LGBT Outreach Center

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**Mission:** Our vision is to create a community where the presence and contributions of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender people are welcomed and celebrated; where intolerance is challenged and defeated; where justice prevails; and where civil rights of all people are valued and respected.

**Target Population:** Area LGBT community members

**Current Programs:**

- Safe spaces and peer counseling that remains confidential
- 20-25 groups that are run by volunteer group leaders
- Speakers bureau center (trained volunteers advocating for acceptance and understanding in the community, education, businesses, etc.)
- Training for private firms “sensitivity”
- Proud Theater group
- Increasing Senior Programming

**Resources:**

- 2 paid staff people and 65 volunteers
- 6000 volume library
- Information and referral center
- Lots of access and knowledge about LGBT friendly businesses and services around Madison

**Project Development Guidelines:**

- Hoping to develop LGBT people of color programming (they used to have a group but the grant cycle ended). Open to collaboration on what the programming might look like.
- Needs support for current Senior and Youth programming

**Future Goals:**

- Needs more LGBT People of Color programming
- Grant-writing to get a full-time social worker
- Collaborating with area senior centers
- Looking for partnerships with other community orgs

**Former HEX Project:**

Reading, Writing and Relating LGBTQ Narratives; Kristina Kosnick (2009-2010)

**Keywords:** Central Madison; LGBTQ and Gender/Sexuality; Health and Recovery; Violence and Discrimination Prevention; Social and Political Justice; Reading groups; writing and narrative groups; theater/playwriting and/or theatre of the oppressed; awareness and educational materials development; spoken word/poetry