at their February 28, 2023 meeting to determine venue preference, meeting dates and times, and topics of discussion. A grant to cover programming for this Safe Space LGBTQIA+ youth program in Miami Beach is an option.

ANALYSIS

Staff from the Office of Education and Performance Initiatives and the Miami Beach Police Department met to discuss the feasibility of using the Police Department Community Room (1st Floor) as a safe space for Miami Beach teens to gather. Following multiple conversations, it was determined that an alternate option was preferred.

Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld met with members of Pridelines to review opportunities for partnership to support Miami Beach youth. Pridelines is a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to provide safe space, social support, skills building, leadership development and referrals to mental health, health care and support services for LGBTQ youth and their straight allies throughout South Florida.

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The attached proposal from Pridelines includes additional details as to programming options for consideration to support a Safe Space for Miami Beach LGBTQIA+ youth and families.

This new program would have an annual recurring budget impact of \$50,000.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

49% of residents are satisfied or very satisfied with public schools in Miami Beach

42% of LGBTQIA+ young people seriously contemplate suicide each year

Trevor Project noted increase in calls from Florida youths in 2022-23

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FY 2023: \$50,000

FY 2024: \$50,000 per year annually

Applicable Area

Not Applicable

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

City Code Section 2-14?

No

No

Strategic Connection

Prosperity - Be known for (K-12) educational excellence.

Legislative Tracking

Education and Performance Initiatives

Sponsor

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▯ YC Motion December 14, 2022
- ▯ Pridelines Proposal
- ▯ C4J February 2023 Memo
- ▯ Resolution

NOT REPRODUCIBLE

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

NO. LTC # **525-2022**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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Rafael E. Granado
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DATE: December 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Youth Commission Motion

The Youth Commission would like you to be aware of the following motion regarding a safe space and programming for LGBTQ+ Miami Beach youth, made at their December 14, 2022 meeting.

C: Executive Staff

Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Education Officer

Attachment
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City of Miami Beach
Youth Commission

Meeting of December 14, 2022

Members Present: Penelope Heller, Natanya Rogoff, Owen Basner, Brett Burstein, Aubrey Rosenhaus, and Ava Annunziato

Members Absent: N/A

Motion

Made by Ava Annunziato

Second by Penelope Heller

The Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Commission support the identification of a safe space in the City of Miami Beach for LGBTQ+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly informational sessions where guest speakers provide useful information to positively impact their lives.

The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 6-0

PRIDELINES YOUTH SERVICES
Miami Beach LGBTQ+ Community Center



LGBTQ+ Youth, Ages 13-19, Programming Proposal (1-Year of Support):

- Rainbow Circle (12 - 1x a month)
- Beyond the Binary (12 - 1x a month)
- Fun Fridays (12 - 1x a month)
- Miami Beach Pride Weekend Activity

(Designated Teen Safe Space / Time for High School-Enrolled Youth, Ages 13-19, ONLY)

The Rainbow Circle, Ages 13 - 19

A peer-led LGBTQ+ support & discussion youth group covering a range of age-appropriate topics like coming-out, healthy relationships, bullying, peer-pressure, drugs & alcohol, positive identity / image development, self-esteem, anxiety and depression, college and careers, as well as civics, social and environmental justice activism.

Beyond the Binary, Ages 13 - 19

A peer-led support & discussion group for transgender and gender non-binary / non-conforming youth focusing on age-appropriate topics like holistic wellness / well-being, as well as the cultivation of long-lasting friendships, and a sense of belonging and affirming community.

Focus Cohort -

- 10-15 Sustained, High School-Enrolled, Youth Participants Per Activity
- 25-50 Semi-Regular Youth Engaged at the Center at least 2x per month

Budget Justification:

Meals, Snacks, Beverages:

\$125 per Rainbow Circle, Beyond the Binary, and Fun Friday
\$375 per month | \$4,500 / year

Fun Friday Activity:

\$500 per event
\$500 per month | \$6,000 / year

Special Guest / Workshop Facilitator:

(4 of 12 Rainbow Circle events feature Special Guest)
(4 of 12 Beyond the Binary events feature Special Guest)
(Examples of Special Guest programming include: Arts Therapy Facilitator, Social Media Content Creator / Influencer, LGBTQ+ Adolescent Psychologist [to conduct a wellness workshop], Etc. — Pridelines Groups are peer-led and Special Guest interest, identification and selection are gauged by popular opinion and up to majority vote)
\$350 per consultant (Planning and Implementation)
\$2,800 / year

Personal / Young Professional Development:

(Academic Enrichment, Resources, Trainings, Certifications, PT / Summertime / Holiday Break Employment Support, Etc.)
\$3,750 / year

Apparel:

\$1,250 / year

Miami Beach Pride Weekend Activity:

(Approximately 45 people, drink / food, games, prizes, large group art project - e.x., Splatter Painting)
\$2,500 / year

Drop-In Hours - Virtual Schooling, Study Hall, Youth Lounge:

Tues., Wed., Thurs. - 10am-6pm

Free Printing, Subscriptions to online academic resources, major newspapers, educational media, tv streaming services, etc.)
\$1,200 / year

Programming Supplies:

Miscellaneous Programmatic Materials (e.x., Arts & Crafts Therapy, Tech Equipment Maintenance - iMacs)
\$3,000 / year

[\$25,000 Direct-Service Programming Expenses]

Administration - Program Staff Salary Support:

- Youth Programs Manager, FT
 - Peer Navigator, FT
- \$20,000 / year

Operations:

(Rent, Utility, General Facility Maintenance)
\$5,000 / year

Total Request for Support = \$50,000 (1-Year Programming)



MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
 FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez
 DATE: February 1, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE -
 SUPPORT THE IDENTIFICATION OF A SAFE SPACE IN MIAMI BEACH FOR LGBTQIA+ YOUTH.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place the above item on the February 1, 2023 City Commission Meeting Agenda as a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee.

Under the current political climate, legislative attacks on the LGBTQIA+ community have become all too common across the United States. Here in Florida, our LGBTQIA+ youth have been specifically targeted with the passage of damaging laws such as HB 1557/SB 1834, otherwise called the Don't Say Gay Bill, and SB 1024 that bars transgender youth from participating in public school-sanctioned sports.

It is because of this troubling trend that we must act quickly and compassionately to protect our children regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation. Through a unanimously passed motion from the Miami Beach Youth Commission, it is in their view that the City of Miami Beach support the identification of a safe space within the City for LGBTQIA+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly sessions where guest speakers provide useful information and resources to positively impact their lives.

I would like the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to consider this motion and assist in making this very crucial community resource come to fruition.

Miami Beach has been a haven for the queer community for generations. It is fitting that Miami Beach extends its inclusivity, acceptance, and protection to our LGBTQIA+ youth.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Strategic Connection

Non-Applicable

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

MIAMI BEACH CARES SUPPORTS LGBTQIA+ YOUTHS



By Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld

A year ago, Orlando Gonzales wouldn't have hesitated to bring an LGBTQIA+ message of inclusiveness directly to Miami Beach students in their schools.

Oh, what a difference a year makes.

In support of LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach youths and their parents, the City of Miami Beach has partnered with the SAVE Foundation to launch Miami Beach Cares, an innovative program that will bring critical resources and information directly to Miami Beach students and their parents through social media and advertising.

With a budget of \$75,000, the city wants to enhance and expand the amount of reliable and useful information that is available to LGBTQIA+ youths who continue to suffer from teasing, bullying, harassment and even physical violence throughout the United States as a result of their sexual orientation. This often leads to negative academic consequences, risky behavior and even suicide in the worst cases.

"We need to use methods of social media and we have to use traditional advertising campaigns in order to reach them," Gonzales said.

Unlike earlier generations, today's school-aged children use different social media channels to communicate, according to Gonzales.


"There are platforms that younger groups are accessing that may not be the ones that we go to," he explained. "We are very used to operating with Facebook and Instagram. But if you talk to younger people, they'll say, 'oh, those platforms are for old people.'"

In addition to reaching the students via social media, Miami Beach Cares will also attempt to reach students using other means, including places where youths gather. The program is expected to launch on Sept. 1.

Gonzales noted an increase in calls from Florida youths to the Trevor Project, which provides information and support to LGBTQIA+ young people 24 hours per day. The mission of the Trevor Project is to end suicide among LGBTQIA+ young people.

One study found that 42% of LGBTQIA+ youths seriously contemplated suicide at one time.

Topics that will be addressed by Miami Beach Cares include the LGBTQIA+ coming out process, issues related to mental health, information for parents about the coming out process and information about housing insecurity.

"Our community is a resilient community," Gonzales added. Many LGBTQIA+ youths who come out experience homelessness because of rejection at home. "We want to be able to cover all of the opportunities that are available out there." 

For more information on educational initiatives funded and implemented by the city, please visit www.miamibeachfl.gov/education





Miami Beach Cares apoya a los jóvenes LGBTQIA+

Hace un año, Orlando Gonzales no hubiera dudado en llevar un mensaje de inclusión de la comunidad LGBTQIA+ directamente a los estudiantes de Miami Beach.

¡Toda la diferencia que puede hacer un año!

En apoyo a la juventud LGBTQIA+ de Miami Beach y a sus padres, la Ciudad de Miami Beach se asoció con SAVE Foundation para lanzar Miami Beach Cares, un programa innovador que llevará importantes recursos e información directamente a los estudiantes de Miami Beach y a sus padres a través de las redes sociales y la publicidad.

Con un presupuesto de 75,000 dólares, la ciudad quiere mejorar y ampliar la cantidad de información confiable y útil que está a disposición de los jóvenes LGBTQIA+, quienes siguen sufriendo burlas, intimidaciones, acoso e incluso violencia física en todo Estados Unidos debido a su orientación sexual. Esto suele acarrear consecuencias académicas negativas, comportamientos de riesgo e incluso el suicidio en los peores casos.

“Tenemos que usar métodos de medios sociales y tenemos que usar campañas publicitarias tradicionales para llegar a ellos”, dijo Gonzales.

A diferencia de las generaciones anteriores, los niños de hoy en edad escolar usan diferentes canales de medios sociales para comunicarse, según Gonzales.


“Hay plataformas a las que grupos más jóvenes están accediendo que quizá no sean las mismas que nosotros usamos”, explicó. “Estamos muy acostumbrados a funcionar con Facebook e Instagram. Pero si hablas con gente más joven, te dirán: ‘¡oh!, esas plataformas son para gente mayor’”.

Además de llegar a los estudiantes a través de las redes sociales, Miami Beach Cares también tratará de hacerlo por otros medios, incluidos los lugares donde se reúnen los jóvenes.

Gonzales observó un aumento en las llamadas de los jóvenes de Florida al Proyecto Trevor, que proporciona información y apoyo a los jóvenes LGBTQIA+ las 24 horas del día. La misión del Proyecto Trevor es poner fin al suicidio entre los jóvenes LGBTQIA+.

Un estudio reveló que el 42% de los jóvenes LGBTQIA+ contemplaron seriamente la posibilidad de suicidarse en alguna ocasión.

Entre los temas que abordará Miami Beach Cares en relación con quienes integran la comunidad LGBTQIA+ están el proceso de salida del clóset, asuntos relacionados con la salud mental, información para padres sobre el proceso de salida del clóset e información sobre la inseguridad en la vivienda.

“Nuestra comunidad es una comunidad resiliente”, añadió Gonzales. Muchos jóvenes LGBTQIA+ que salen del clóset terminan en la indigencia debido al rechazo en sus hogares. “Queremos cubrir todas las oportunidades que estén a nuestro alcance”. 

Para más información sobre las iniciativas educativas financiadas e implementadas por la ciudad, visite www.miamibeachfl.gov/education

