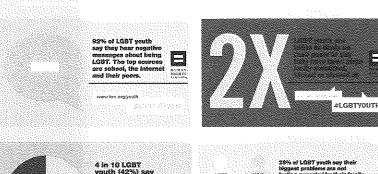


# OPEN ARMS INITIATIVE

NECS has a rich track record of reaching youth by providing Life Coaching and wrap-around services that connect youth development with family and community services. NECS has positively impacted the lives of over 1,500 youth and will continue to develop strategies and innovative programming to meet the ever-changing demands and challenges of at-risk youth. Open Arms is a component that addresses

the concerns of the LGBT community. Three Barriers; bullying, family rejection, and homelessness are reported to be real threats to the health and well-being of LGBT young people. Every day, thousands of LGBT youth in the United States face injustice in schools, danger in their homes, or uncertainty on the streets. Here at NECS, our goal is to be an anchor for our families facing any and all difficulties within this community.

## STATISTICS AT A GLANCE:







### SERVICES

(Services are not limited to what is listed below)

- All Program Inclusion
- LGBT Trained Staff
- Support Groups
- Group Outings
- LGBT Specified Consultant
- Employment Assistance Program



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With integrated and accurate data accessible to NECS from psychological evaluations, services can be individualized and coordinated for the identified client.

## **PROGRAMS**

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Mentoring At-Risk Kids is a Youth Support Program that raises self-esteem and social functioning by providing clients with life coaching in combination with a Game Plan.

A Game Plan is developed that supports improved mental health, selfesteem, and social functioning so that parents are better prepared to support their children and households.

#### MYA

The Mentoring Young Adults program is our privately funded program, established to provide identical services to our M.A.R.K. program to those who are not involved with DEF.

OPEN ARMS

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## **PROGRAM COMPONENTS**

G.E.M.S/BOY'S HUDDLES

Girls Excelling in Maturity and Strength/Boy's Huddles provide gender specific services to our female participants.

F.1.T.

Finding Inner Toughness is a fitness & sports training initiative for our youth and their families.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN** 

Opportunity to educate on agricultural and nutritional values while providing a therapeutic outlet.

#### SOCIOECONOMIC INTEGRATION

Assisting families with adapting to societal challenges upon entering The United States.

PARENT INITIATIVE

Parent focused groups and programming designed specifically for our parents.

TEAM DINNERS

24/7 ACCESS

MSR'S & CASE UPDATES

INTENSIVE OUTREACH

PSYCHOSOCIAL GROUPS

FOOD/TOY DRIVES & GATHERINGS

**FAMILY WORK** 

AND MANY MORE

CULTURALLY COMPETENT STAFF

AFTER CARE

**GAME PLANNING** 

EMPLOYMENT MATCHING

BASKETBALL CLINIC

HOME & SCHOOL VISITS

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES