May 26, 1996 - rain in the afternoon
Organizers: Black Gay Pride Day Inc.
Coordinator:
Location: Banneker Field, Georgia Avenue NW
Awards:
Entertainment: Gloria Hightower was the headline entertainer.
Estimated participants:
Letters to the Washington Blade complained of its lack of coverage of the event. Marion Barry hosted the kick-off reception at One Judiciary Square. Women in the Life held events at Diversite and Babylon. Profitability was undermined by $15,000 in fines from the city and a $6,500 charge for police officers who hadn't been requested. Speakout II and Black Gay Media events drew writers and journalists from around the country.

May 25, 1997
Organizers: Black Gay Pride Day Inc
Coordinator:
Location: Banneker Field, Georgia Avenue NW
Awards:
Entertainment: Inner Light Unity Fellowship presented Jennifer Holliday.
Estimated participants:
The Washington Blade devoted several full pages to the schedule and events surrounding Black Gay Pride Day. The kick-off reception was at the Radisson Barcelo.

May 24, 1998
Organizers: Black Gay Pride Day Inc
Coordinator: Earl Fowlkes Jr, Cheryl Head
Location: Banneker Field, Georgia Avenue NW
Awards:
Entertainment: Sweet Honey in the Rock, Michelle Parkerson, Reverb.
Estimated participants: 12,000
It DIDN'T rain! The kick-off party was at the Edge. The opening reception was at the Radisson Barcelo. Ruth Ellis made a much celebrated appearance. During the 1998 event, representatives from New York City, Detroit, Atlanta, and Washington, DC at a workshop at the Barcelo created a national organization of Black Prides.

May 30, 1999
Organizers: Black Gay Pride Day Inc
Coordinator: Earl Fowlkes Jr, Cheryl Head
Location: Banneker Field
Awards:
Entertainment: Cece Peniston, Crystal Waters
Estimated participants: 10,000
The weather was clear and hot. A Federation of Black Prides meeting was held simultaneously. Ruth Ellis's 100th birthday was celebrated at Club 2:k:9.

May 28, 2000 "Pride 2K"
Organizers: Black Gay Pride Day Inc.
Coordinator: Earl Fowlkes Jr, Cheryl Head
Location: Washington DC Convention Center
Awards:
Entertainment:
Estimated participants:
Black Gay Pride Day Inc moved the festival indoors to the Convention Center. Many events were held at the Renaissance Hotel. The Federation of Black Prides met during the festival.

**May 27, 2001  Self Love = Black Pride**
Organizers: Black Gay Pride Inc.
Coordinator: Earl Fowlkes Jr, Noel Sheperd
Location: Washington DC Convention Center
Awards:
Entertainment: Monifah, Delta Elite celebration of 25 years
Estimated participants:

**May 26, 2002  A Time to Heal**
Organizers: Black Gay Pride Inc.
Coordinator: Earl Fowlkes Jr.
Location: Washington DC Convention Center
Awards:
Entertainment: Crystal Waters, film festival, poetry slam
Estimated participants:

**May 25, 2003  "Living Free in 2003"**
Organizers: Black Gay Pride Inc.
Coordinator: Earl Fowlkes Jr., Ronnie Foster,
Location: Washington DC Convention Center
Awards:
Entertainment: 702, Staceyann Chinn, film festival, wellness workshops
Estimated participants: 13,000
Opening reception at the Renaissance Hotel.