

Orlando Youth Alliance Inc.



Summary

Contact Information

Nonprofit	Orlando Youth Alliance Inc.
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At a Glance

IRS Ruling Year	2000
Former Names	Delta Youth Alliance Gay And Lesbian Idea eXchange for Youth (GALIXY)
Organization's type of tax exempt status	Public Supported Charity
Name of supporting organization	Orlando Youth Alliance

Statements

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Mission

To provide a safe space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth in Central Florida.

Impact

The Orlando Youth Alliance works with LGBTQ youth to help them build a positive identity through self-esteem and sense of purpose, build a positive view of their personal future and develop positive adult and peer role models. OYA provides emotional support through a peer-to-peer model, helps youth establish boundaries and expectations, gain empowerment and creates a constructive use of their time. We help our youth strengthen their internal developmental assets of learning, building a positive self image, values and social competencies. Hundred of young people have benefited from their involvement in OYA. The Orlando Youth Alliance is the community gay straight alliance.

Needs

Bullying of lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth is at an alarming level. Extreme bullying can torture a gay youth leaving them feeling depressed and alone. LGBTQ youth are three times more likely to commit suicide than their heterosexual classmates. Having a gay straight alliance (GSA) makes a school more accessible to LGBT students by contributing to a more positive school environment. A GSA helps students to identify supportive school staff which has been shown to have a positive impact on their academic achievement and experiences in school. Most students lack access to GSAs or other student clubs that provide support and address issues specific to LGBT students and their allies. There are an estimated 8,000 LGBT teenagers in Orange, Osceola and Seminole County schools. Only a handful of schools have a gay straight alliance to provide help and support. OYA is the community GSA. OYA is so vitally important. With limited fund we help as many young people as possible, but the need is much greater than the funds available. In wake of recent events we provide grief counseling to survivors of the Pulse tragedy. As many of our youth frequented the night club and lost friends.

Background

The Orlando Youth Alliance (OYA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which provides a safe space for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Questioning (GLBTQ) youth to gather, talk about issues and concerns that are important in their lives, as well as meet other gay youth. OYA is a peer based youth support group with members ranging from the ages of 13 to 24.

The Orlando Youth Alliance was first formed in 1990 as a support group to assist at-risk gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender youth under the moniker "Delta Youth Alliance". The group evolved into "GALIXY", Gay And Lesbian Idea eXchange for Youth. The group exists today as the Orlando Youth Alliance, Inc., (OYA) but maintains the same mission statement.

Through the years, OYA has provided support to hundreds of Central Florida youth. Beyond weekly meetings, the group has expanded its outreach into the Orlando community. Even though the name has changed over the years, the mission has not. We are committed to providing a safe place for GLBTQ youth to gather and be themselves in the self discovery and development phase of their teen years.

In 2008, OYA started a chapter in Polk County called the Lakeland Youth Alliance. In 2010 we started a chapter in Seminole County called the Seminole Youth Alliance. We are in the process of starting a chapter in Osceola and Lake County.

CEO/Executive Director Statement

Board Chair Statement

CEO/Executive Director/Board Comments

When asked for key words or phrases that best describe OYA we can up with: gay, GLBT, LGBT, gay straight alliance, GSA, youth, children, at-risk. There of course are many more, but the youth that are helped by OYA are not normally from wealthy or affluent homes. OYA are normally from low to moderate income household. They are often at-risk for suicide, need to build self esteem and/or extremely lonely. Some are homeless.

Areas of Service

Geographic Areas Served

Areas

FL - Brevard

FL - Lake

FL - Orange

FL - Osceola

FL - Polk

FL - Seminole

FL - Volusia

Although our main meeting locations are in downtown Orlando, Seminole County and Lakeland, we have students from all seven counties attend our support group meetings, educational and social activities. Hundreds of students connect with OYA online seeking support and assistance.

Service Categories

Primary Organization Type

Youth Development

Secondary Organization Type

Youth Development

Tertiary Organization Type

Youth Development

Impact

Goals

The goal for OYA members is to increase their knowledge and cultural competence; build a positive identity through improved self-esteem and sense of purpose; build a positive view of their personal future and develop positive adult and peer role models. The program is evaluated using a standard set of questions to qualitatively measure the impact the educational project has on the intended outcomes.

Strategies

We accomplish our mission through three programs:

- 1) A weekly peer-to-peer support group is offered in Orlando on Tuesdays, Lakeland on Wednesdays and Casselberry on Thursdays. With the help of criminally background checked adult facilitators the youth help to problem solve and discuss topics such as family and school that are relevant to them. Guest speakers from the community come to talk to the youth on career development, HIV & STDs, bullying and other topics.
- 2) LGBT History & Culture classes are provided to GLBT youth and their straight allies. The one & a half hour sessions will be held once a month during the school year. The students are given homework assignments and report back two weeks later. Since LGBT history & culture is not taught in the school it is imperative that our youth learn about their heritage to develop internal assets such as positive values, social competencies and positive self-identity.
- 3) Meeting other LGBT youth to forge friendships and create a support network is imperative. OYA hosts numerous activities (car washes, movie nights, dances, theme park outings, arts events) to help our youth develop.

Capabilities

Lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender (LGBT) teenagers are three times more likely to commit suicide than their heterosexual classmates. Since 1990 the Orlando Youth Alliance (OYA) has provided mentoring and support to Central Florida LGBT youth. We are proud to report that of the more than 1,000 youth who have participated in our program -- not a single one has committed suicide. We are an all volunteer organization at this time. We are impacting the youth of our community and creating a true difference even though we are small and all volunteer. Over the past five years we have tripled in size (both in membership and in dollars raised).

Indicators

The main indicator of success is no suicide attempts. But more realistic is the numbers of youth who go on to become productive members of the society and future leaders of tomorrow. An example of one of our youth is now the business manager at a local newspaper.

Progress

Progress is shown by the tremendous grow of our organization and the long term success of our youth.

Programs

Programs

Weekly Support Groups

Description	OYA offers a weekly peer-to-peer support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening. The success of the support group is measured by the number of participants, the longevity of involvement and the increase level of self-esteem and other developmental assets of the participants.
Class Code	Youth Development, General/Other
Class Sub Code	Youth Development, General/Other
Population Served	Children and Youth (0 - 19 years)
Budget	\$10,000.00
Long Term Success	
Short Term Success	
Program Success Monitored By	
Examples of Program Success	

GLBT History & Cultural Classes

Description	OYA's Educational Project on GLBT History & Culture is provided to GLBT youth and their straight allies. The one-hour sessions are held once a month during the school year. Since GLBT history & culture is not taught in the school it is imperative that our youth learn about their heritage to develop internal assets such as positive values, social competencies and positive identity. The program will be evaluated using a standard set of questions to qualitatively measure the impact the educational project has on the intended outcomes. 1) A pre and post assessment will measure the amount of information retained. 2) Overall course evaluation. 3) Evaluation of each guest speaker/instructor. 4) Coordinator evaluation.
Class Code	Education, General/Other
Class Sub Code	Educational Programs
Population Served	Children and Youth (0 - 19 years)
Budget	\$7,000.00
Long Term Success	
Short Term Success	
Program Success Monitored By	
Examples of Program Success	

Social, Educational & Recreational Activities

Description	Meeting other GLBT youth to forge friendships and create a support network is imperative. OYA hosts car washes, movie nights, dances, theme park outings and other activities to help our youth develop. OYA offers scholarships for our members to pursue post-secondary education. Our members are exposed to several career development and leadership seminars each year. The success of the activities are measure by recording the number of participants, the longevity of those involved, the number of people they recruit to join and leadership roles they take on.
Class Code	Youth Development, General/Other
Class Sub Code	Youth Development, General/Other
Population Served	Children and Youth (0 - 19 years) Other Named Groups
Budget	\$10,000.00
Long Term Success	
Short Term Success	
Program Success Monitored By	
Examples of Program Success	

Counseling Referrals

Description	For decades, the Orlando Youth Alliance has vetted various mental health professionals to help our youth and their families. If we identify a youth or family who needs more than our support groups can offer, we refer them to one of the counselors and mental health professionals on our website. All mental health professionals show criminal background, current license, insurance and sign a statement that they do not practice conversion or reparative therapy.
Class Code	
Class Sub Code	
Population Served	
Budget	\$500.00
Long Term Success	
Short Term Success	
Program Success Monitored By	
Examples of Program Success	

Scholarships

Description The Orlando Youth Alliance offers scholarship for youth pursuing post-secondary education.

Class Code

Class Sub Code

Population Served

Budget \$6,000.00

Long Term Success

Short Term Success

Program Success Monitored By

Examples of Program Success

Gay Straight Alliance Grants

Description Orlando Youth Alliance provides grants to gay straight alliance clubs at middle and high schools throughout Central Florida.

Class Code

Class Sub Code

Population Served

Budget \$6,000.00

Long Term Success

Short Term Success

Program Success Monitored By

Examples of Program Success

Governance

Board Chair

Board Chair	Mr. Michael Slaymaker MAHR
Company Affiliation	Easter Seals Florida
Term	Jan 2017 to Dec 2017

Board Members

Name	Affiliation	Status
Mr. Dustin Baetz	Rollins College	Voting
Ms. Carole Conroy	Darden	Voting
Ms. Samantha Fuentes	University of Central Florida	Voting
Mr. Patrick Howell Esq.	Taylor & Carls, P.A.	Voting
Mr. Wesley Howell CPA	Wesley Howell , CPA	Voting
Mr. Thomas Jacobson	AFLAC	Voting
Mr. Russ Kasim	Jewish Community Center	Voting
Mr. Cody Kennedy	Seminole State College	Voting
Ms. Ginger Malcom	Community Volunteer	Voting
Ms. Emily Mound	Seminole State College	Voting
Mr. Michael Slaymaker MAHR	Easter Seals Florida	Voting
Dr. Jeff Speicher	Veterinarian	Voting

Board Demographics - Ethnicity

African American/Black	0
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0
Caucasian	11
Hispanic/Latino	1
Native American/American Indian	0
Other	0 0

Board Demographics - Gender

Male	8
Female	4
Not Specified	0

Governance

Board Term Lengths	2
Board Term Limits	2
Board Meeting Attendance	91%

Number of Full Board Meetings Annually	11
Written Board Selection Criteria?	No
Written Conflict of Interest Policy?	Yes
Percentage Making Monetary Contributions	100%
Percentage Making In-Kind Contributions	50%

Standing Committees

Development / Fund Development / Fund Raising / Grant Writing / Major Gifts
Program / Program Planning
Communications / Promotion / Publicity / Public Relations
Executive

Management

CEO/Executive Director

Executive Director
Email

Organization is Volunteer Lead
info@orlandoyouthalliance.org

Staff

Full Time Staff	0
Part Time Staff	0
Volunteers	30
Contractors	0
Retention Rate	0%

State Information

State Charitable Solicitations Permit?	Yes Feb 2017
State Registration	Yes Sept 2016

Management Comments

CEO/Executive Director/Board Comments
OYA at this time is all volunteer. We have no staff.

Plans & Policies

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Organization has a Fundraising Plan?	No
Organization has a Strategic Plan?	No
Management Succession Plan?	No
Organization Policy and Procedures	No
Nondiscrimination Policy	Yes
Directors and Officers Insurance Policy	Yes

Management Information

Whistleblower Policy	No
Document Destruction Policy	No
Management Reports To Board	No
CEO/Executive Director Formal Evaluation	N/A
CEO/Executive Director Formal Frequency	N/A
Senior Management Formal Evaluation	N/A
Senior Management Formal Evaluation Frequency	N/A

Collaborations

OYA has no staff. We are all volunteers who must pass a criminal background check in order to volunteer.

Financials

Fiscal year

Fiscal Year Start	Jan 01, 2017
Fiscal Year End	Dec 31, 2017
Projected Revenue	\$25,000.00
Projected Expenses	\$25,000.00
Endowment Value	\$0.00
Percentage	0%

Detailed Financials

Revenue and Expenses

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Total Revenue	\$62,668	\$44,367	\$29,129
Total Expenses	\$48,185	\$26,718	\$22,898

Revenue Sources

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Foundation and Corporation Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Government Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0
State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unspecified	\$0	\$0	\$0
Individual Contributions	\$62,668	\$44,367	\$29,129
Indirect Public Support	\$0	\$0	\$0
Earned Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Income, Net of Losses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Membership Dues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Events	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue In-Kind	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0

Expense Allocation

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Program Expense	\$40,132	\$26,718	\$17,186
Administration Expense	\$8,053	\$0	\$5,637
Fundraising Expense	\$0	\$0	\$75
Payments to Affiliates	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue/Total Expenses	1.30	1.66	1.27
Program Expense/Total Expenses	83%	100%	75%
Fundraising Expense/Contributed Revenue	0%	0%	0%

Assets and Liabilities

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Total Assets	\$117,064	\$102,581	\$82,947
Current Assets	\$117,064	\$102,581	\$82,947
Long-Term Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Net Assets	\$117,064	\$102,581	\$82,947

Short Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Current Ratio: Current Assets/Current Liabilities	--	--	--

Long Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Long-Term Liabilities/Total Assets	0%	0%	0%

Top Funding Sources

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	Foundations, Corporations and Individuals \$62,668	Individuals, Foundations & Corporations \$44,367	Individuals, Foundations & Corporations \$29,129
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--

Capital Campaign

Currently in a Capital Campaign?	No
Goal	0

Comments

Organization Comments

OYA is saving to purchase a house. It will take several years as we want to purchase the house outright.

Foundation Comments

Financial figures taken from IRS form 990EZs. 2011: Financial figures taken from profit and loss statement provided by the organization. 990-N was filed. Contributions from foundations, corporations are included with total for individuals, as they were not separated on the 990EZ.

Audits were not provided. 2013: Top three funding sources not available.

Disaster Plans

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Organization is a member of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)?

No