

The LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland's Young Adult Program and PREVENTION WARRIORS!

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Hello everyone! There are a few new programs happening for youth at the LGBT Center that I want the community to be aware of. First off, the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program has launched and it is called "PREVENTION WARRIORS!" *collective sigh and woohoo*

Through a grant provided by the Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with the Cuyahoga Board of Health, the Center has the opportunity to serve 14-19 year olds in a comprehensive sexual education program using the curriculum "ALL4YOU!" It is a 6 week program that will occur multiple times per year for the next four years. We have incentives, games, t-shirts, drawstring bags, and more! The next cycle will begin mid-August, after pride weekend. The first week has passed and it was a blast. The youth are bringing their full selves and asking really great questions, dispelling myths, and really gaining knowledge about sex, pregnancy, and STI's. We will also do service as a part of the program with Ursuline Piazza, a program housed at St. Augustine Manor that serves HIV-positive individuals. I expect this service to be transformative for the youth involved as well as the Ursuline Piazza clients. We look forward to our first graduating class of Warriors.

Next, we are in the planning stages of a Monday Night program for youth aged 10-13. The details are in the process of being ironed out, but we are very excited to have the opportunity to

serve this population. It is important for us at the Center to have services and programs for people of all ages and for those individuals to transition to other programs as they age and become leaders in our community.

The Center Welcomes Youth and Young Adult Program Coordinator, Kyle Kidd. Each staff member is excited with his ideas, implementation of the program, and expectations of the youth. Please join me in welcoming Kyle to the Center family. His email is kkidd@lgbtccleveland.org.

I hope you all continue to stay engaged in the programming and the work that we are all doing. I look forward to hearing about your programs as well. Please contact me at arollins@lgbtccleveland.org or at (216)-651-5428 x116. Thank you! Check out our Prevention

Warriors Logo:

