

**Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis**  
**Additional Information Sheet**

Location:

Growing American Youth

MCC

1120 Dolman St.

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A youth group organized in 1979 by Al Macabeo, which met at MCC. Early on the group was known as "Pride" and "Under 21 Group" but by 1980 selected the name "Growing American Youth."

Bill Cordes, owner of Our World Too bookstore and community organizer, was a long-time sponsor of the group. In looking back at the group's history journalist Colin Murphy described the organization as "a safe-haven for our young people [that] continues to produce generations of well-adjusted and productive LGBT community members."

Group continued to meet at MCC, moving locations with the church in 1984.

For additional history see:

Murphy, Colin. "Growing American Youth Thriving" *Vital Voice*. July 22, 2011.  
<http://www.thevitalvoice.com/growing-american-youth/>