A BRIEF HISTORY OF PCC'S

QUEER RESOURCE CENTERS

ROCK CREEK

- GSA Club starts in 1997. Later changed its name to Queer Straight Alliance.
- The QSA and allies made a call for a center and advocated for funding within the Student Activity Fee (SAF).
- In 2011-2012, ASPCC turned "the closet" into the first Queer Resource Center at PCC! ASPCC oversaw the space and trained/employed 3 work study students to help run the center.
- In 2012, 1st QRC Coordinator was hired to work part-time.
- In 2013, 2 part-part-time Coordinators were hired.
- In 2015, another part-time Coordinator was hired. Moved into our new space in Building 5 and had 3 student advocate positions.
- In 2015, RC QRC was still the only independant center with permanent Professional Staff.

CASCADE

- ASPCC had a Q Club of some sort for 20 years and a paid representative from the club since 2007.
- After Cascade students saw the Rock Creek QRC, they advocated for a similar space.
- In 2015, the Queer Resource Space was created from a former ASPCC game room
- 5 students were hired to help run the space .
- Leadership, training, and budget came from ASPCC and a 10 hour Casual Advisor.

SOUTHEAST

- ASPCC has had the "Q Spot" Club since 2010.
- In 2014, the Queer Resource Space was created (in a windowless closet) and 2 student advocates were hired to run the space.
- Leadership, training, and budget came from the ASPCC Director.

SYLVANIA

- United Sexualities Club has existed for over 15 years. It's since transitioned from the QSA Club and now the Q Club.
- In 2013, a task force was created with over 20 folks from Sylvania, including students, faculty, and staff. Their goal was to have a half-time staff member in place by Fall 2016, and to have the QRC up and running by Fall 2017.
- In 2014, the Queer Resource Advocate position was created within the Women's Resource Center. Leadership, training, and budget came from the WRC.
- In 2015, a 20 hour/week Casual QRC Coordinator was hired and 5 student advocates.They continued to be housed within the Women's Resource Center.

Big Changes in 2016 and 2017!

- In 2016, college leadership decides to move the RC QRC Coordinator to full-time and hire 3 full-time Coordinators across the district.
- After much student and staff advocacy, the Student Activity Fee is increased for retention centers, including the QRCs, which all now have their own independent operating budgets.
- As of Fall 2017, all 4 campuses have their own spaces and employ 4-7 student advocates.
- June 2017 we had our first Rainbow Graduation - a district event honoring LGBTQ+ graduating students and allies and celebrating the contributions of the queer and trans community at PCC
- The 1st QRC district training in summer of 2017!