Mission

LYRIC’s mission is to build community and inspire positive social change through education enhancement, career training, health promotion, and leadership development with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQQ+) youth, their families, and allies of all races, classes, genders, and abilities.

How we achieve our mission

Founded in 1988, LYRIC is an anchor institution where predominantly low-income LGBTQQ+ youth of color collaborate with peers and adult allies to promote social justice in their communities. LYRIC aims to transform the systems that marginalize youth and provide them with the support they need to thrive.

LYRIC participants at a glance

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Impact
LYRIC served over 1,000 youth and deeply engaged 368 through comprehensive services and programs this year.

Programs & Services
LYRIC provides stability for youth by creating education and economic development opportunities so they can flourish as successful and connected young adults.

Our programs and services include Workforce Development, Youth Advocacy, and Community-Building Groups.

RACE & ETHNICITY

- 16% African American/Black
- 1% Middle Eastern
- 15% Asian and Pacific Islander
- 20% Multiracial/Multiethnic
- 23% Hispanic/Latinx
- 25% White

43% OF LYRIC YOUTH HAVE HISTORIES OF VIOLENCE

19% OF LYRIC YOUTH HAVE HISTORY OF FOSTER CARE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT

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Workforce Development

Youth engage in LYRIC’s continuum of paid work-based learning opportunities to build their leadership and life skills, while learning the ins and outs of holding a job.

This year, 92 youth were placed in LYRIC jobs through the Sequoia Leadership Institute and Transitional Age Leadership programs for youth 18–24.

Youth Advocacy

LYRIC’s Youth Advocacy provides 1:1 case management services to support youth access mental and physical health services, jobs and educational opportunities, housing, and basic needs.

This year, LYRIC provided Youth Advocacy to 122 participants.

INCOME LEVELS

76% OF LYRIC YOUTH ARE EXTREMELY/VERY LOW INCOME
12% OF LYRIC YOUTH ARE LOW INCOME
8% OF LYRIC YOUTH ARE MODERATE INCOME
4% OF LYRIC YOUTH ARE ABOVE MODERATE INCOME

37% OF LYRIC YOUTH ARE HOMELESS/MARGINALLY HOUSED
69% OF LYRIC YOUTH ARE UNEMPLOYED
Community Building Groups

Approximately 238 youth engaged in community building groups. Participation goals include developing greater awareness and self-acceptance, increasing their capacity to build healthy relationships, and connecting with supportive peers and adult allies.

School-based Q groups

Leadership and healthy relationship groups for LGBTQ+ students in partnership with San Francisco Unified School District, Health Initiatives for Youth, and Huckleberry Youth Programs. Q Groups operate out of middle and high school sites in San Francisco.

What’s the T

Community group open to all transgender and gender nonconforming youth ages 14-18 focused on gender, sexuality, diversity, and health and wellness.

Community building & drop-in

In the Spring, Summer, and Fall, LYRIC holds a 12-week community building groups focused on a variety of topics including health, relationships, and safety.

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