

2021-2022 Fiscal Year in Review

Last year, we published our first [Year in Review \(2020-2021\)](#) to summarize the impact we've had throughout our county and beyond. This year, while most of our programs remained virtual, some have returned on-site and others have utilized hybrid models to adapt to our community's needs. As waves of anti-LGBTQ legislation and hate have also swept across our nation this year, we can proudly say we've doubled our impact and expanded our reach in many exciting ways outlined below. Our community is the reason we exist and why we are committed to the work we do. The San Mateo County Pride Center operates as a program of StarVista and includes our youth partner Outlet of Adolescent Counseling Services and Peninsula Family Service. Together, we proudly present our 2021-2022 Fiscal Year in Review.

Major Accomplishments:

1. We effectively **DOUBLED our reach** across all programs! (Clinical, Peer Groups, Trainings, Events, Youth, Older Adults, Outreach, and more):

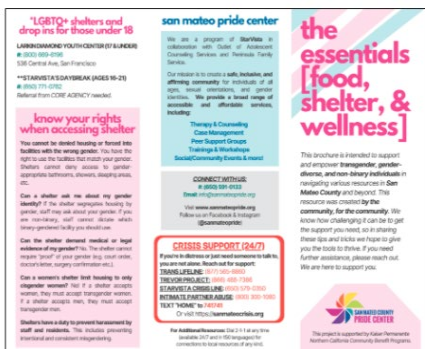
4,625 individuals vs. **2,312 individuals**
Served in FY21-22 Served last year

2. Through our Training & Education program, we **trained 50% more** folks on topics like: Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) 101 and our specialized Trans 101 & Pronouns 101 series!

748 individuals vs. **500 individuals**
Trained in FY21-22 Trained last year

3. Our partners at Outlet restructured their team to increase capacity for LGTBTAIA+ affirmative therapy and engaged **15% more youth!**

1,669 youth vs. **1,435 youth**
Supported in FY21-22 Reached last year



4. We launched our **Resource Roadmap brochure collection** to empower and improve supports and access to vital resources for our **transgender, non-binary, & gender diverse community** including: Housing, Health & Wellness, Employment, Legal Advocacy resources, and more.

5. Through our Clinical program in FY21-22 (Therapy and Case Management) we served:

169 clients

Supported in Therapy & Case Management

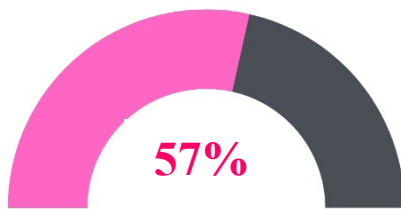
98 individuals

Served in Legal Name & Gender Change Workshops

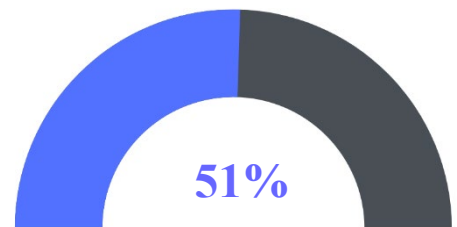
517 clients

Supported through our Clinical Program *to date!*

We continue to support the most marginalized and vulnerable within our LGBTQ+ community:



Over half of our clients identify as **transgender, gender diverse, non-binary, or questioning their gender.**



1 in 2 of our clients identify as **Hispanic/Latinx, Asian/Asian-American, Black/African American, Native American and/or Indigenous, and/or Multi-racial.**



Over 90% of therapy clients “Strongly Agree” or “Agree” that they have benefited from the Pride Center services they received!

*“So far, it has really **changed my life for the better**. I’m disabled and constantly seeing doctors, so having to go by my deadname was really anxiety-inducing. I had gone for my deadname for 20 years.... It’s so nice to have my chosen name be legal! It’s **like a massive weight is lifted off my shoulders!**”*

– Legal Name and Gender Change Workshop attendee

*“[The Pride Center] has been very helpful in **building self-esteem, affirming my efforts** during Covid and in-general and helping me learn skills and **directing me to resources** that are available in the community.”*

– Therapy & Case Management Client



6. This year, we also celebrated our **5-year anniversary!** We commemorated this milestone with our friends, supporters, and community over Zoom! (We first opened our doors in June 2017)

Left: Screenshot of attendees from our 5-Year Anniversary celebration on June 30, 2022.

7. We secured **permanent funding at 98% of our budget!**
8. We also **established an ongoing relationship with the Office of the Governor** and provided recommendations for LGBTQ statewide boards and commissions to advise Governor Newsom. Additionally, we consulted on state legislation resolutions to the Board of Supervisors and supported with **SB-107** – a bill to protect transgender, gender diverse, and non-binary youth and their families.
9. Furthermore, we made some significant **improvements and upgrades to physical Pride Center space**. We acquired hybrid technology, added more accessible furniture, and modified our layout to be COVID-safe and mindful of the health and safety of our team, our clients, and our community.



Above: Our updated Main Space and meeting area.

Building Capacity through Education (Training Feedback):

*“I have 2 LGBTQ residents and have helped them with mental health, job search, and emotional support. **This [training] gives me a stronger foundation to continue to help and support our residents.** Thank you so much!!”*

*“The information was well presented and engaging. **Everyone should take this training.**”*

*“It felt like a safe space to ask my "stupid" questions. ...the two presenters are very **knowledgeable, approachable,** and were very good at easing the tension. **Facing your own biases is not always easy but they made it easier for sure.** Y'all are doing great work!”*

In community and with pride,

Aaron Adriano, Ada Zhang, Ainsley Blattel, Alex Golding, Azisa Todd, Bonnie Alexander, Clarise Blanchard, Devon Dye, Ellyn Bloomfield, Frankie Sapp, Gabi Silva, Ishani Dugar, Jenna Weiner, Jet Hermes, Kae Papula, Ki/Kira Willow, Laine Schlezinger, Lowellyn Sunga, Marilyn Fernando, Men Chun Wong, Sita-Marie Pillay, Will Brown, Verna Barrientos, Yoselin Zavala Lopez, & all our amazing volunteers.

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Above: Our Main Entrance with Progress Pride Flag on display.