

what we do

pride. power. progress.

THE CENTER:

- Provides a gathering place for our community
- Collaborates with local, state and national organizations, media, law enforcement agencies and politicians to move the human rights agenda forward
- Provides the only low-fee, LGBT affirmative safety net of professional health, social and mental health services to San Diego County
- Combats the spread of HIV/AIDS through comprehensive outreach and treatment programs
- Provides safe spaces for LGBT youth and seniors



our history

Since 1973, The Center has been saving lives and promoting the health and well-being of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community of San Diego County.

The dream began in 1971 with an answering machine in the home of Jess Jessop, The Center's first Executive Director. By 1973, the "Gay Center" opened its doors at 2250 B Street, providing military counseling, support groups for men and women, organized social activities and an information and assistance hot line.

In 1980, the name was changed to The Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center and the facility moved to Hillcrest at Fifth and Robinson, behind The Brass Rail. In 1993, The Center moved to 3916 Normal Street, which it rapidly outgrew, and in 1999 purchased 3909 Centre Street.

Today, The Center functions as the LGBT community's leadership organization. Led by a 20-member board of directors, The Center employs over 50 paid staff and utilizes more than 300 community volunteers.



The San Diego LGBT Community Center

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North County Center

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Hillcrest Youth Center

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Please visit our website:

www.thecentersd.org

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our mission

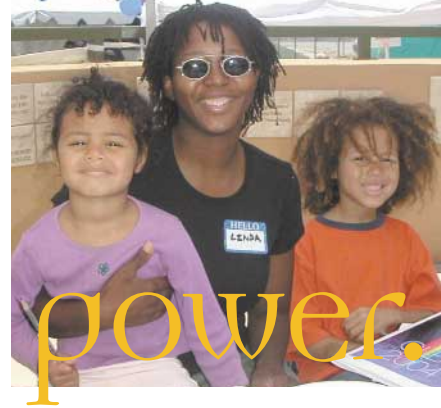
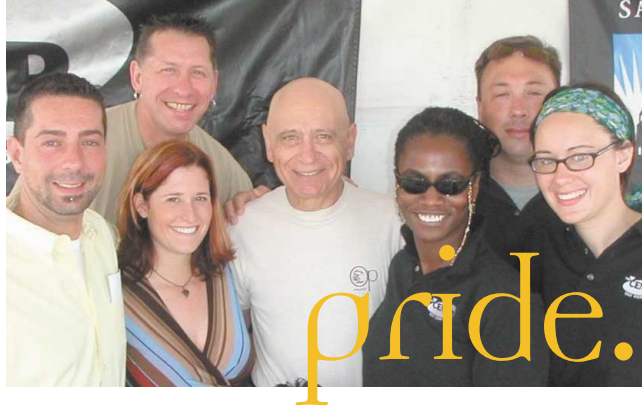
The Center's mission is to enhance and sustain the health and well-being of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) and HIV communities by providing activities, programs and services that

- Create community
- Empower community members
- Provide essential resources
- Advocate for civil and human rights
- Embrace, promote and support our cultural diversity



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WHAT IS THE CENTER

The San Diego LGBT Community Center stands as a statement that we are proud of ourselves and our community, and that we are full citizens of this city and nation. It represents the collective voices of our diverse communities and our ever-growing power within the larger San Diego community. The Center attempts to urge local, state and federal agencies and government toward basic equality and human rights. Not special rights, basic human rights.

The Center represents the best in all of us. It represents our commitment to care for our community and its members. It is an attitude, a symbol, a set of values, and a community commitment to community health and human rights.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The Center provides a variety of services to meet the needs of our diverse community, including women, youth, people of color, people with disabilities, senior citizens, and others. Programs focus on fulfilling social, economic, education, health and advocacy needs of LGBTQ community.

Specific programs include:

- Community Meeting Space
- Bruce M. Abrams Library
- Hillcrest Wind Ensemble
- Women's Resource Center
- LGBT Latino/a Services
- Weekly Discussion Groups
- Community Events
- Web-Based Community Calendar

HEALTH SERVICES

The Center provides a variety of health services to the LGBT & HIV communities in San Diego County.

Specific programs include:

- Psychological Services
 - Individual, Couples/Family and Group counseling
 - Relationship Violence Treatment and Intervention Program
 - Transgender Counseling Services
 - Substance Abuse Counseling
 - Spanish-Speaking Services
- Heidorn Lifeline

DAVID BOHNETT CYBER CENTER

The David Bohnett Cyber Center is a community computer lab at the Centre Street location. The lab is open to the public for free and low-cost internet access, word processing and email services. The Cyber Center is available as a training facility for corporate groups and offers introductory or skill-building classes as well as individual tutoring.

HILLCREST YOUTH CENTER

The Hillcrest Youth Center (HYC) is the only drop-in facility serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth in San Diego County. HYC is committed to providing safe space, adult leadership, and educational opportunities for LGBTQ youth to develop into responsible, productive, and fully participating citizens.

The Hillcrest Youth Center offers:

- cyber/computer training
- health education
- basic financial education
- youth leadership training
- case management
- HIV prevention education
- life skills training workshops
- discussion groups
- counseling services
- social activities

PUBLIC POLICY

The mission of the Public Policy Department is to advocate for full civil and human rights for LGBT and allied communities. We accomplish this mission through educating elected officials, organizing the community on issues such as the GLBT Vote Project and Safe Schools initiative, and forming coalitions with diverse organizations to effect progress and change.

