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A brief history of Chico's Stonewall Alliance

FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, Stonewall has been committed to its mission of “creating an accepting environment for members of the Lesbian,

Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transexual, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, 2 Spirit and Ally community (abbreviated LGBTQ+) that is open, safe and inclusive for all people” in the Northern Sacramento Valley.

To meet these ends, the agency provides education and outreach programs, social recreation and support groups and many more services from its headquarters, the Stonewall Alliance Center at 358 East 6th Street. Stonewall is dedicated to building a strong LGBTQ+ community and being an integrated part of the larger community.

Stonewall became a nonprofit organization in 1990 and established a physical location in 1992, but it has much deeper roots. In the 1970s, Chico residents Harlen and Lois Adams opened their homes to gays, lesbians and their families and friends. These casual get-togethers became regular meetings and a strong source of support for those who attended as the group evolved into

a founding chapter of the national PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) organization. A group of

men and women from PFLAG saw the need for a broader organization and started Stonewall.

Stonewall takes its name from a landmark incident in gay history, a 1969 showdown between police and patrons of the Stonewall Inn, a bar in New York City's Greenwich Village. The Stonewall Inn was a gay-friendly bar at a time when such establishments were the subject of raids ordered by the mayor's office and condoned by a largely unaware and homophobic society.

In the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn, arresting and assaulting several patrons. Others refused to disperse shouting “Gay power!” and starting a chorus of “We shall overcome!” Civil unrest eventually erupted and one of the country's first gay activist organizations was founded soon after.

Activism lies at the heart of Stonewall. Over the years they have worked tirelessly to raise awareness about issues including HIV and AIDS, hate crimes, marriage equality and more. When members of the local LGBTQ+

community suffer violence - from a brutal gay bashing outside a Cherry Street bar in June 1992, to an incident in February 2012, where a group of friends, some in drag, were verbally and physically assaulted - Stonewall has been there to take action, provide emotional and physical support for victims and raise awareness.

As anarchist Emma Goldman once said, “A revolution without dancing is not a revolution worth having,” a sentiment Stonewall shares with its regular social and

entertainment events, including dances, performances and all manner of gatherings. Stonewall helped organize Chico's first pride event - the 1991 Freedom Fest on the Chico State campus and currently hosts Chico's annual Pride Weekend. This year, Stonewall was integral in establishing May 22 as Harvey Milk Day in the City of Chico.

Stonewall is overseen by a board of directors and is almost entirely dependent on volunteers.

Whether you're in need or want to help others, Stonewall encourages everyone to visit its virtual home at www.stonewallchico.org or stop by the center in person.

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Programs offered through Chico's Stonewall Alliance

Chico PFLAG: (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) provides support to friends and families of LGBTQ+ people. Meetings hosted at Stonewall.

Counseling and Support: referrals for mental health counseling and support can be made by phone or in person at the Center during office hours. Counseling will soon be available through the center.

HIV Testing: the Stonewall believes it is important for everyone to know their HIV status. Free confidential testing is available at the center. Call or check the website for times.

LGBT AA: holds an open AA meeting at Stonewall. NA also welcome.

SAY Teens: the weekly teens group is a non-threatening, non-discriminatory and safe place for teens (ages 14 to 17) to talk about gender and sexual identity and be accepted as themselves.

SAY Twenties: the 20s group is an open group of young adults (ages 18 to 29) who meet on a weekly basis to be social, talk about LGBTQ+ life in Chico and plan events around town.

Transgender Stonewall: the trans group is open to anyone who identifies on the transgender spectrum. Meetings are open to friends, family, partners and allies.

Harlan Adams Library: Stonewall has a large selection of LGBTQ+ books, fiction and nonfiction available for reading or borrowing.

Welcoming Environment: Stonewall provides a space where people can drop in, hang out, feel safe, learn about what we do and more.

For more information on these programs, call (530) 893-3336 or visit www.stonewallchico.org

EARLY IN THE MORNING of February 6, Brian Denham and a small group of friends decided to grab something to eat in downtown Chico after spending the evening at the Maltese Bar. As the bar had hosted a drag show that night, two of the five men were dressed for the occasion.

While they were standing in line at Jack in the Box at the corner of Broadway and Fifth streets, a group of five or six young men started verbally attacking them. Being used to such harassment, Denham and friends mostly bit their tongues until the situation escalated outside the restaurant.

“While we were in the restaurant people made comments,” recalled Matthew Cottrell, one of the men dressed in drag, days after the incident. “We did what we always do



and that’s walk away, try to ignore it and pretend it’s not happening. When we went outside it became impossible to do that. There was a crowd of people throwing hate like it was water balloons. It was really too much to stand for.”

The aggressors followed them toward their car and eventually one of them punched Denham and started running; Denham fell to the ground chasing after the assailants and another man jumped on the back of his head.

Denham received seven stitches and treatment for an orbital fracture and a laceration to the forehead. The assailants fled and, to this day, have never been caught. Chico police didn’t classify the incident as a hate crime despite the fact the men hurled racial and homophobic insults at Denham and his friends.

Five months later, Denham said he still has a scar, but the physical and emotional wounds are mostly healed.

He now works with the Forest Service, has sustained no permanent injuries and said life is good today.

For a few months following the attack he felt uneasy walking the streets, but even that quickly passed.

Hate Close to Home

Catching up with local hate crime victim five months after attack

“There was a crowd of people throwing hate like it was water balloons. It was really too much to stand for.”

“It wasn’t even the first time I’d been harassed in Chico,” he said during a recent interview. “A lot of people in the LGBTQ+ community have to deal with this on a regular basis, and I know I have. I guess I’m not the kind of person to let it stop me from doing what I want to do.”

Denham has chosen to focus his energy positively and plans to help raise funds for the Hate Crime Task Force,

which was formed in response to his own attack. The Task Force is bringing more awareness to violence and hate crimes in Chico and collaborating with the City of Chico, Chico Police Department, Chico State, the University Police Department and others to find solutions.

Having been a victim himself, Denham understands first-hand the importance of a supportive organization.

Stonewall urged the police to take the incident more seriously. When Denham faced medical bills from the attack—totaling more than \$18,000—the Alliance helped raise funds for costs not covered by Denham’s insurance and the California Victim Compensation Program.

“Stonewall was a great help,” he said. “Without them and the community they’ve helped build here, I would’ve been a lot worse off.”

Education

Stonewall Alliance offers educational opportunities:

Speakers Bureau: presenters or panels can attend your groups, events, classes, or trainings to educate participants about sexual and gender identity, cultural competency, and offer ways to improve understanding and acceptance.

Support groups: Stonewall hosts support groups including PFLAG, Say Teens (ages 14-17), Say Twenties (ages 18-29), Transgender Stonewall, LGBTQ+ Alcoholics Anonymous.

Printed Material and Library: Stonewall has a lot of resource materials including pamphlets on specific topics and from other agencies. Stop by and check them out.

Community forum and events: Stonewall hosts open discussions on topics including suicide, bullying, hate crimes, the law, healthy relationships as well as events like Harvey Milk Day and Coming Out for ART. For more information call 530.893.3336 or go to www.StonewallChico.org

Preventing Teen Suicide

SAYes is an education and outreach program funded by an MHSA grant through Butte County Department of Behavioral Health aimed at preventing LGBTQ+ teen suicide. An important aspect of this program is to create an open, safe and accepting environment for LGBTQ+ youth. Suicide attempts are twice as likely by youth identifying as LGBTQ+ than heterosexuals. SAYes takes a proactive approach by offering regular meetings in which young people can share their experiences in a safe and comfortable setting. It also reaches out to parents, teachers, counselors, the faith community and others to support and educate them.

SAYes and Stonewall are part of the Butte County Suicide Prevention Task Force – “Care Enough To Act” program

For more information contact Stonewall – center@stonewallchico.org

In crisis? Need to Talk? Want more resources?

24/7 LGBTQ+ Youth Helpline – Trevor Project: 866.488.7386 www.TheTrevorProject.org/

Butte County Youth Crisis Services 24/7 Hotline: 800.371.4373

GLBT National Youth Talkline: 800.246.7743 www.YouthTalkline.org

It Gets Better Project: www.itgetsbetter.org

Host Home Project

During the upcoming Pride Weekend, LGBTQ+ Chico Host Home Project (HHP) will make its debut. Stonewall in collaboration with other local agencies is creating an “outside-the-system” community and volunteer-based response to LGBTQ+ youth homelessness. HHP will connect homeless youth with families wanting to give them a home and a family. During their stay in a host home, young people will:

- **EXPERIENCE** living with and being supported by stable adults.
- **WITNESS** the give-and-take of living in a functional household.
- **EXPERIENCE** living in a situation where their sexual and gender identity is respected and celebrated.
- Have their **BASIC NEEDS** met and gain life skills needed for modern living.

BULLYING

Of Sticks & Stones

Local third-grader relates struggle with bullying at school

ASK MOST THIRD-GRADE BOYS who their heroes are, and you're likely to hear a litany of sports stars and super heroes, but Simon* isn't your typical 8-year-old. He doesn't care much for Power Rangers, could take or leave Spiderman, but he does like Wonder Woman. His real hero, though, is Audrey Hepburn.

"I love her!" Simon said, his eyes lighting up. "My favorite movie ever is Funny Face."

It's more than his interests that set him apart—Simon is strikingly bright and articulate beyond his years. He also loves the color pink, and the day we met he wore his favorite pink-and-white-striped polo shirt. The shirt itself is a symbol of the sadness this sweet child has been forced to endure at the hands of a few students at a local school.

"In kindergarten, on the last day of school, a boy bullied me for this shirt," Simon said. "He said, 'Boys don't

wear that color, it's a girls shirt, you're a sissy.' I didn't wear this shirt again for a year because I didn't want to be bullied."

This is just one of the tragic tales Simon and his mother, Carol*, shared. It was not the first incident—they said the bullying basically started, in more subtle ways, shortly after Simon started school.

It's also not the worst.

"Sticks and stones," as the old saying goes, but in Simon's case the bullying escalated beyond hurtful words to actual stones. Just last year, during second grade, another student who had been harassing Simon earlier in the day struck him in the head with a rock during lunch recess. Simon had to go to the hospital with a concussion. To this day, he is so shaken up he couldn't initially tell the story, instead drawing a picture of a child throwing a rock at another child's head.

He recalls another incident steadily at first: "Another boy kicked me in the privates," he said before his voice stumbled and tears welled in his eyes. "And called me a stupid sissy girl."

Carol said the situation has improved somewhat, and she was mostly happy with the school's response when she reported the bullying. The school has taken measures to address the issue, including having students sign a pledge stating they won't stand by and let others be bullied, but will intervene or report it. But, Simon said, "some students break the pledge all the time," and both he and his mom hesitate to say it's over with.

"I just wish teachers would see it sooner," Simon said in response to what he would like to see happen. "Also,

sometimes they won't believe you. Someone will say, 'That kid's bullying me,' and the teachers won't believe them until a few weeks later when they see them do it."

It's hard not to be moved by Simon's story, and Stonewall Alliance member Nicholas Mertz, a friend of Carol and Simon's, was visibly shaken.

"Another boy kicked me in the privates and called me a stupid sissy girl."

"It reminds me so much of my own childhood," he said. "I was teased because of my interests, the fact I didn't play sports, and my lisp."

Mertz said the abuse got so bad he remembers having suicidal thoughts at a young age. Those experiences were part of his impetus for getting involved with the Alliance.

"One thing I hear people say that just makes me sick is, 'Oh well, kids will be kids,'" Carol said. "We really need to stop that way of thinking, that anything about this kind of situation is OK. Nobody deserves to be treated like this."

* These names have been changed to protect the subjects' privacy.

The Effects of Bullying

Students who are bullied can suffer from:

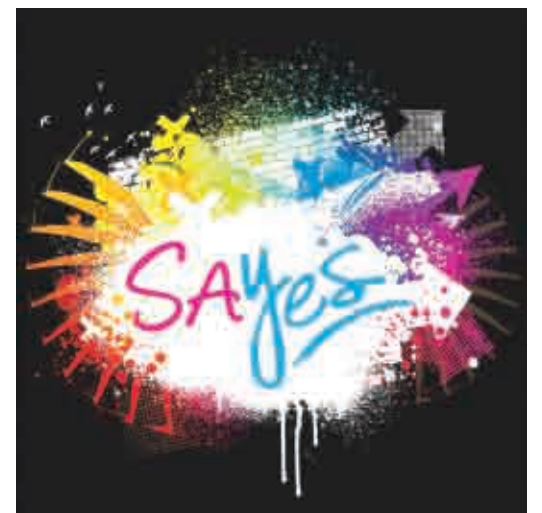
- Depression
- Low self-esteem
- Health problems
- Poor grades
- Suicidal thoughts

Students who bully their peers are more likely to:

- Have been bullied
- Get into frequent fights
- Steal and vandalize property
- Drink alcohol and smoke
- Report poor grades
- Perceive a negative climate at school
- Carry a weapon

Students who witness bullying can feel:

- Fearful
- Powerless to act
- Guilty for not intervening
- Tempted to participate



BULLYING BY THE NUMBERS

General bullying statistics

The 2009 School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey polled 25,217,000 U.S. students between the ages of 12 and 18. The survey found:

- 28%** students experienced some form of bullying.
- 18.8%** students were made fun of, called names or insulted.
- 16.5%** students were the subject of rumors.
- 5.7%** students were threatened with harm.
- 9%** students were pushed, shoved, tripped or spit on.
- 3.6%** students were forced to do things they didn't want to.
- 4.7%** students were excluded from activities on purpose.

LGBTQ+ bullying statistics

According to the 2009 National School Climate Survey:

- 84.6%** LGBT students reported being verbally harassed, 40.1% physically harassed and 18.8% physically assaulted at school in the past year because of sexual orientation.
- 72.4%** heard homophobic remarks, such as "faggot" or "dyke," frequently or often at school.
- 61.1%** of students reported that they felt unsafe in school because of their sexual orientation.
- 29.1%** LGBT students missed a class at least once and 30.0% missed at least one day in the past month, compared to only 8 and 6.7 percent, respectively, of secondary school students.

A. Students Who Bully.

These students want to bully, start the bullying, and play a leader role.

B. Followers or Henchmen

These students are positive toward the bullying and take an active part, but don't usually initiate it and do not play a lead role.

C. Supporters or Passive Bullies

These students actively and openly support the bullying, for example through laughter or calling attention to the situation, but they don't join in.

D. Passive Supporters or Possible Bullies

These students like the bullying but do not show outward signs of support.

E. Disengaged Onlookers

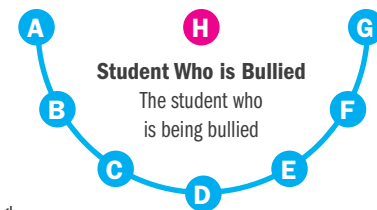
These students do not get involved and do not take a stand, nor do they participate actively in either direction. They might think or say: "It's none of my business," or "Let's watch and see what happens."

F. Possible Defenders

These students dislike the bullying and think they should help the student who is being bullied but do nothing

G. Defenders

They dislike the bullying and help or try to help the student who is being bullied.



Developing Common Language

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program strives to prevent bullying on different levels

BULLYING IS NOTHING NEW.

We've all experienced it in some way, shape or form. Perhaps you've never been bullied or been a bully, but you've certainly seen or heard bullying behavior.

The impacts of such behavior go beyond the student being bullied—it also affects students who observe bullying behavior. And though it may be impossible to completely eradicate bullying, a great deal of it is preventable. "I've worked with the fallout from bullying behavior and it has devastating consequences," said Mary Lou Snodgrass, a marriage and family therapist with more than 20 years of experience and a certified trainer of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. "We spend a lot of time fishing people out of the river. I want to prevent them from falling in, or at least teach them how to swim."

Dan Olweus, creator of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, wrote in his book, *Bullying at School: What We Know and What We Can Do*, "A person is bullied when he or she is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more other persons, and he or she has difficulty defending himself or herself."

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is a long-term, system-wide program for change involving program components at four levels: School, Classroom, Individual, and Community. The key to the program is developing a

common language spoken by students, teachers, administrators, staff, parents and the community at large.

Nearly one in five students in an average classroom is experiencing bullying in some form, according to Olweus. The rest of the students, or "bystanders," are also affected by the bullying, Snodgrass said. It is common to think bullying only involves the bully, the followers and the student who is bullied, but Olweus' Bullying Circle (see diagram) demonstrates more complex dynamics involved in the situation. Those who passively support or intentionally disengage from the bullying behavior also contribute to the problem.

The goal, Snodgrass said, is to move people one or more spots away from the Bully and toward the Defender. Moving people just one spot in the circle can have positive results that ripple through the school and community.

"I want to bring this program to the schools, so I became a trainer," said Snodgrass. In collaboration with Stonewall's SAYes program she started the site www.no-bullying.org and is seeking support from local schools, agencies and other organizations. Ultimately, the implementation and success of a bullying program like Olweus hinges on community outreach and support. The first in a series of community meetings is scheduled for September at Stonewall (358 E 6th St. Chico)



Overcoming Barriers

Catalyst offers judgment-free domestic violence services

A YOUNG MAN recently came to Catalyst Domestic Violence Services for assistance with a restraining order against his roommate. Although Catalyst services are specifically for individuals experiencing abuse in an intimate relationship, an advocate helped him complete the paperwork.

“The advocate could see how desperate he was,” said Torie Mantzouranis, an advocate for Catalyst. “After a few hours of support and trying to figure out what his story was, it wasn’t quite adding up. The participant finally came out and said, ‘It’s not my roommate, it’s my partner and we live together. I wasn’t being honest because I didn’t know how you would react.’”

Incidents like these are the main impetus behind Catalyst’s new LGBTQ+ Program, which specifically serves victims of intimate partner violence who identify with the LGBTQ+ community. Catalyst traditionally assists victims of diverse backgrounds and the new program addresses the additional barriers an LGBTQ+ community member faces when seeking help from such a service agency.

“Regardless of the level or type of abuse, we know that some people are concerned the advocate they come to talk to is going to be homophobic,” said Molly Heck, Director of Client and Housing Services. “With this program in place, we want to make it really clear to the LGBTQ+ community that Catalyst is a safe and accepting place.

“Being able to access support and counseling from people who understand your identity and the dynamics and chal-

lenges around that identity in this hetero-centric world is really important.”

The staff and volunteers at Catalyst are well aware of how difficult asking for help with any relationship can be, and also recognize the additional challenges facing someone who identifies as LGBTQ+. If, for instance, a victim seeks help from a social service agency and has a negative experience due to their sexual identity, circumstances typically must be severe for the victim to seek help a second time. Catalyst staff members have developed collaborative efforts with social services agencies and law enforcement throughout Butte County to ensure a safe response for victims of same-sex partner violence. This new program will proactively address anti-LGBTQ+ bias that program participants encounter.

“When people hear about two women fighting they think it’s a catfight, or when two guys fight it’s an equal or mutual fight,” said Melody Proebstel, the LGBTQ+ Program Coordinator. “We’re trying to let everyone know we are going to take their situation seriously.”

In fact, Catalyst goes above and beyond to accommodate the needs of their participants, even in extreme cases. Sever-

al years ago, a transgender woman from Paradise approached Catalyst because her partner had become increasingly violent, threatening her with a gun and forcing her to have sex with other men out of their hotel room. Catalyst’s shelter has historically been for female victims of domestic violence and no policy was in place for housing transgender victims.

“There was this question we had to ask ourselves about whether this person would be appropriate for the shelter,” Heck said. “They identify as a woman, therefore she would be at the shelter with other women. There was concern on my part and of other staff members that she would not be welcome, because often people who identify as transgender are considered strange, or freaks, all sorts of things.”

Heck and her colleagues quickly decided to house the woman in the shelter. Despite their initial misgivings, the staff was surprised by how warmly other shelter residents welcomed her.

“She trusted us and it went amazingly well,” Heck said. “It made me check myself and my assumptions about what people would think of her, because I’ve certainly seen plenty of violence and harassment toward transgender people. It was a testament to the willingness of our staff to say, ‘We’ve got your back, you totally deserve to be here.’”

With Catalyst support, the transgender woman was eventually able to leave the abusive relationship and move out of the area. Unfortunately, her story is not unique. For those who find themselves in similar situations, Catalyst’s doors will be open regardless of how they identify.

We’ve got your back, you totally deserve to be here.



Healthy Relationship Quiz

In this relationship quiz, give yourself one point for every question that you can answer with a “Yes.”

DO YOU...

Value your partner’s needs and interests?

Accept responsibility for your choices and decisions?

Feel a fair amount of **give and take** in your relationship?

Appreciate your partner’s perspective, even when you don’t agree?

Allow your partner to be alone or with others as they please?

Support your partner’s goals and relationships with others?

Communicate openly and truthfully?

Provide a **safe space** for your partner to share secrets and feelings?

Recognize your partner’s needs and obligations as equally important as your own?

Promoting Healthy Relationships

Q&A with Catalyst LGBTQ+ Program Coordinator Melody Proebstel and Outreach Specialist Alex Brown (Pictured Below)

WHAT IS A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP?

Alex: All relationships are different, but everyone deserves to feel safe and supported. In healthy relationships, both partners are compassionate toward each other and willing to compromise and accept responsibility for their own actions. The foundation for healthy relationships is support, safety and mutual respect. We encourage you to take our healthy relationships quiz and to model the behaviors listed there.

DOES INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV) OCCUR IN LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER (LGBTQ+) RELATIONSHIPS?

Melody: Although IPV in LGBTQ+ relationships is often downplayed or ignored, it is just as common and dangerous. Research shows that one in four relationships is abusive regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. While surveys have found that 85 percent of IPV victims are women, men living with male partners experience more IPV than men who live with female partners.

HOW IS IPV DIFFERENT IN LGBTQ+ RELATIONSHIPS?

Alex: While abusive tactics may look similar regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, abusive partners in LGBTQ+ relationships often use homophobia to further control and isolate victims. Some of these tactics include threatening to "out" the victim to friends, family, or employers, taking away hormones or the funds that pay for them, blocking access to support services by claiming to be the victim (which can be easier in same-sex relationships) and convincing the victim no one will help them because of their LGBTQ+ identity.

WHY DOES CATALYST HAVE A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY?

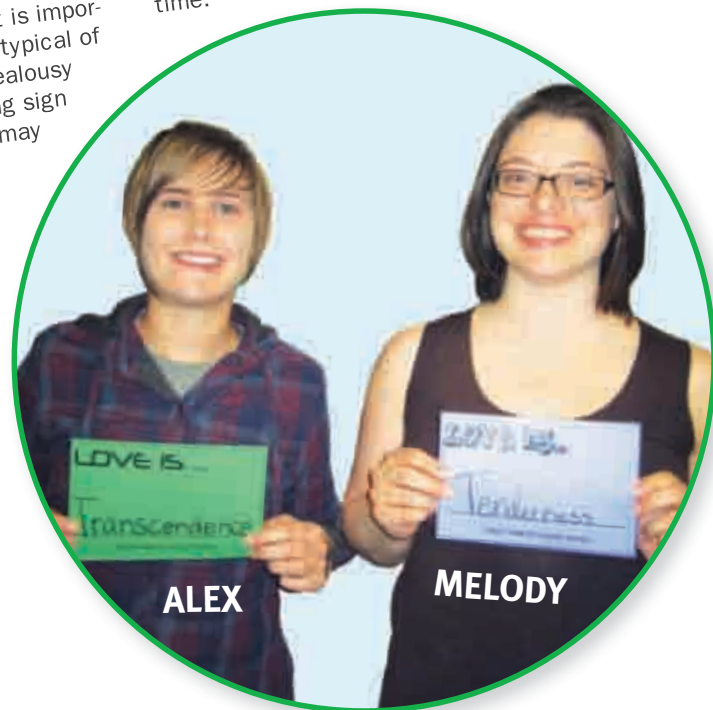
Melody: Catalyst has provided services to LGBTQ+ victims and survivors for many years. We recognize that additional barriers restrict these individuals from seeking out and receiving services and from getting out of abusive or unhealthy situations. Catalyst created this program to collaborate with Stonewall and other community allies in addressing those barriers. It is our goal to become a more accessible, welcoming and safe space for people who identify as LGBTQ+, to promote healthy relationships for everyone and openly voice our support and dedication to individuals' identities.

WHAT ARE SOME WARNING SIGNS THAT SOMEONE I KNOW IS EXPERIENCING AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP?

Alex: Abuse can be difficult to recognize, but it is important to acknowledge some behaviors that are typical of unhealthy or abusive relationships. Extreme jealousy and possessiveness is the number-one warning sign of an abusive relationship. A victim of abuse may be constantly worried about upsetting their partner, check in often with their partner about what they're doing and who they're with, talk about being wrongly accused of cheating or flirting with others, or give up activities and hobbies that used to be important. Abusive partners often criticize their partner, especially in front of others. They may belittle their partner's sexual or gender identity, call them names, engage in stalking behavior, or attempt to isolate their partner from their primary sources of support.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS EXPERIENCING IPV IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP?

Melody: The most important thing that we can do for friends and family in an abusive situation is to stay present in their lives by continually voicing support for them. It is important to believe what they say, tell them they don't deserve abuse and explain that you are concerned for their safety. Let them know what's happening in their relationship doesn't make them any less strong, important, or capable as individuals. It can also be helpful to provide resources for them like domestic violence hotline numbers, statistics about domestic violence, strategies for safety planning and information about red flags. Finally, as their friend or family member, it's important to understand that leaving a relationship is difficult and it will take time.



ALEX

MELODY

DOES YOUR PARTNER...

Encourage you to spend time with your friends?

Support your choices about who to be "out" to?

Openly discuss **fears and feelings** in a way that allows you to feel safe?

Respect and value your opinions?

Honor your personal boundaries?

Listen to you without judgment?

Validate your identity and **connections** to the community?

Seek **mutually satisfying** resolutions to conflict?

Admit to being wrong?

SCORE

15 – 18 points: Congratulations! Your relationship appears to be respectful and compassionate. Maintaining open communication and trust with your partner will help your relationship continue to be healthy and supportive.

12 – 15 points: Like most people, you have a few things to work on in your relationship. A conversation with your partner about the questions you did not answer with a yes may be beneficial for you both.

9 – 12 points: Perhaps you have identified some reasons to be concerned about your relationship? Addressing these issues will require commitment and compassion for each other. You may even want to seek assistance from individuals outside of the relationship.

8 points or less: Although you may feel unsafe in your relationship, you are not alone. Catalyst can help you develop a safety plan and learn how to protect yourself. Our hotline is available 24/7. Call today: 1-800-895-8476.

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24-HOUR HOTLINE:

800-895-8476

WEBSITE:

www.catalystdvservices.org

Chico PRIDE Weekend

August 24, 25, 26 2012



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Friday 8/24

MINI MERNA PRESENTS: X-POSED

8pm - Midnight @ Chico Women's Club

Bar proceeds go to the ISCCD. \$10 Admission

Saturday 8/25

CHICO AIDS WALK/RUN

Sign up 7:30am - Starts 8:30am @ One Mile

\$20 Entrance Fee

FREE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

@ Catalyst 330 Wall St., Suite 50

11:30a Defining the Line: Supporting Youth Relationships

1:00p Moving Beyond Trans 101

2:30p Ask the SEXpert

4:00p Self-Defense Strategies

PRIDE FESTIVAL

10am - 5pm @ Downtown Plaza

Live Performances, Music, Food, Vendors, & Beer-Wine Garden. Festival Donations Accepted

FREE TEEN DANCE

5pm - 8pm @ Chico Women's Club.

PRIDE DANCE (18+)

8pm - midnight @ Chico Women's Club

No-Host Bar. \$5 Admission

Sunday 8/26

FREE PRIDE BRUNCH

9am - 12pm @ Children's Park

Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, & Coffee

11:30 Alex Brown - LGBTQ+ Program Outreach Specialist, Catalyst DV Services

Defining the Line: Supporting Youth Relationships

In this youth-focused workshop we will talk about relationships, from healthy to abusive and everything in between. Digital media and interactive activities will be used to ignite a discussion about what we see and hear about LGBTQ+ relationships, and how we experience them in our lives. Discussions will include how to identify abusive or unhealthy behaviors in relationships and how to support our friends and peers when it comes to their relationships.

1:00 Aydin Kennedy - Moving Beyond Trans* 101 - deconstructing sex, gender and the gender binary

'what do you mean there are more than two sexes' Aydin will take you on a journey exploring how our personal and collective definitions of sex, gender, and the gender binary impact the understanding of trans*.

2:30 Lindsay Briggs, Ph.D., MPH - Ask the SEXpert

Ever had a question about sex but didn't know who to ask? Not sure what you've heard or read on the Internet is true? Now is your opportunity to have your questions answered by a trained and knowledgeable professional. In this open and interactive session Dr. Lindsay Briggs will answer audience questions about sexuality & sexual health.

4:00 Delina Fuchs - Self-Defense Strategies

This interactive workshop will include strategies for avoiding physical confrontations, a few basic techniques for the "non-martial-artist," and an informative question/answer session with a local 34-year veteran of the martial arts.

Friday Aug 24th | Mini Merna Show

1. High Fashion Runway

2. Variety Show

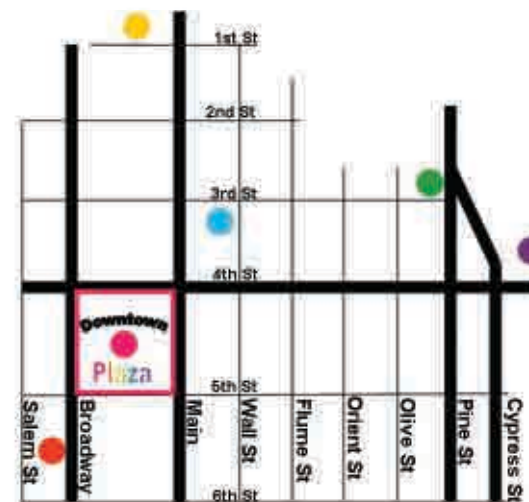
Perky Madera, Bessie May Mucho, Dickey LaRoca, Tiffany Turquoise, Mini Merna, & Perky Madera

3. Drag Show

Entertainers: Mini Merna, Dickey LaRoca, Tiffany Turquoise, Perky Madera, Veronica Lakeside, Bijou Lamour, Regina Gina, Maggie May IbNasty, Nicola Beattsyrase, Darla Gayle, LaQuesha Renay Williams, Jenna Talia, Brandi Star, Coco LeCreme, Claudette de Versalli, Bessie May Mucho, Dolly Krouguar, Cherry Rupture

EVENT LOCATIONS:

- Chico AIDS Walk/Run @ One-Mile (Bidwell Park)
- Pride Festival @ Downtown Plaza
- Educational Workshops @ Catalyst 330 Wall St., Suite 50
- Beer & Wine Garden @ Chico Peace & Justice Center 526 Broadway
- Pride Dance & Teen Dance @ Chico Women's Club 592 E. 3rd St.
- FREE Pancake Brunch (Sunday, Aug 26) @ Children's Park



Saturday Aug 25

10am to 5pm Festival Speakers and Entertainers

include: (See www.StonewallChicoPride.com or fb for times and details)

Ann Schwab, Scott Gruendl, Nandi Crosby, ACLU Speaker, LGBTQA+ Community Activist Awards, Mini Merna, Delta Work, Benji Shagz, Frankie Doppler's Nuclear Sunrise, Zumba Fitness w/ Francisco Serrano, Origin Belly Dancers, Aaron Kemper & Jacky Amodia, Delta Work, Alex Brown, Bijou Lamour, LaQuesha, Ranay Williams, Perky Madera, Regina Gina, Dickie LaRoca, Corporon Band, Ryan Mattel.

Special Pride Festival Performance by DELTA WORK



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