

HAPPY PRIDE MONTH!

Celebrate with Alameda County Behavioral Health's PRIDE COALITION

Discussion Segment

Side By Side Youth

June 23, 11am-12pm

Topic Description: LGBTQ Youth

Objectives: Discuss the history of pride and what it has to do with the work Our Space does today!



Diego Basdeo Fitzgerald joined Side by Side in 2016 as a Youth Advocate and became Program Manager of LGBTQ+ Services in 2019. Diego has been active as a community organizer, facilitator, and educator for LGBTQ+ rights, and economic justice for over 10 years. His work is at Side by Side is rooted in the practice of transformative justice, community mental health, and harm reduction. He received his BA in Psychology from CIIS in 2015.

Quinnton Equinox is a Non-binary(Trans) Afro-LatinX who is turning 15 years old in July. Xe is a very ambitious and straightforward person, who knows what they want and how to advocate for themselves. As a Neurodivergent Queer Gender Non-conforming POC who is currently living in the foster care system, they've had many experiences with discrimination inside and outside of the system.

Ori Quesada is a Trans LatinX acrobat, teaching artist and youth advocate born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. He has been working with youth for over 15 years as a teacher, mentor and now as a youth advocate with Our Space. Along with his 20+ career as a professional circus performer and earning BA in Community Studies from UC Santa Cruz, he has taught in circus and performing arts programs and held workshops all over the bay area and around the country.

Jasmine Cervantes is a Queer Latina who was born and raised in Southern California. She's worked with youth for five years now as a school volunteer, a mentor and now, as a Youth Advocate with Our Space. Jasmine studied at San Jose State University where she earned a B.S. in Business: Entrepreneurship in hopes to create businesses with safer working environments for queer and trans youth who are starting out in the workforce.

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