



Community for the whole meaning any age and any ability!



Founded in 1996

Interviewed Sadie Gelb. Her position with Keshet is Community Education and Mixed Ability Program Director

- Keshet’s website is accessible for screen readers

Mission and Goals:

- To inspire and unite community by encouraging unlimited possibilities through dance, mentorship and a creative space for the arts.
- Core values for Keshet is an inclusion, authenticity, excellence, opportunity, fluidity, and personal growth.
- The purpose of the collaborations are the need and desire for the communities through dance by offering dance classes to help with emotional needs and lots of conversations, learning from each other through the communities side

Classes that are Offered:

- Kiic- Keshet Ideas and Innovation and Community: Business Collaboration for Artists
- Arts and Justice Program: get classes inside the juvenile detention center, youth and the community, and advocating dance through social justice for future youth.
- Collaborations are with the juvenile detention center, Carrie Tingley Hospital and Mandy’s Farm.
- Contemporary, ballet, creative movement, mindfulness in movement, samba, jazz, hip-hop, mixed ability/adaptive movement classes are offered at Keshet.
- Keshet is also a school based program
- Pre-professional program- to help develop well rounded dancers and additional alongside the school and the classes that are taken.
- The pandemic did put a a few eligibility requirements due to capacity such as a have a waiting list for 2-3 classes
- Right now classes are offered through Zoom and in-person

Funding:

- Keshet is a grant-funded program and a non-profit organization
- Keshet is free!
- Offers non-competitive scholarships
- Not billed by health insurance or Medicaid billed for services
- Very stabilized funding
- The funding helps make plans and can grow by improving the programs

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