

WHERE YOU CAN VISIT US!

**145 E. Weber Ave
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Communities Served in the San Joaquin County

- Diverse LGBTQIAP+ Community
- Rural Spanish speaking communities
- Youth and foster care agencies
- Elderly and retired LGBT+ members
- Mental Healthcare Clients

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THE CULTIVATING ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM

The San Joaquin Pride Center's (SJPC) Community Defined Evidence Program is designed to **cultivate acceptance of LGBT+ youth by creating safe school and community environments**, supporting families in accepting and embracing their LGBT+ youth, and providing support to youth, friends, and family throughout the coming-out process. A key part of this work is to provide holistic support for our youth by integrating modern technologies, such as social media campaigns and telehealth, that are integral to their lives. Our program also:

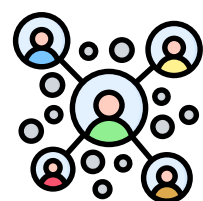
- Engages public schools, foster care systems, and community partners across San Joaquin County.
- Supports LGBT+ youth mental wellness.
- Provides cultural diversity training, workshops, educational campaigns, and counseling.
- Promotes acceptance and reduces risk factors using a fact-based, motivational approach.
- Developed to meet local LGBT+ mental health needs
- Aligns with the CRDP Strategic Plan.
- Addresses discrimination, social exclusion, insurance access, environmental conditions, and quality of care in the Central Valley.



GETTING TO THE FINISH LINE



SJPC cultivates acceptance in schools through our Youth Empowerment Program, providing LGBT+ youth with tools to advocate for safer spaces and support for acceptance in their schools. The Cultural Awareness and Diversity Training program trains school administrators, educators, and non-classified staff to improve school climates for LGBT+ students and to be more tolerant and accepting of diversity. Creating Safe Spaces is for youth to change school culture and be aware of privilege, and empowering them to speak up and support LGBT+ youth.



Create a Network of Acceptance: By reaching out to other community-based organizations in our county, we have built an organized system of referrals and connections. We can tailor an action plan for each individual based on their immediate and long-term needs. By working with and training other agencies and care spaces, we have expanded the services we can offer our members.



Culturally Competent Mental Health Services and Workforce: SJPC provides culturally competent preventive mental health support services to LGBT+ youth and their families. Services are provided on-site by our full-time clinician and clinician interns, who offer life-coaching support and care through external agencies. These services generally average 2 to 4 months for LGBT+ youth coming out or transition process, and up to 3 months for mental health maintenance and care.

HOW WE ARE GOING TO BE THE CHANGE

Our target population for our CDEP will be middle school and high school age youth, their families, the schools, and other agencies that interact and impact LGBT+ youth. SJPC intends to demonstrate the effectiveness of our Community-Defined Evidence Program by identifying the following outcomes:

- Increase acceptance behaviors to reduce mental health risk factors for LGBT+ youth.
- Partner with local schools and school districts to track progress with parents, students, and educators
- Monitor improvements in school climate and graduation rates for LGBT+ students.
- Use school data, the California Healthy Kids Survey, and in-house surveys
- Track growth in culturally competent healthcare providers
- Increase workplace understanding of LGBT+ competency
- Provide tailored training and tools to community organizations to strengthen LGBT+ inclusion

Follow-ups and on site support will continue years after we have helped them create a safe space and environment.



OUR PHASE 2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- CRDP Phase II evaluation data reflect improved school safety, with 66.6% of students feeling comfortable reporting bullying to staff.
- Increased cultural competency; 96.8% of training participants reported greater knowledge, and 92.8% reported increased sensitivity.
- Training outcomes reflect practical impact, with 89% of participants able to immediately apply LGBTQ+ inclusive practices.
- Cultural Acceptance Workshop evaluations confirmed the training's effectiveness, with 100% of school staff finding it beneficial and reporting increased understanding of LGBT+ culture.
- Youth Empowerment Summit surveys showed a positive impact on school climate, with 91.7% of youth reporting their school is safe for LGBT+ students.
- Community survey results show greater impact, with 76.2% of respondents stating SJPC is effective in promoting LGBTQ+ acceptance.
- Evaluation findings showed 72% of community members reported their environment as a safe space for LGBT+ individuals.
- Expanded mental health access, with counseling services increasing from 24 clients in 2023 to 49 in 2024.
- During Phase II, hundreds of youth received culturally competent counseling, peer support, and prevention-focused mental health services.

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

We are evolving into a Behavioral Health & Navigation Hub. Building on our legacy as a trusted LGBT+ space, we are expanding to meet both social and behavioral health needs across San Joaquin County.

Focus areas:

- Youth support & school-based stigma reduction
- Expanded clinical services
- Formalized case management
- Substance use harm reduction services

Stronger impact. Measurable outcomes. Deeper care.

"...it was the dance that kept us in the fight—because it was the dance we were fighting for."
— Dan Savage