

**PROJECT NAME:**

*Filling the Gap: Meeting Specialized Needs for LGBTQ Youth*

**PROJECT LEAD:**

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**TIMELINE:**

October 2009 – October 2011

**CONTENT AREA:**

Mental Health and Social Services

**FUNDER:**

Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City

**CLIENT:**

Cornerstones of Care – KC Pathways

**AUDIENCE:**

Cornerstones of Care staff, administration, volunteers, and foster parents.

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:**

Technical assistance and mixed (quantitative & qualitative) Methods

**OVERVIEW:**

Project: The *Filling the Gap: Meeting Specialized Needs for LGBTQ Youth* program: 1) educate Cornerstones of Care staff, administration and foster care parents of the issues facing LGBTQ Youth in their care; 2) ensure a safe environment for LGBTQ Youth within the Cornerstones of Care system; and 3) develop and enhance counseling and support efforts to help LGBTQ better address the issues facing them.

RDI provides technical assistance in curriculum development for the program training components, trains the Program Coordinator/Trainer in conducting training workshops, develops evaluation surveys, conducts analysis and reporting of evaluation data, observes training workshops to assess program fidelity, and provides feedback to program personnel.

At the end of September, 2010, seventeen (17) *Filling the Gap: Meeting Specialized Needs for LGBTQ Youth* workshops had been conducted. A total of 281 people participated in the workshops. In addition, support groups for LGBTQ youth in the Cornerstones of Care system have been implemented.

**LINKS:**