



## **Educational Program Statement Ocala Pride Inc**

Operating as a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization in Florida since August 3, 2007, Ocala Pride Inc is committed to providing resources, support, and advocacy to empower and uplift members of our north central Florida LGBTQIA+ community. Ocala Pride is headquartered in Ocala, Florida and serves residents of Marion County and surrounding areas.

With our new 2024 Board of Directors, we are expanding our programming to include year-round programming and community service and outreach projects including a monthly youth socials, monthly family-centered events, monthly bingo fundraisers, an annual Pride festival, holiday fundraisers for our community, and much more.

Developing a radio station will advance our educational programs through the on-air broadcast of materials that support and advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community through showcasing inspirational autobiographies, leadership mentorship programs, youth programs, call-in time with a community therapist and highlighting local LGBTQIA+ owned businesses and organizations.

### **Sample programming includes:**

**Honesty Hour:** Hosting an hour of authenticity and story-telling in a podcast style interview with members of the community to provide support and inspiration through sharing their own story of authenticity.

**In the Know:** Special sessions on political reform by informing the community on the latest pending legislation that will impact the LGBTQ+ community, misinformation campaigns and how to dispel myths about our community. After each episode, listeners will be more informed voters and equipped to refute disinformation that is harmful to our community.

**Around the Community:** A time to showcase local LGBTQIA+ owned businesses and organizations.

