



**JASMYN**

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# **JASMYN Mission- since 1994**

JASMYN supports and empowers LGBTQ young people by creating safe space, providing health and wholeness services, and offering youth development opportunities, while bringing people and resources together to promote equality and human rights.

## **JASMYN Vision**

LGBTQ young people are affirmed in their identities, confident in their futures, and are a valued asset in the Northeast Florida community.



# JASMYN

"JASMYN shaped me to go into the world" -Jazz, JASMYN alum



## COMMUNITY NEED



HEALTH SERVICES



STUDENT OPPORTUNITY



HOUSING SUPPORTS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Jacksonville is #2 nationally for rate of new HIV infections among African American males aged 13+

33% of LGB youth in Duval County Public Schools have been bullied

60% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ in Northeast Florida

75% of LGBTQ people report everyday discrimination in Jacksonville

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## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES THROUGH 2022



Visit [JASMYN.ORG](https://www.jasmyn.org) to learn more about how we address challenges faced by LGBTQ youth

## 2020 JASMYN SERVICES

7818 Program and Service Contacts

•Throughout COVID, staff delivered medications and food to high risk youth

767 Clinic Contacts

•The lockdown kept youth from testing for 6 weeks before our Clinic was able to re-open

517 HIV Tests conducted

56 Youth served through HIV linkage to care

100% Linkage to care rate for positive results in our Clinic

•Free daily HIV testing is a public health measure and one way JASMYN helps fight the spread in Jax

### During COVID, JASMYN:

- was open continuously with essential services for youth experiencing homelessness
- re-opened Clinical Services by May
- launched a mental health counseling program
- expanded virtual youth group programming

## SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITIES

- ✓ EQUITY PARTNERSHIPS
- ✓ SKILLED VOLUNTEERS
- ✓ PERSISTENT FINANCIAL HEALTH

# Enrich Student Opportunities

- Drop-In Center for youth 13-18: Queer Space
- Q-Chat – online support groups
- David Bohnett Cyber Center
- LGBTQ Plus teen and parent group
- Mental Health support groups and therapy
- Monthly youth development programming (Art series, QTPOC)
- JASMYN Youth Prom, Formation House Ball
- High School Student Support - GSA Retreat, School visits
- Teacher and School Personnel Training / Consultation
- National Stonewall History Museum Educational Exhibits



STUDENT  
OPPORTUNITY



# Watson House – J1



## Youth Bill Of Rights

- To be safe
- To be respected
- To be heard
- To be empowered and to speak your mind in the face of injustice
- To be accepted for who you are
- To have freedom of expression
- To be free from exploitation
- To be free from any offensive, oppressive, or degrading language, actions and images
- To be free from verbal and physical harassment of any kind
- To be in a sex positive space
- To be free of sexual harassment of any kind
- To be free from violence of any kind
- To be free from judgment
- To be free to discuss differences
- To have adults advocate for you
- To ask questions

I choose to accept these rights and understand that I share the responsibility in protecting these rights for all youth



## JASMYN YOUTH ALWAYS RISE UP

**R**ESPECT Yourself, Other People,  
Pronouns & Identities, The Space

**I**NCLUSION YOU are welcome here,  
help others feel welcome too

**S**AFETY No Violence/Weapons, No Drugs  
or Alcohol, No (over the top) PDA

**E**MPowerMENT Be Open,  
Be Challenged,  
Be Willing to Grow

All youth, staff, volunteers, guests and community members agree to "RISE Up" when they are on JASMYN campus. Any person(s) who violate the "RISE Up" values will be asked to leave the campus and return when ready to RISE!



**NOTICE HEALTH**  
Hend County

### Fever? Cough? Rash?

PLEASE SEE FRONT DESK TEAM MEMBER FOR ASSISTANCE.

A white rectangular sign with a blue and yellow border. It features the 'NOTICE HEALTH' logo at the top, followed by the text 'Fever? Cough? Rash?' in a large, bold font, and 'PLEASE SEE FRONT DESK TEAM MEMBER FOR ASSISTANCE.' at the bottom.





# Enhance Health Services

- Sexual Health Clinic – STI Testing and Treatment
- HIV education and outreach and prevention
- HIV testing, counseling, and linkage to medical care
- PrEP & nPEP linkage and coordination
- Care coordination for HIV + Youth to retain in care
- Mental Health Supports for HIV + youth
- DOH Mobile Health Van for HIV / STI Testing and Treatment
- Condoms and lube distribution









# Expand Housing Supports

- JASMYN Connex at J3 – ACCESS, outreach, front door, connectivity
- Gateway Services: showers, laundry, hot meals, food pantry
- Continual COVID-19 Emergency Response & Food Pantry
- Coordinated Intake & linkage to housing services, employment/education
- On-site community services – Baptist Health, St. Vincent's
- Homelessness Prevention and Diversion /Financial Assistance
- Rapid Rehousing Program – case management & financial assistance
- HOPWA Program for young people with HIV



# Housing Program – 12 months

- JASMYN Connex at J3 – 174 youth experiencing homelessness were served; average age 21, range ages 16 - 24
- 65% African American; 25% white / 46% male, 31% transgender / gender diverse. Over half LGBTQ youth
- Case Management Services provided to 72 young people: 47 obtained safe and stable housing, including 18 in new housing through Rapid ReHousing Program services
- City funded programs expanded access, homeless case management and HOPWA funding for HIV+ young people













# Engage Partnerships, Families and Community for Change

- Family Support Services, Groups and Educational Forums
- Cultural competency trainings: LGBT 101, Trans 101
- Corporate Employee Resource Groups as Community Partners
- Engaging with Equity Partners – Youth Crisis Center, Gateway Community Services, Wolfson’s Children Center for Behavioral Health
- Leadership role in 100 Day Youth Challenge in 2020
- Community events
  - River City Pride, Black Pride, MLK Parade
  - Coming Out Day Breakfast, Strides for Pride 5K



# Community Engagement



# Sustainability Priorities

- Moving toward the next 25 years
- Develop Skilled Volunteers and Equity Partnerships
- Increase foundations of Financial Health
  - Strategic Operating Reserves and Unrestricted Funding
  - Completion of Campus Construction – Safe Place







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