RAINBOW RESOURCE CENTRE

YOUTH PROGRAM TEAM

SAMARA LUPRYPA

YOUTH PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

Samara Luprypa is the Youth Program Coordinator at Rainbow Resource Centre, which includes Peer Project for Youth, Youth Empowerment Program, and Camp Aurora. Samara is a Registered Social Worker with the Manitoba College of Social Workers. She holds a Bachelor of Social Work Degree. She works to provide meaningful programming and opportunities to LGBT2SQ+ youth that aims to build capacity, resilience, and leadership skills. Creating a positive space where youth can explore their identities and feel that their authentic selves are honored and celebrated, is central to her role.

Samara began her involvement at Rainbow Resource Centre as a social work practicum student in 2011 and has remained involved with the Centre in a number of capacities ever since. Samara previously coordinated the Youth Education Program (Youth Educating Against Homophobia); providing training and support to youth in K-12 schools throughout Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, as well as consultations to teachers and support workers on LGBT2SQ+ inclusive programming. Working with diverse communities within schools has informed her work in the youth program, as she has remained involved with Peer Project for Youth and Camp Aurora for the past 6 years.

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DIANNA GRYWINSKI

YOUTH COUNSELLOR AND PROGRAMMER

Dianna provides counselling to youth ages 13 to 21. Dianna is grateful for the privilege to work with youth as they use the therapeutic process to grow into strong and resilient adults. She is constantly humbled by their honesty and bravery and appreciates their knowledge and insight into their own lives and identities.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies and in the process of completing Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy. She has a background in community mental health, having worked at Klinic Community Health Centre for many years before joining Rainbow Resource Centre.

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JOSEPH MOORE

SCHOOL LGBT2SQ+ EQUITY AND INCLUSION COORDINATOR (SLEIC)

Joseph is the School LGBT2SQ+ Equity and Inclusion Coordinator (SLEIC) for the province of Manitoba. His role at Rainbow Resource Centre is to provide education, resources, and consultation support to schools to develop and implement equity and inclusion policies. His role is to support programming and connect with youth to better understand their school realities.

He is a graduate of the University of Winnipeg with a Bachelors of Education.

Joseph's teaching experiences have provided him with the opportunity to work with a variety of students from many different backgrounds. Through his practicums, volunteer experience, and work experience he has worked specifically with marginalized youth.

Joseph also had the opportunity in the past to volunteer with Rainbow Resource Centre, delivering workshops to classrooms to educate students about homophobia. He also volunteered for other non-profits across Winnipeg to help older youth with literacy and life skills.

Joseph has identified as part of the LGBT2SQ+ community for many years, and more recently as part of the transgender community when he began living and identifying as male in 2015.

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