

## Melodie Gonzales

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Melodie is the Program Coordinator for the School and Youth team at The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio. She is a passionate advocate for promoting inclusion, bridging the gaps throughout our communities and disrupting the social biases and systemic injustices in our everyday lives. At The Diversity Center, Melodie coordinates programs and workshops that provide students with necessary skills for creating tolerant communities where all are valued.

### Background

Melodie is a Cleveland/Atlanta hybrid, who has spent equal times in both cities. She has recently moved back to Ohio, and put her roots down. Since returning, she has spent time working with the local LGBTQ center, connecting with The Greater Cleveland Volunteers and becoming an Ingeneer for Ingenuity Cleveland. While in Atlanta, Melodie was a member of the local SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) group, as well as a corporate organizer for Atlanta Pride, Georgia's oldest non-profit agency serving the LGBTQ community.

### Experience

Melodies experience includes coordinating and facilitating and school and youth programs, community outreach, and volunteer work for marginalized/underserved communities. This includes:

- *Organizing comprehensive after-school programs for students k-6*
- *Leading community art projects centered on community building*
- *Conducting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion needs assessments within schools*
- *Designing initiatives centered on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in partnership with local schools*
- *Organizing logistics for School and Youth programming*



#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- PROGRAM LOGISTICS
- FACILITATION
- CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT
- DIVERSITY & INCLUSION NEEDS ASSESSMENT
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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