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## MEAKOSE EDMOND



Meakose, 28, is a lifelong resident of Chicago's West Side. Meakose currently serves as an advisory council member to the LGBTQ Host Home Program at the Uhlich Children's Advantage Network (UCAN). He was instrumental in creating a video for the program, leading outreach presentations and helping to train current host homes. In late 2009, Meakose and his advisory council peers traveled to Washington to help create a 2010 workplan for a national advisory council of LGBT leaders who meet annually to address LGBT youth homelessness. In addition to his work at UCAN, Meakose is a top graduate of Malcolm X's Certified Nursing Assistant program. According to Meakose, "If all mankind lent a hand to the next, we would all be in a better state of mind."

**Did you know?** Meakose writes poems to soothe his mind for meditation.