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JOIN A SOCIAL GROUP!

Over the past year, Damien Center has expanded our social group offerings to include specific requests from our clients.

These groups are a safe space where you can come and process any feelings or emotions you are experiencing while building lasting connections with others.

To find out more information about available social groups, please visit our website at <https://damien.org/services/social-groups>



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CENTER

SOCIAL GROUPS

Over the past year, Damien Center has incorporated more spaces for clients to come and share their common celebrations and struggles through support groups. Below are the groups that we currently offer. For more information, contact Robin Thompson (rthompson@damien.org).

POSITIVE LIVING

Positive Living Social Group is a space for those living with HIV to find peer support, share their journey, and connect with others.

Group Information

Every Tuesday
11:00am - 12:30pm

TRANS/NON-BINARY

The Trans and Non-Binary Support Group seeks to empower and encourage Trans and Non-Binary clients.

Group Information

Every Tuesday
6:00pm - 7:30pm

NOSOTROS PODEMOS

Nosotros Podemos is a space where Latine people can come to talk about their struggles and have a safe space to open up.

Group Information

1st & 3rd Wednesday
6:00pm - 7:00pm

SMART RECOVERY

Self-Management and Recovery Training (SMART) is a science-based program that aims to help people recover and gain independence from any addictive behavior.

Group Information

Every Thursday
6:00pm - 7:30pm

WOMENS EMPOWERMENT

The Women's Empowerment Group is available to all women who receive services at Damien Center.

Group Information

1st & 3rd Wednesday
10:30am - 12:00pm

ETHICAL NON-MONOGRAMY

The Ethical Non-Monogamy Group will create a safe space for folks to receive encouragement and support.

Group Information

Every Wednesday
6:00pm - 7:30pm

INDIANA AIDS WALK

Walk with us!

On Sunday, September 15, you can help Damien Center raise money for the Gregory R. Powers Direct Emergency Financial Assistance (DEFA) Fund, which keeps individuals and families from becoming unhoused.

DEFA pays for emergency expenses for Hoosiers living with HIV/AIDS who are at or below the poverty level.

DEFA funds have purchased A/C units, heaters, medical devices, license renewals, dental procedures, security devices, pest control, and many other items that help Damien Center clients live safely and maintain their health.

The AIDS Walk is downtown along the canal, beginning at the Indiana History Center at 450 West Ohio Street.

Registration opens at 11:30a and the walk will begin at 1:00p.

For more information, visit <https://indianaaidswalk.org/>

To join the Damien Center team, visit <https://bit.ly/478mq9w>



ART WORKSHOPS FOR NEW DAMIEN CENTER MOSAIC

Join the Empact Art Team in the Damien Center Board Room for some hands-on community building and art making fun!

The art that is created will be used in a mosaic that will be prominently displayed in the new Damien Headquarters. No experience is needed.

Activities will include:

Clay Making: working with clay to make individual pieces that will be added to the mosaic

Mosaic Making: Placing pieces of colorful glass down to create a pattern

Storytelling: Share your story in which ever way feels true to you; via written words, poems, or spoken words.

All materials will be provided and all are welcome.

To get a full list of workshop dates and locations, visit damien.org/art-workshops

For more information, contact Robin Thompson (rthompson@damien.org).



CLIENT RESOURCES

PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

The Peer Recovery Support Group is an open group for people in or seeking recovery from drug or alcohol use. This group is a space to share stories, talk about challenges, share successes, meet others in recovery, and in general gain recovery support.

This group is not affiliated with other Recovery Groups like 12 Steps, SMART Recovery, or Celebrate Recovery.

The group will be meeting at our 3909 N. Meridian St. location.

For more information contact Ross Dorsey (rdorsey@damien.org).

Group Information

Every Friday
1:00pm – 2:00pm

COMMUNITY DAY

Community Day is held on the first Wednesday of every month. Free haircuts, food, and other services will be available to all clients.

Join us in the Damien Board Room for this monthly celebration!

Next Community Day

October 2nd, 2024
1:00pm – 3:00pm

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

La Plaza is offering English courses twice a week for our Latinx community or anyone who would benefit from it.

To sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/3xJIIYA>

Classes Information

Twice a Week



ADULT & CHILD CRISIS CENTER

Adult & Child Health Crisis Center for immediate psychiatric care and crisis intervention has opened.

The center will provide a safe space and a safety net of support and resources to those in crisis. The center is available to serve individuals who are 18 years or older.

Services that are provided include: peer support, medication consultation and prescribing, crisis therapy, referrals and connection to care.

Along with appointments, the center will welcome walk-ins

The center will be open Thursday–Monday from 2:00pm to 10:00pm.

For more information, visit AdultAndChild.org



CLIENT ADVISORY BOARDS

We now have two Client Advisory Boards!

The board meetings are open to clients of Damien Center – *a client is any person who is accessing or has ever accessed a direct service of Damien Center.*

The Ryan White Client Advisory Board is specifically for clients living with HIV. If interested in joining, speak with your case manager.

The Client Advisory Board is open to all clients regardless of HIV status. They meet every other month. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, September 25th from 5:30p–6:30p in the Damien Center Board Room.**

If you are interested in being a part of the Client Advisory Board, please reach out to Jaime Reynolds (jreynolds@damien.org) or your Care Team.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Did you know Damien Center offers a variety of financial assistance programs for medical expenses? Learn more below!

RYAN WHITE SLIDING FEE SCALE

The Ryan White Sliding Fee Scale offers discounts for health services to patients that have active Ryan White enrollment depending on which Ryan White program they are a part of.

Damien.org/RyanWhite



HEALTH CENTER SLIDING FEE SCALE

The Health Center Sliding Fee Scale provides discounts for health services to any patient below a specific income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Damien.org/SFS



HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE

Financial Assistance, also called “charity care” is a partial or total discount available to all patients who demonstrate a Financial Hardship and are unable to pay their medical bills, regardless of insurance status. If you do not have health insurance, you may be required to meet with a Patient Financial Counselor to determine what health insurance options may be available to you. They can only be utilized after a bill has been received.

Damien.org/Hardship



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voice heard!*

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