

ENSURING SAFE SPACES
& PROGRAMS FOR
LGBTQ+ YOUTH





AGENDA

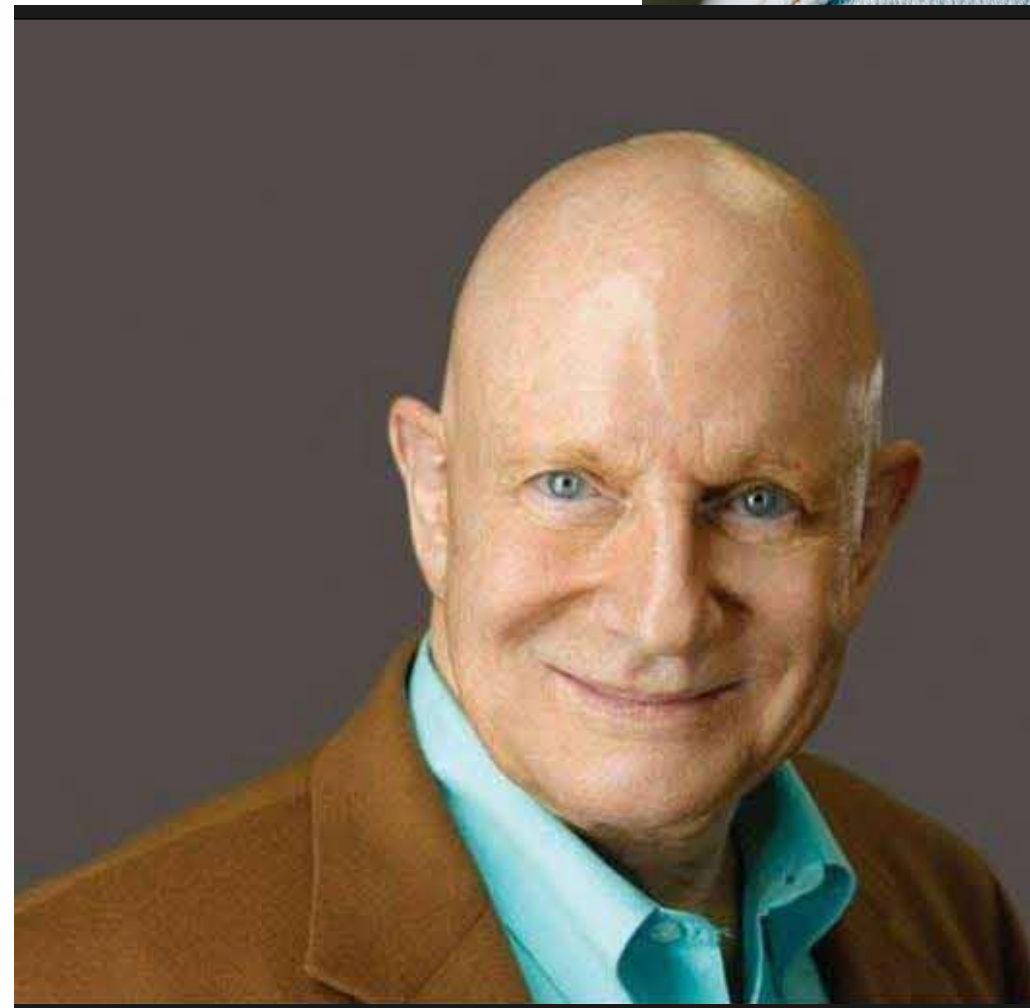
- Who we are & what we do
- Who we serve
- LGBTQ+youth, homelessness & allyship 101
- Interventions
- Activity



Tony's Place

HISTORY

- In 2015, Tony Carroll started with an idea of providing a safe place for homeless, gay youth who were being victimized.
- In 2016, Tony's Place opened its doors.
- In 2022, TP moved to its current location.
- In 2024, TP supports and empowers all LGBTQ+ youth between the ages of 14-25.





ABOUT TONY'S PLACE

Mission



To support and empower
LGBTQ+ youth

We see a society in which all
LGBTQ+ youth are universally
welcomed, safe and thriving.

Vision

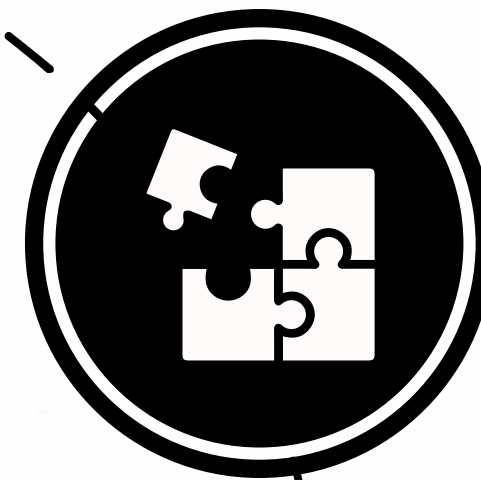
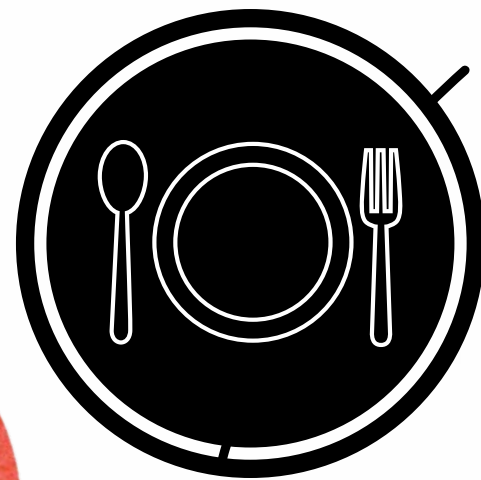


TONY'S PLACE PROVIDES A SAFE SPACE, KEY SERVICES, & VALUABLE PROGRAMMING FOR LGBTQ+ YOUTH.

Provide youth with safe access to survival resources including food, clothing, hygiene supplies, and laundry services.

Affirm and empower LGBTQ+ youth through after school programming, support groups and activities.

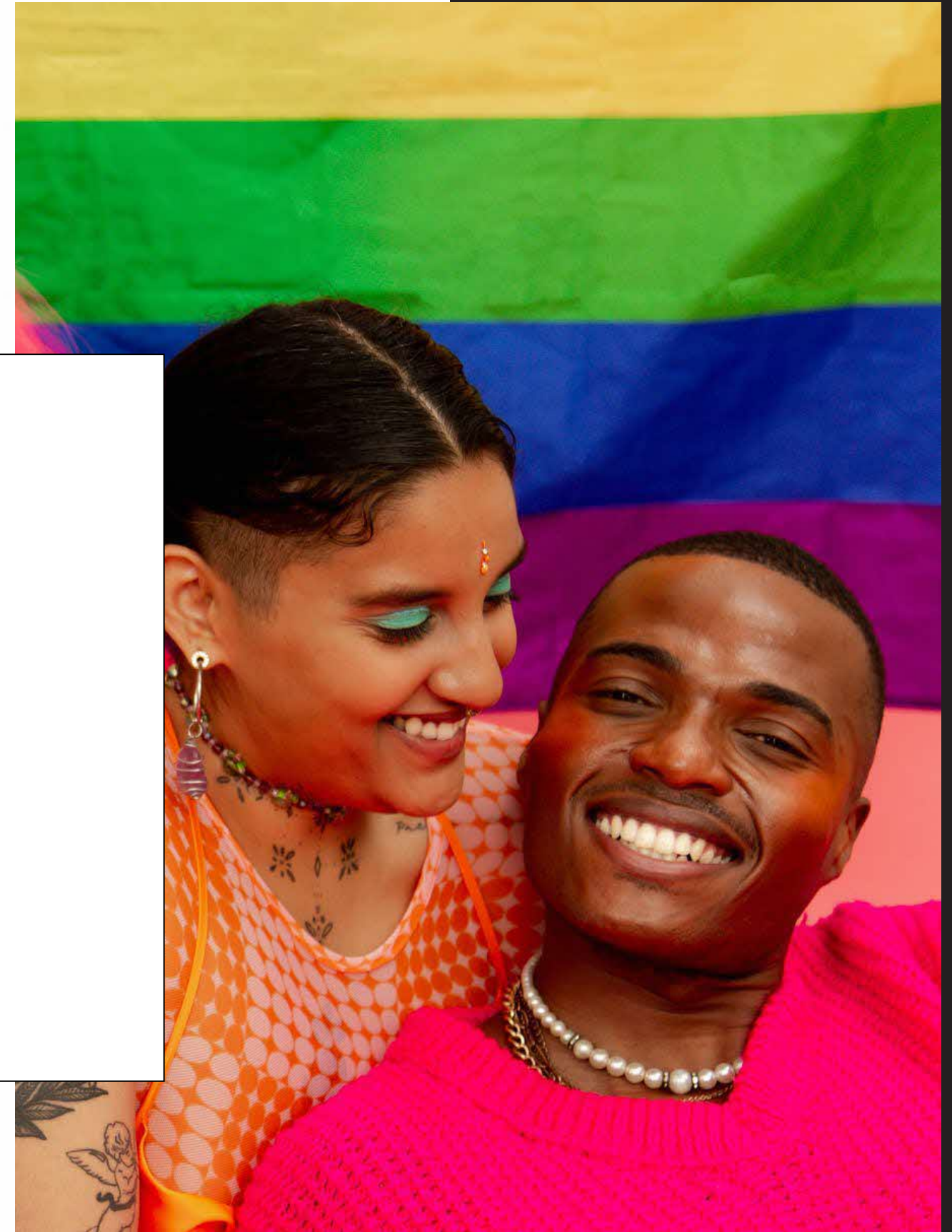
Advocate for the queer youth we serve by partnering and collaborating with other LGBTQ+ organizations, charities and businesses.



SERVICE NUMBERS



- 175-200 meals/month
- 40-50 unduplicated clients/month
- 10-20 new clients/month



WHO WE SERVE



82% BIPOC



62% MALE



58% HAVE A
DISABILITY

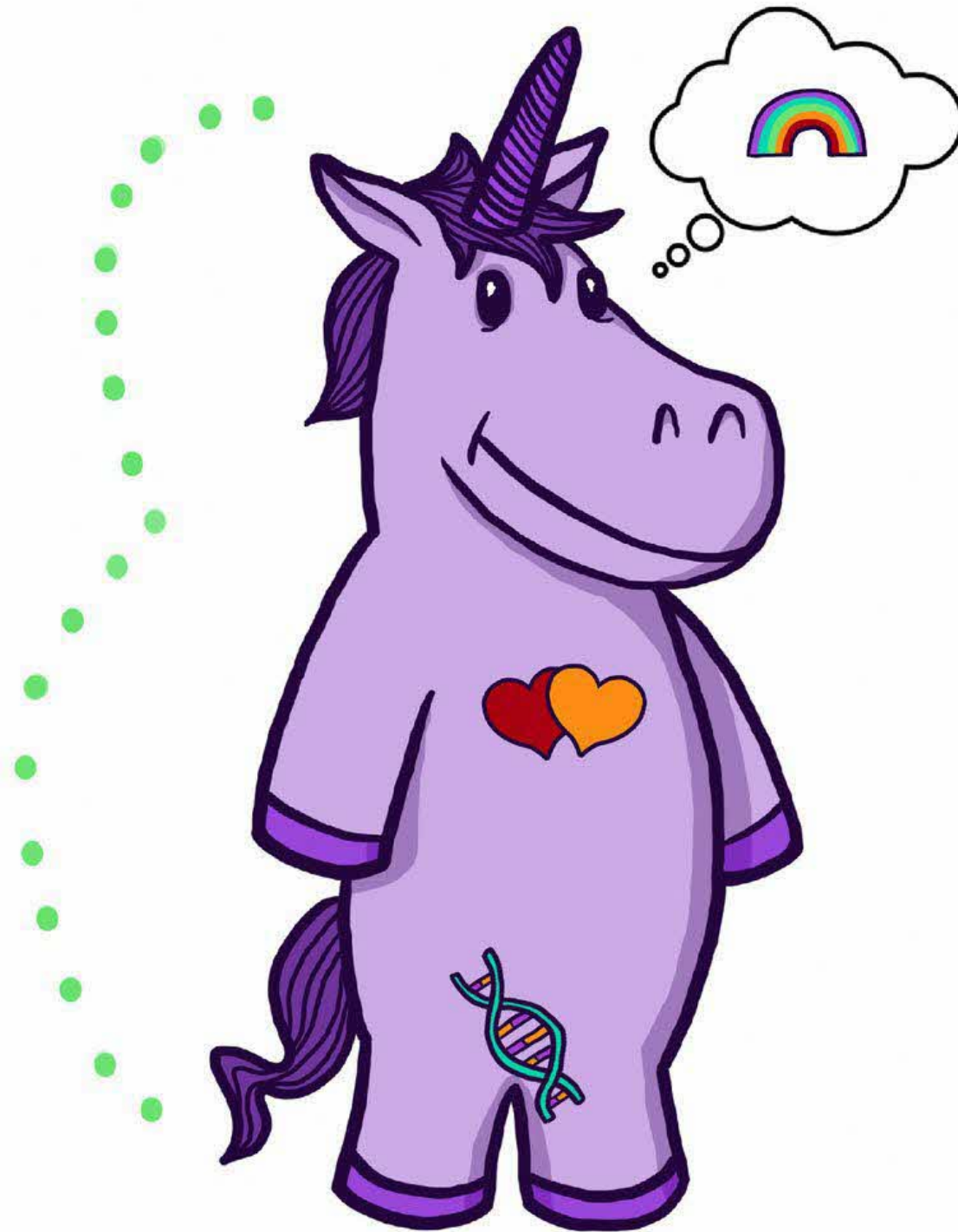


QUESTIONS?

SAFE
ZONE

The Gender Unicorn

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Gender Identity



Female / Woman / Girl

Male / Man / Boy

Other Gender(s)



Gender Expression



Feminine

Masculine

Other



Sex Assigned at Birth

Female

Male

Other/Intersex



Physically Attracted to



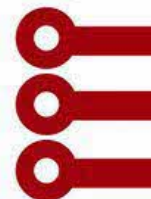
Women

Men

Other Gender(s)



Emotionally Attracted to



Women

Men

Other Gender(s)

To learn more, go to:
www.transstudent.org/gender

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SEXUALITY

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SEXUAL ORIENTATION

THE DESIRE FOR INTIMATE
EMOTIONAL AND/OR
SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS
WITH PEOPLE OF THE
SAME GENDER, ANOTHER
GENDER, OR MULTIPLE
GENDERS.

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SEXUALITY

REFERS TO A PERSON'S
EXPLORATION OF
SEXUAL BEHAVIORS,
PRACTICES AND
IDENTITIES IN THE
SOCIAL WORLD.



SEXUALITY AND SEXUAL IDENTITIES ARE ALL ON A SPECTRUM, AND
SPECIFIC TO EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSON.

GENDER

GENDER

A SOCIALLY
CONSTRUCTED SYSTEM
OF CLASSIFICATIONS
THAT ASCRIBES
QUALITIES OF
MASCULINITY AND
FEMININITY TO PEOPLE.
GENDER
CHARACTERISTIC CAN
CHANGE OVER TIME AND
VARY BETWEEN
CULTURES.

GENDER IDENTITY

A PERSON'S SENSE OF
SELF AS MASCULINE,
FEMININE, BOTH, OR
NEITHER REGARDLESS
OF EXTERNAL
GENITALIA.

GENDER EXPRESSION

HOW ONE PRESENTS
ONESELF AND ONE'S
GENDER TO THE WORLD
VIA DRESS, MANNERISMS,
HAIRSTYLE, FACIAL HAIR
ETC. THIS MAY OR MAY
NOT COINCIDE WITH OR
INDICATE ONE'S GENDER
IDENTITY. A PERSON'S
GENDER EXPRESSION MAY
NOT ALWAYS MATCH
THEIR GENDER IDENTITY.



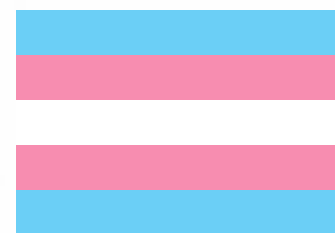
LESBIAN



GAY



BISEXUAL



TRANSGENDER



QUEER



INTERSEX



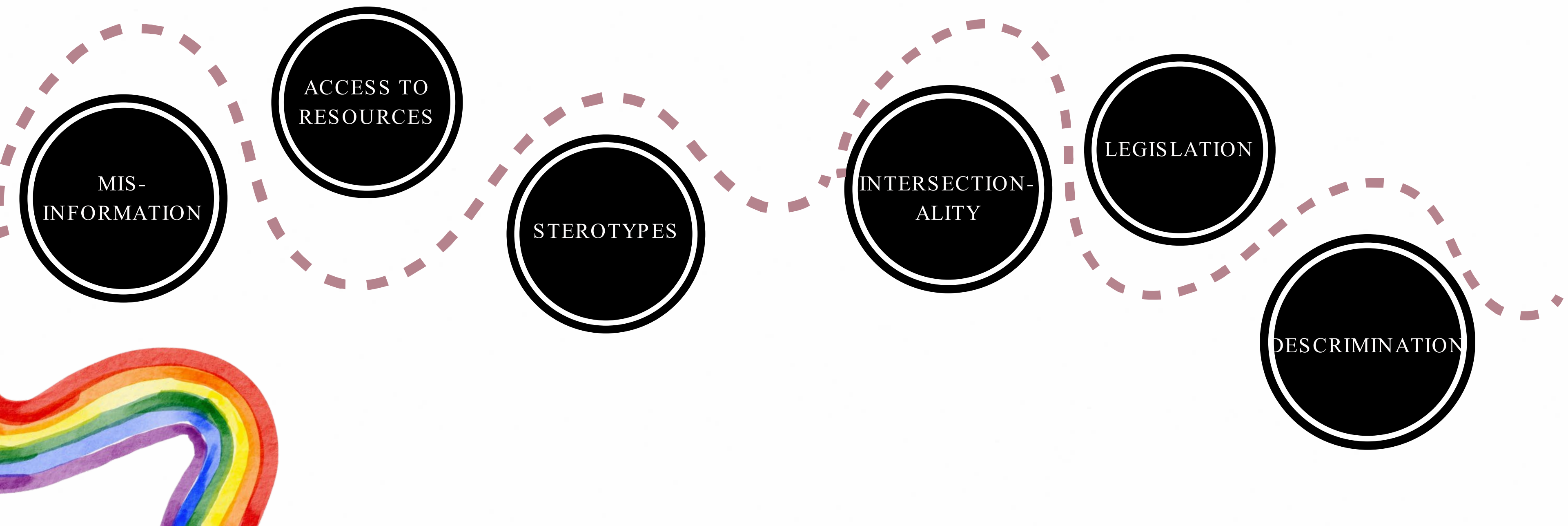
ASEXUAL



PANSEXUAL



BARRIERS FOR LGBTQ+ YOUTH

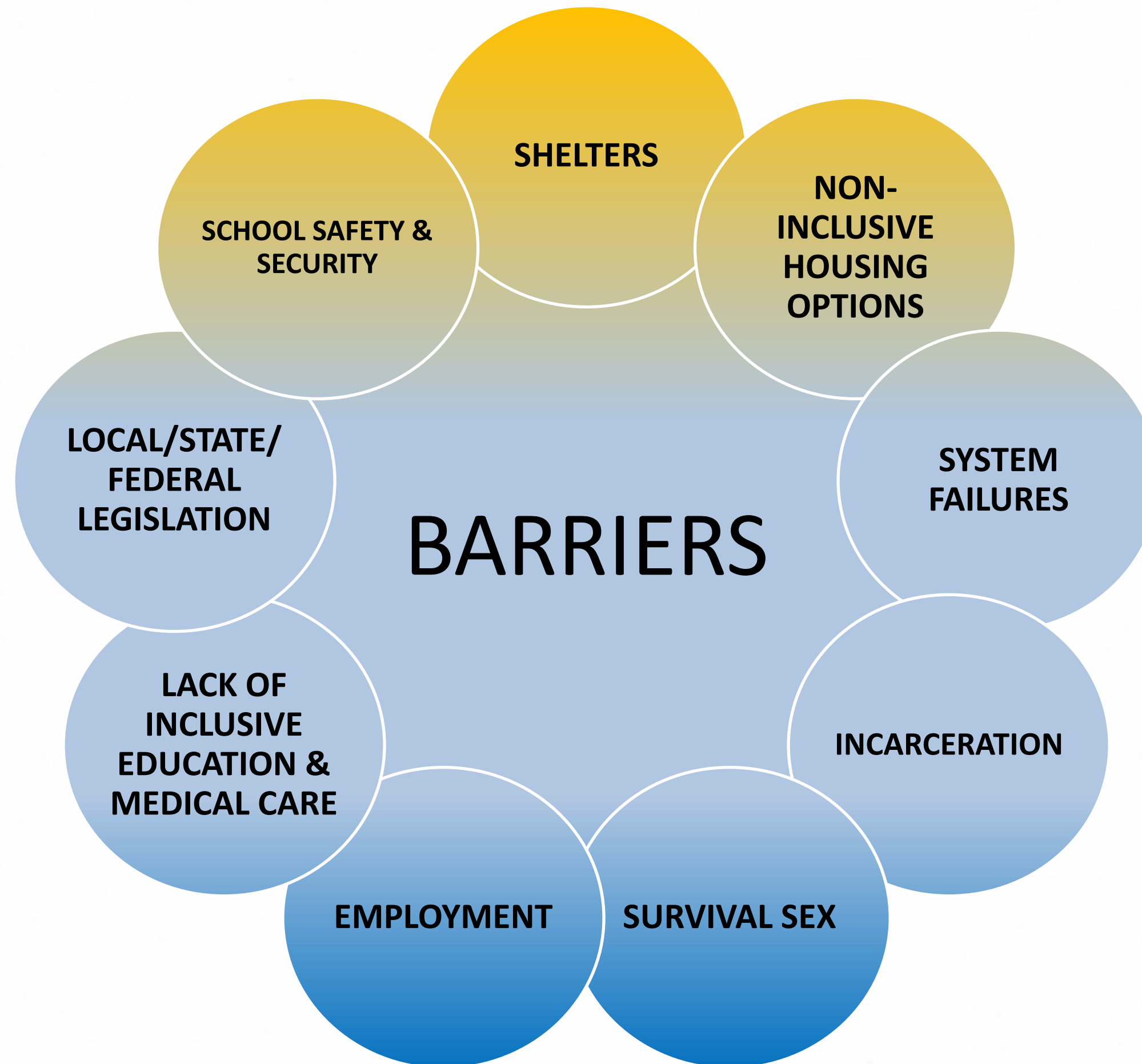




LGBTQ+ YOUTH & UNSTABLE HOUSING

28% OF LGBTQ YOUTH REPORTED
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR
HOUSING INSTABILITY

40% OF HOMELESS YOUTH IDENTIFY AS
LGBTQ, WHILE THE GENERAL YOUTH
POPULATION IS ONLY 10% LGBTQ+



DOESN'T REQUIRE
'UNDERSTANDING'

IS RESPECTFUL AND
OPENMINDED

IS SOMETIMES
UNCOMFORTABLE

SHOULDN'T BE
SELECTIVE

IS ACTIONS AND
WORDS

DOESN'T TAKE AWAY
FROM YOUR OWN
IDENTITIES

ALLYSHIP





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CREATING SAFE SPACE

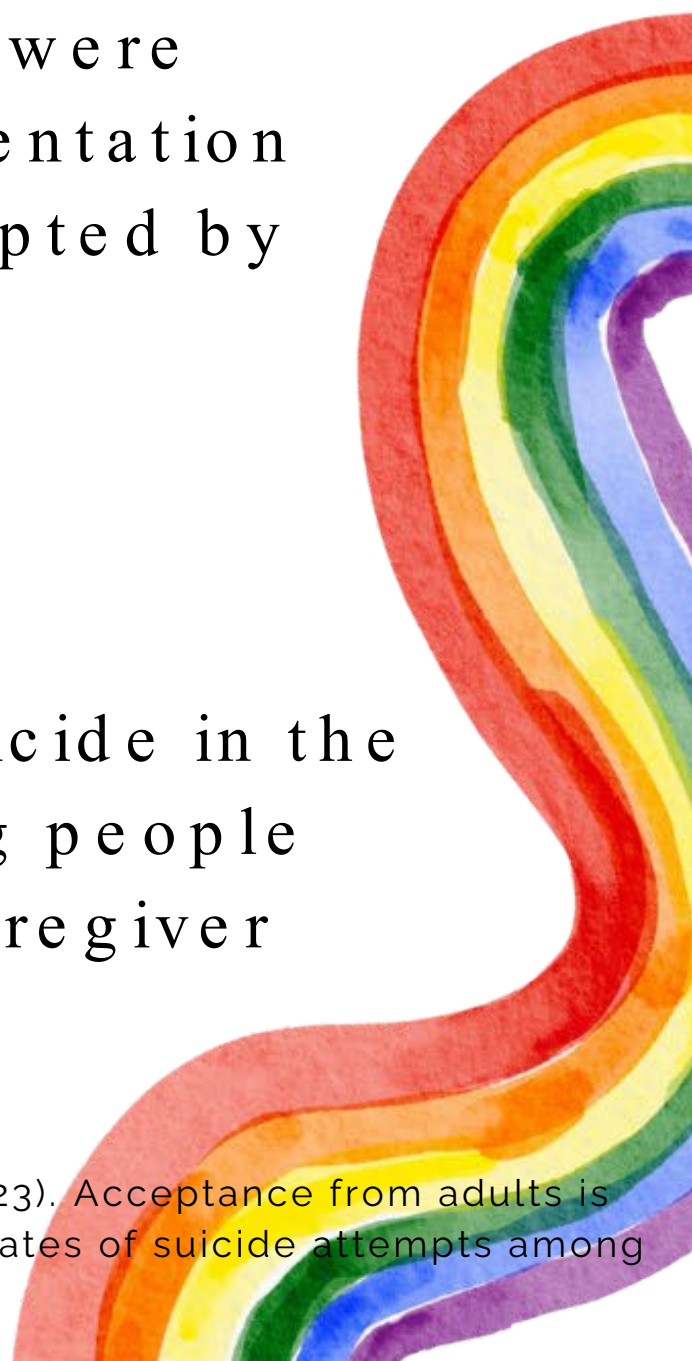
- Policies
- Inclusive Intake
- Physical Space
- Believe the Client
- Remember Your Mission

“LGBTQ+ young people who were out and felt their sexual orientation or gender identity was accepted by a parent/ caregiver had

40%

lower odds of attempting suicide in the past year compared to young people who were out to a parent/ caregiver and did not feel accepted.”

The Trevor Project. (2023). Acceptance from adults is associated with lower rates of suicide attempts among LGBTQ young people.



MUSIC

WHAT

IMPROV MUSIC GROUP

PURPOSE

- ENGAGE YOUTH
- ENCOURAGE POSITIVE INTERACTIONS
- DEVELOP COPING STRATEGIES

OUTCOMES

- INCREASE IN LIFE SKILLS SUCH AS COOPERATION, HEALTHY BOUNDARY SETTING, COMMUNICATION
- RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

MUSEUM

WHAT

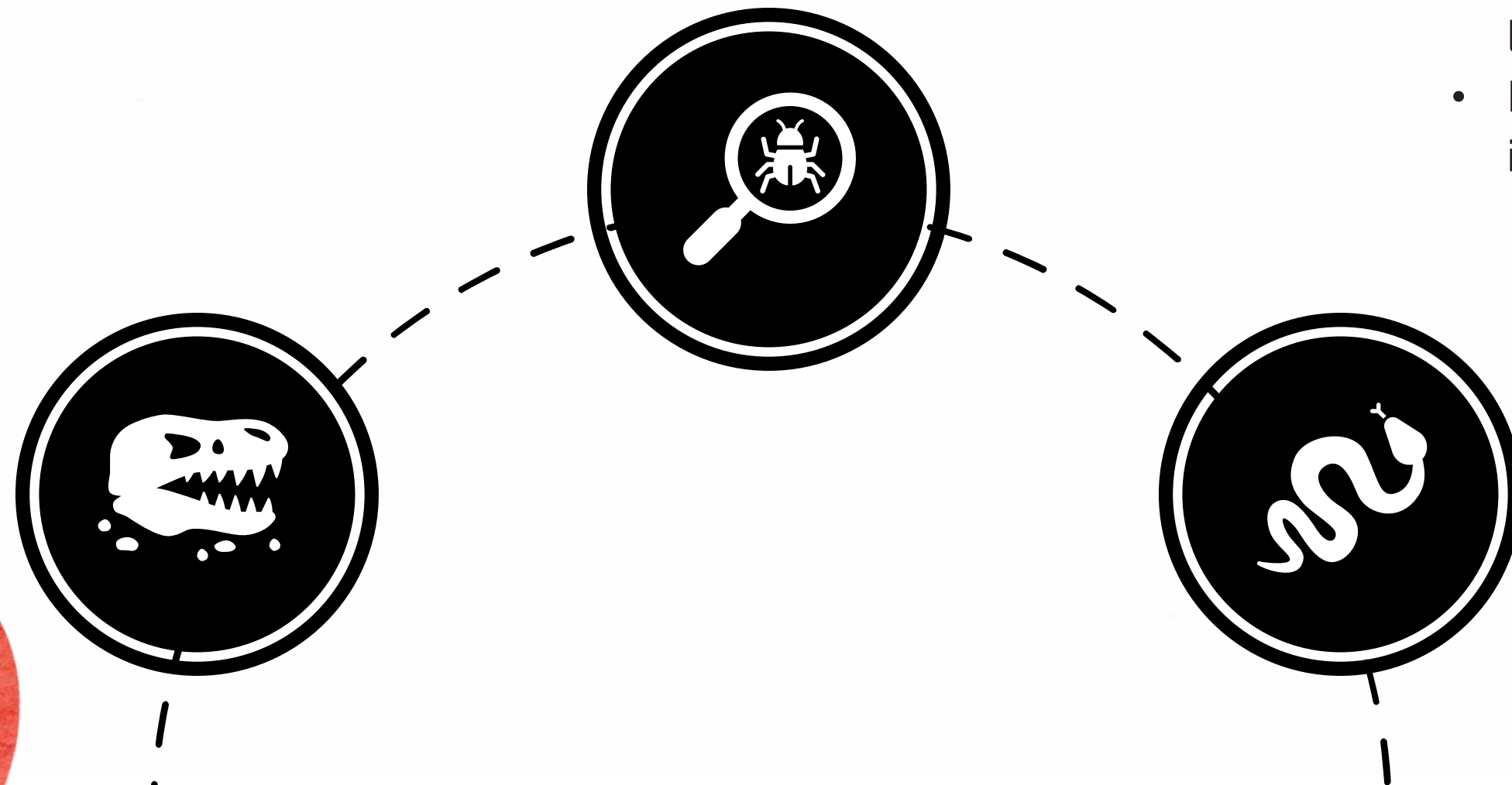
Bring the Museum of Natural Science to youth.

PURPOSE

- Engage youth
- Provide education

OUTCOMES

- Increased community engagement
- Developed health leisure activities
- Explored new interests



ART

WHAT

- ART HOUR
- CRAFT YOUR PRIDE

PURPOSE

- ENGAGE YOUTH
- CREATE A SAFE SPACE

OUTCOMES

- MORE MEANINGFUL & IN-DEPTH CONVERSATIONS
- INCREASED ENGAGEMENT
- RELATIONSHIP BUILDING
- CONFIDENCE BUILDING



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THANK YOU

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ART HOUR

