



Our Mission

GALAEI is a non-profit organization devoted to creating an awareness of the issues that affect Philadelphia's Latino lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities. GALAEI's work focuses on improving the quality of life for all Latinos and LGBT people, especially in the area of HIV/AIDS and other health-related issues and seeks to demand accountability from all systems that serve them through prevention, education, care, and community collaboration.

2011 Accomplishments

- Provided services to approximately 4,300 clients through HIV Testing, Medical Case Management, Youth and Adult HIV-prevention Programs
- Held the second annual *David Acosta Revolutionary Leader Award (DARLA)* event and awarded Bianchah Ortiz, a Latina transwoman, as the first recipient
- Completed Staff and Board development and increased Board from five to seven members
- Received grants from: Hispanics in Philanthropy, The Philadelphia Foundation, Samuel Fels Foundation, Saba Chai 5 Foundation, and Diabolique Foundation
- Partnered with CDC-funded programs at Mazzoni Center on the provision of targeted HIV testing for MSM of color and with YHEP on the *I Am* project
- Launched *Pleasure Rush*—a new LGBT sex-positive project focusing on reducing risk, creating communication, and building community
- Strengthened relationships with Latino-serving agencies: Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Concilio, and Taller Puertorriqueño and began conducting outreach at LGBT Latino clubs in North Philly
- Spearheaded the *16th Annual Alternative Prom* for LGBT and allied youth
- Worked with 25 interns from Widener, Arcadia, Community College, and Temple
- Garnered publicity in *Philadelphia Gay News*, *Al Día*, *City Paper*, *Philadelphia Weekly*, *GPhilly*, and *LifeLube.org* as well as *Radio Times* to discuss teen sex and sexuality

Meet the Staff

Tommy Atz
HIV Counselor

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Jacob Fyda
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Alice Manos
Medical Case Manager

Angel Santiago
I Am Community Navigator

Meet the Board

Celina deLeon—*Member*

Anne Koellhoffer —*Member*

Matty Lehman— *Secretary*

Olinshar Nguyen —*Member*

Tiffany Thompson—*Vice Pres*

David Torres—*President*

Lauren Vidas —*Member*

2012 Goals

- Launch *Outlet* program designed to unite and empower Latino LGBT youth in Philadelphia
- Embark on a Strategic Planning process to map out goals for the next three years
- Complete a Community Mapping assessment in North Philadelphia to identify resources and needs for Latino men who have sex with men (MSM)
- Complete Monitoring and Evaluation process for MPACT Youth Program
- Expand Board to eight to twelve members
- Implement *I Am* program with YHEP
- Serve on Leadership Committee for National Latino AIDS Action Network (NLAAN)
- Participate in and serve as beneficiary for 2012 Vagina Monologues VDay Campaign
- Spearhead the committee to host the *17th Annual Alternative Prom* for LGBT and allied youth
- Diversify funding, focusing primarily on individual donors
- Host the third annual *DARLA* event on April 13, 2012

ABOUT US

PREVENTION

- Free, confidential or anonymous *STI/HIV counseling and testing* at our main office at 1207 Chestnut, 5th Floor, our storefront location, Washington West Project at 1201 Locust, and various other sites located in high-risk communities. GALAEI uses rapid testing and provides results in less than 20 minutes
- *MPACT* (Motivating Philly's Adolescents via Counseling Today): Individual sexual health counseling for LGBT youth of color to help prevent HIV/STIs

EDUCATION

- *RAVE (Reaching Adolescents Via Education)*: Provides the *Me & Mine*: HIV-prevention curriculum that covers cultural values, HIV/AIDS basics, high risk behaviors and risk reduction strategies, as well as negotiation skills regarding condom use. Can be delivered in English or Spanish
- *Outlet*: A new program that unites and empowers Philadelphia Latino LGBT youth
- *Pleasure Rush*: A new volunteer-led, sex-positive education project

CARE

- *Bilingual Medical Case Management*: Provides linguistically and culturally competent medical case management services to HIV+ individuals, primarily Latino and Black MSM. This program assists clients with navigating through various medical and social service systems necessary for health maintenance
- *Early Intervention Services*: Provides support to all newly diagnosed clients to facilitate linkage to necessary HIV medical care and services

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

- Since 1996, GALAEI has spearheaded the *Annual Alternative Prom* for LGBT and allied youth. Prom is a youth-led effort and is the longest, consecutively running event of its kind
- *Raices Latino Pride Philadelphia*: GALAEI serves on this coalition of community members to celebrate and raise awareness of Latin@ LGBT communities
- *National Latino AIDS Awareness Day*: Every year, GALAEI serves on a coalition of Latino-serving providers to put on this event

