House of Colors
is a safe space for LGBTQ youth ages 13 to 24 years old.

It is youth lead and directed with a focus on youth development and living healthy and safe lives.

Peer leaders meet regularly to create and plan the implementation of programming that meets the needs of their LGBTQ peers.

Activities include:
- Camping trip, Pride parades, civic engagement, cultural awareness, team building....
- Office hours are by appointment
- LGBTQ young people gather every Monday from 4:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m.

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Enlace de Familias was created in 1994 as a coalition of families and representatives of service providers and other stakeholders in Holyoke for the purposes of building a healthier, safer community for children.

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Enlace de Familias promotes a community where all families are given the opportunity to improve their quality of life.

Mission Statement

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Our Programs and Services

Programs & Services

Nurturing Fathers

A unique approach to:
managing anger and resolving conflicts
teaching values and being a role model
issues around work and fathering

teamwork within the family
fathering sons/daughters
cultural perspectives
dealing with feelings
discipline
play

A group of 10 to 20 fathers meet weekly for 2½ hours
13-week group-based program

PEP (People Empowering People)

building on unique strengths of adults and teens

10 weekly 2-hour training sessions followed by bi-monthly or weekly training and support meetings

The ten training sessions include:
community assessment & values clarification
communication skills & problem solving
community issues & action planning
the helping role & parenting

The participants:
Parents & teen parents
Single parents & couples
Grandparents and caregivers
People with limited financial resources
Anyone that wants to develop skills on how to become an active participant in their community

A shared exploration:
of parenting attitudes and skills
• create a series of couple's dialogues
• create a shared vision for family life
• relationship building activities
• develop attitudes & skills for family formation
• 12-week curriculum
• self-exploration

"MA & PA" strengthens the couple relationship

MANaging & PARENTing

"MA & PA" strengthening couple relationship

Who benefits?
provide support to participants who become engaged in community projects.

benefit their community.

conducted two or more individual or group projects that benefit their community.

opportunities to change or enhance their dreams and use their ability to change or enhance their community.

believe in their individual and collective ability to achieve their community.

innovative program designed to build on strengths of adults and teens.

Emphasizes the connection between individual and life experiences, and capacities of each person.

Adults, teen parents, and...

Community outreach and support workers, people with limited financial resources, parents and single adults and teens. PEP recognizes the unique strengths, cultural perspectives, dealing with feelings, discipline, play.