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Our Mission

GLSEN strives to ensure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. We believe that such an atmosphere engenders a positive sense of self, which is the basis of educational achievement and personal growth. Since homophobia, transphobia and heterosexism undermine a healthy school climate, we work to educate teachers, students, and the public at large about the damaging effects these forces have on youth and adults alike.

We recognize that forces such as racism and sexism have similarly adverse impacts on communities and we support schools in seeking to redress all such inequities.

GLSEN seeks to develop school climates where difference is valued for the positive contribution it makes in creating a more vibrant and diverse community. We welcome any and all individuals as members, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression or occupation, who are committed to seeing this philosophy realized in K-12 schools.

Our Commitment to Diversity

GLSEN, in our mission to create safe schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, is dedicated to fostering a work environment and designing programs and resources that are inclusive and celebratory of diversity, and sensitive to the role of power and privilege in society.

GLSEN recognizes that heterosexism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia are interconnected with other forms of oppression — a relationship that serves to sustain, enforce and amplify the individual and collective effects of these forces, and challenges efforts to address any one of them. In response, GLSEN actively works to understand

and address how these forces intersect and operate to undermine a safe and healthy climate in K-12 schools and within our own organization.

GLSEN's work in this area begins internally, with staff and organizational culture. GLSEN values the experience and knowledge that a diverse and engaged staff brings to our work, and recognizes the necessity of maintaining a network of staff, board members, chapter members, student leaders and volunteers that is reflective of and accountable to the communities that we serve. People who are commonly marginalized in society — including people of diverse sexual orientations, transgender and gender non-conforming people, people of color, women, intersex people and people of diverse abilities, national origins, ages, socioeconomic backgrounds and spiritual experiences — are valued contributors to the life of the organization, and we seek to include them in all areas of GLSEN's organizational structure. This commitment includes attention to positions of leadership and management. GLSEN strives to create a healthy work environment for our staff and volunteers by fostering the development of cultural competency to improve our work climate and better advance the organization's mission.

GLSEN applies this commitment to diversity and increased cultural competence to our programs and outreach, developing and carrying out our advocacy, leadership development, coalition building, research, education, resource development and fundraising efforts in ways designed to incorporate a diverse base of allies and advance safe schools issues in all communities. GLSEN is committed to learning about the unique needs of our constituents, so that we can effectively support them in their safe schools advocacy, and advocate for safe schools legislation, policies and interventions that are effective for members of different and overlapping communities.

GLSEN understands that our work around diversity is an ongoing process, and will continue to prioritize the

learning, dialogue and reevaluation that are central to the advancement of our work and mission.

Our Public Policy Platform

GLSEN is governed by a national board of directors who are ultimately responsible for the organization. The Board establishes GLSEN's mission, strategic imperatives, and public policy platform. The Board hires the Executive Director and delegates the development and implementation of programs to fulfill these objectives to him or her and the staff he or she hires.

GLSEN believes that a quality Kindergarten through 12th grade education is a fundamental right in a democratic society, and calls upon federal, state and local governments to adequately fund K-12 public schools so that all students have access to a quality, discrimination-free education in their communities. GLSEN advocates for the following, with the understanding that adequate funding helps to enhance the efforts to achieve these goals:

1. GLSEN affirms the right of all students in publicly funded K-12 schools to an education free of discrimination and harassment, and calls upon public policy making bodies to ensure equal educational access by adopting and enforcing measurable non-discrimination and anti-harassment policies that include sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.
2. GLSEN affirms the right of all students in parochial and private/independent schools to an education free from discrimination and harassment and calls upon the boards and administrators of these schools to ensure equal educational access by adopting and enforcing measurable non-discrimination and anti-

harassment policies that include sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.

3. **GLSEN believes that learning about the diversity of humankind is an essential part of education in a democratic society, and affirms the right of students to learn in classroom environments that nurture diversity. GLSEN encourages schools to allow students in all grade levels access to curricula, trainings, texts and materials – in all areas including but not limited to, history, literature, family life, sexuality and health education – that are relevant, comprehensive, age-appropriate, medically-accurate and inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. GLSEN calls upon public policy makers to remove any prohibitive laws that forbid or discourage in-school discussions of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.**
4. **GLSEN affirms the right of all students to participate safely and fully in all aspects of school life, including, but not limited to, school-sponsored co-curricular and extra-curricular programs and activities such as athletics, clubs, and school programs. GLSEN encourages the adoption of policies, procedures and trainings that ensure that these opportunities are made accessible to all students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.**
5. **GLSEN affirms the right of all students to have accurate information relating to LGBT people, history, culture and ideas, and to have access to such information through school libraries, guidance, health services and all other resources. GLSEN encourages the adoption of policies, procedures and trainings that ensure that these educational opportunities are made accessible to all students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.**

- 6. GLSEN values the extraordinary leadership of young people and affirms the right of students to organize and lead school-supported Gay-Straight Alliances and other appropriate groups that address LGBT issues in schools.**
- 7. GLSEN believes that all school employees need pre-service and in-service training that includes accurate information about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues and people. GLSEN calls upon boards and administrators to provide these trainings for current school employees and those studying to enter the profession as part of comprehensive training.**
- 8. GLSEN understands that all school employees best serve students when they have workplaces that are free from discrimination and harassment. GLSEN calls upon public policy makers to adopt and enforce measurable non-discrimination and anti-harassment policies that include sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.**
- 9. GLSEN supports the rights of all parents/families to participate in their children's school activities and calls upon public policy makers and school officials to adopt and enforce practices that recognize and support diverse families.**

ATLANTIC COUNTY RESOURCES

A Whole New Closet

Stockton University's Women's, Gender & Sexuality Center can provide both FTM and MTF transitioning students funds to purchase up to two complete outfits at local area thrift shops (up to a \$50 value). For more information and/or to sign up for the program, come to the WGSC lounge and ask to speak with a peer educator or the WGSC Director.

Service Area: Stockton University Students

Location: Stockton University - Women's, Gender & Sexuality Center, Room J-204, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205

Time: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Phone: 609-626-3611

Email: wgsc@stockton.edu

Website:

www.stockton.edu/wellnesscenter/wgsc/resources.html

Egg Harbor Township High School Teen Center - PRIDE

Location: Egg Harbor Township High School Teen Center

Serving: Egg Harbor Township High School Students

Contact Person: Erica Leak

Email: Erica.Leak@fsasj.org

Phone: 609-653-0100 x 2681

Website: <http://theteencenter.wixsite.com/ehths>

Mainland Regional High School - Rally for Diversity Club

Location: Mainland Regional High School

Serving: Mainland Regional High School Students

Contact Person: Dr. Kim Spagone

Email: kspagone@mainlandregional.net

Phone: 609-927-4151 x 1022

Ocean Heights Presbyterian Church

A progressive, relevant and caring community of faith. We respect and reflect the diversity of God's world around us in age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and mental and physical abilities.

Location: 2116 Ocean Heights Ave., Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Contact Person: Rev. Dr. Wm. Blake Spencer

Email: laughingpastor13@gmail.com

Phone: 609-788-0271

Website: www.ohchurch.org

Stockton University - PRIDE Alliance (Student Club)

Meets weekly, all LGBTQIA+ and allies are welcome to join. For more information and a list of meetings and events, go to the Osprey Hub.

Location: Stockton University

Serving: Stockton University Students

Stockton University - Transcendence: A Transgender Support Group

A safe support group for any student questioning or identifying along the transgender spectrum, including non-binary, gender-fluid, or genderqueer individuals. This group is run in conjunction with the Office of Counseling Services.

Service Area: Stockton University Students

Location: Stockton University - Women's, Gender & Sexuality Center, Room J-204, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205

Time: Tuesdays at 4:30pm

Contact Person: Laura Shaw

Email: laura.shaw@stockton.edu

Phone: 609-626-3611

Website:

www.stockton.edu/wellnesscenter/wgsc/groups-programs.html

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South
Jersey Shore**

Location: 75 S. Pomona Rd, Galloway, NJ 08205

Email: uucsjsadmin@gmail.com

Phone: 609-965-9400

Website: <http://uucsjs.org>

CAMDEN COUNTY RESOURCES

Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Region - LGBTQ+ Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Program

Serving: Philadelphia & Camden County

Location: 123 South Broad Street, Suite 1050
Philadelphia, PA 19109

Phone: 267-773-4103

Website: independencebig.org

Camden AHEC: Camden Area Health Education Center, Inc.

Camden AHEC is committed to improving the health of the medically underserved - the ethnic and culturally diverse, the aged, the poor, the very young, the unemployed, the homeless and the uninsured. Particular emphasis is on providing services in the City of Camden and the Counties of Camden and Burlington. They provide a number of services including AHEC Neighborhood Health Van, Camden Community Farmers' Market, HIV Prevention Program, Community Health Worker Institute, Senior Wellness Program, and Syringe Access Program (SAP) and Referral.

Drop-In Center: The Drop-In Center is a safe haven for LGBTQ youth between the ages of 17-24. Youth engage in health education and social activities. A light evening meal is provided on most occasions.

K.I.S....Keeping It Safe: A peer-centered program seeking to educate, encourage and support LGBTQ youth in the community. Youth participate in life skills activities and training. KIS is part of the HIV Prevention Program.

S.P.I.L.L.: Strengthening Parental Involvement in the Lives of LGBTQ Youth

Youth Making a Difference (Y-MAD): The Y-MAD Program takes an innovative and creative approach to addressing the most important issues facing minority lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender youth and their allies (LGBTQA) in Camden City with a priority population being young men who have sex with men (YMSM). The goal is HIV prevention while providing the means to build self-esteem and positive self-image among the LGBT youth in Camden City. The program provides outreach, health education / risk reduction sessions and prevention case management for YMSM.

Location: 514 Cooper Street Camden, NJ 08102-1250

Phone: 856-963-2432

Website: <http://www.camden-ahec.org>

Center For Family Services - Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope is a community-based Gay-Straight Alliance. Kaleidoscope offers monthly student-led meetings in a safe, supportive environment for LGBT and allied teens to gather, socialize, organize, and help each other. It will allow those attending schools without a Gay-Straight Alliance to seek support and guidance, and serve to help unify area GSAs in planning out of school events such as a GSA Forum or GSA Prom.

Location: Cherry Hill Library 1100 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 (No Summer Meet Ups)

Time: 3rd Saturday of the month from 2:00pm-4:00pm.

Serving: Those attending schools without a Gay-Straight Alliance in Camden County

Phone: 1-800-255-4213

Social Media:

<https://www.facebook.com/KaleidoscopeNJ/>

Collingswood High School GSA

The CHS GSA meets 3-4 times per month. Student leaders work to educate our school community and partner with other student organizations to promote intersectionality.

Location: Collingswood High School
Serving: Collingswood High School students
Contact Person: Elisabeth Yucis
Email: eyucis@collsk12.org
Social Media: @GSAonegoodthing

LUCY (“Lifting Up Camden’s Youth”) Outreach

LUCY- offers multilingual, culturally sensitive services to low-income teens and young adults ages 12-25, and their families. LUCY accepts and welcomes all youth to take part in educational, social, spiritual, and service-oriented programming and provides support and resources within the homes and schools. LUCY empowers youth to form healthy relationships, make good choices, and develop into compassionate and socially responsible adults who make a positive difference in their community. LUCY Outreach addresses all environmental systems that impact the youth including their home life, peers, and neighborhood environment. Appropriate programs, resources and support for effective change are provided to improve the quality of life of the youth and their families.

Location: 2907 Federal St., Camden, NJ 08105
Contact Person: Kristin Prinn, MSW, LCSW, Executive Director, LUCY Outreach
Email: kprinn@lucyoutreach.org
Phone: 856-964-9777 x 604

DiLeonardo Wellness

Service: Psychotherapy and Counseling (private practice)
Description: Individual counseling for members of the LGBTQ+ community. Integrative and strengths focused psychotherapy based on the unique needs of each individual client.

Location: [601 Haddon Avenue, Suite 102. Collingswood, NJ 08108](#)

Serving: Adolescents, Adults, LGBTQ+ community
Contact: Madeleine DiLeonardo
Email: info@dileonardowellness.com
Phone: 845-240-0868
Website: www.DiLeonardoWellness.com

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Location: 18 White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights NJ 08035

Contact Person: Reverend Genevieve Bishop

Phone: 856-547-3240

Website: www.stmaryshhnj.org

Teen Space

Provides safe space for LGBTQ teens in the Camden, NJ area.

Location: Planned Parenthood of Southern New Jersey, 317 Broadway, Camden, NJ 08103

Meeting & Support Group Dates: Meets on Wednesdays at 4:00PM. Pizza and soda are served.

Contact: Jennifer Jo

Phone: 856-365-3519 x 232

Email: jenniferjo.stevens@ppsnj.org

Unitarian Universalist Church in Cherry Hill

Location: 401 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Email: info@uucch.org

Phone: 856-667-3618

Website: www.uucch.org

Welcome Connections Counseling

Service: Individual and group therapy

Description: Provides person-centered, LGBTQ+ affirming counseling and Cognitive Behavior Therapy to individuals in the LGBTQ+ community. Also specializes in treating individuals in the community who are living with significant mental illnesses, intellectual disabilities and/or problematic sexual behaviors.

Location: 601 Haddon Avenue, Ste 106 Collingswood, NJ 08108

Serving: LGBTQ+ youth and adults

Contact Person: Brian Finnerty, LPC

Email: brian@welcomeconnections.com

Phone: 267-225-6383

Website: www.welcomeconnections.com

CAPE MAY COUNTY RESOURCES

Cape May County Technical High School - GSA Gender Sexuality Alliance for LGBTQIA youth and their Allies

Location: Cape May County Technical High School

Serving: Cape May County Technical High School students

Contact: Noel Hiers

Email: nhiers@capemaytech.com

Phone: (609) 380-0209 ext. 683

Lower Cape May Regional High School GSA

Location: Lower Cape May Regional High School

Serving: Lower Cape May Regional High School Students

Contact Person: Vickie L. Smith

Email: smithv@lcmrschools.com

Phone: 609-884-3475 #357

Oasis Youth Services Program of Cape May County

Provides 24-hour emergency shelter to children age 10-18 offering a safe haven for those experiencing a personal or family crisis, as well as runaway, homeless, or abused children. OASIS seeks to provide a caring and healing home while children receive support and work on their future with the goal of family reunification. When this is not possible, we work to connect children with alternative, stable living arrangements.

Serving: Cape May County

Email: oasis@centerffs.org

Phone: 609-465-5045

Website:

<https://www.centerffs.org/our-services/safe-supportive-housing/oasis-youth-services-program-cape-may-county>

Ocean City High School – S.T.O.P. Club

Student-led club (advised by faculty members) that follows the mission of “be the change you wish you see in the world”. Club members bring up important awareness

topics and create programs and activities for the student body to enhance the culture and climate.

Our club is not LGBT specific but encompasses students from all walks of life

Location: Ocean City High School

Serving: Ocean City High School Students

Contact Person: Lauren Sacs / Tifaya Noble

Email: lsacs@ocsdnj.org / tnoble@ocsdnj.org

Phone: 609-814-8706

CUMBERLAND COUNTY RESOURCES

Bridgeton High School - Teen Center GSA / Support Group

Location: Bridgeton High School Teen Center

Serving: Bridgeton High School Students

Contact Person: Megan Vengnock

Phone: 856-451-4440

Cumberland County College - GLOW

Location: Cumberland County College

Serving: Open to any Cumberland County College Students

Contact Person: Robert Clark / Heather Bense

Email: rclark@cccnj.edu / hbense@cccnj.edu

Phone: 856-691-8600

Cumberland Regional High School GSA

Location: Cumberland Regional High School

Serving: Cumberland Regional High School Students

Contact Person: Matt Lawrence-Evans MSW, LCSW

Email: lawrencem@crhsd.org

Phone: 856 451-9400 x 240 or 279

Millville SAGA Club

Location: Millville High School

Serving: Millville High School Students

Contact Person: Jay Tunncliffe

Email: Jay.Tunncliffe@millville.org

Phone: 856-327-6040 x 2908

Vineland High School GSA Club

Location: Vineland High School

Serving: Vineland High School Students

Contact Person: William McDevitt

Email: wmcdevitt@vineland.org

Phone: 856-794-6800 x 2539

GLOUCESTER COUNTY RESOURCES

Center For Family Services - Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope is a community-based Gay-Straight Alliance. Kaleidoscope offers monthly student-led meetings in a safe, supportive environment for LGBT and allied teens to gather, socialize, organize, and help each other. It will allow those attending schools without a Gay-Straight Alliance to seek support and guidance, and serve to help unify area GSAs in planning out of school events such as a GSA Forum or GSA Prom.

Location: Tiki Tiki Boardgames, 164 South Broad Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096

Time: 1st Friday of the month from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Serving: Those attending schools without a Gay-Straight Alliance in Gloucester County

Phone: 1-800-255-4213

Social Media:

<https://www.facebook.com/KaleidoscopeNJ/>

Center for Family Services - Street Outreach Services (S.O.S.)

Street Outreach Services is a street-based outreach program offering crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, and prevention services. Counselors work to help homeless, runaway or couch-surfing teens find a safe and stable home. S.O.S. offers teens up to age 21 a variety of services including Referral and transportation to shelter facilities; Life-skills training and connection to community services; and Prevention education and outreach programs.

Serving: Gloucester County

Phone: 1-800-355-0660

Email: sos@centerffs.org

Website:

<https://www.centerffs.org/our-services/victim-trauma-services/street-outreach-services>

Clearview Regional High School GSA

The Clearview Regional High School Gay-Straight Alliance is a meeting group for students who identify as LGBTQ+ or are allies and supporters of the LGBTQ+ community. The group meets after school twice per month. Clearview's GSA is about providing support, friendship, along with fostering activism and a sense of civic engagement. This is accomplished through various on campus activities to raise awareness of the problems LGBTQ+ people face such as discrimination, intolerance, bullying, and marginalization.

Location: Clearview Regional High School

Serving: Clearview Regional High School Students

Contact Person: Tammy Murphy / Corey Romeyn

Email: murphyta@clearviewregional.edu / romeynco@clearviewregional.edu

Phone: 856-223-2790

Website:

<https://sites.google.com/clearviewregional.edu/crhtsgsa/home>

Delsea Regional High School GSA

The Delsea GSA has been active for twelve years. Our group has an annual membership of anywhere from 50-70 members with about 30-40 in regular attendance at our monthly meetings.

Location: Delsea Regional High School

Serving: Delsea Regional High School Students

Contact Person: Brian D'Ottavio / Jessica Ippolito

Email: bdottavio@delsearegional.us / jippolito@delsearegional.us

Phone: (856) 694-0100

Social Media: Closed Facebook for current members and GSA alumni only.

Gateway Regional High School S.U.R.E. / GSA Club

Location: Gateway Regional High School

Serving: Gateway Regional High School Students

Contact Person: Guy Pridy

Email: gpridy@gatewayhs.com

Phone: 856-848-8200 x 301

Gloucester County Institute of Technology GSA - P.L.A.Y.

(Peace, Love, and Acceptance in Youth) Club

Leave all aspects of “normality” at the door and be prepared to discuss a variety of topics that promote the ideas of peace, love and acceptance in our academic community. Complete with peer counselors, P.L.A.Y. Club is a student ran safe haven for LGBTQ+ students and allies. Each week, we educate our members on various topics related to the LGBTQ+ community through presentations and discussion. P.L.A.Y. Club is open to anyone interested in participating.

Location: Gloucester County Institute of Technology

Serving: Gloucester County Institute of Technology Students

Contact Person: Stella Raab / Lauren Matter

Email: sraab@gcecnj.org / lmatter@gcecnj.org

Phone: 856-468-1445 x 2169

Time: Fridays during Club Time.

Logan Middle School GSA

Logan Township Middle School focuses on equity as a district goal. Our Gender & Sexualities Alliance services all students grades 6-8 who would like to come to hang out and talk about issues that affect their lives. We act as a social and safe space with set ground rules, a mission statement, an executive board, and agendas. We also have teacher Allies that attend to support and become involved. The 2017-2018 school year was the first year we were established with anywhere from 4-9 members at bi-weekly meetings. We hope to increase the meeting frequency and members in the future.

Location: Logan Township Middle School

Serving: Logan Township Middle School

Contact Person: Deirdre Reilly

Contact Email: dreilly@logan.k12.nj.us

Matt Lawrence-Evans LCSW, LLC - LGBTQ Support Group & Individual / Family Counseling

LGBTQ support group for youth and young adults ages 15 – 20 (Approximately). Many insurances or self-pay accepted.

Location: 44 Cooper St, Suite 203, Woodbury, NJ 08096

Phone: 856-942-4414

Email: MLawrence.EvansLCSW@gmail.com

Monroe Township Library Teen GSA Group

GSA stands for Genders & Sexualities Alliance Group. The goal of the GSA is to provide a safe, supportive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBT+) and straight ally youth to meet and discuss sexual orientation and gender identity issues and to work to create an environment free of discrimination, harassment, and intolerance.

Location: 713 Marsha Avenue, Williamstown, NJ 08094

Serving: Monroe Township and surrounding areas

Time: Second Tuesday of each month at 6pm

Email: ssnyder@monroetpl.org

Social Media: @MonroeTPL

Pitman High School GSA

The Pitman H.S. GSA has been in service for roughly 6 years. Our group is made up of about 20 students who attend one or two meetings a month.

Location: Pitman High School

Serving: Pitman High School Students

Contact Person: Aliana Katz, Joseph Marano

Email: akatz@pitman.k12.nj.us /

jmaano@pitman.k12.nj.us

Phone: 856-589-2121

Robins' Nest LGBTQ Support Group

LGBTQ Support Group for youth ages 14-19

Many insurances accepted.

Location: 42 S. Delsea Dr. Glassboro, NJ 08028

Phone: 856-863-0006

West Deptford Safe Space

Safe Space for LGBTQIA+ students and their allies that provides support, advocacy, and education. The mission is to provide understanding and support for LGBTQIA+ students and their allies. The club gives the students a safe space to gather, and provides the opportunity to increase respect of students regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression to reduce bias and intolerance in our building in order to create a safe, respectful, and welcoming learning environment for all.

Location: West Deptford High School, 1600 Crown Point Road, West Deptford, NJ 08093

Serving: Service West Deptford High School

Contact Person: Amy Herbst Vassallo

Email: avassallo@wdeptford.k12.nj.us

Phone: 856-848-6110

SALEM COUNTY RESOURCES

Penns Grove High School GSA

Location: Penns Grove High School

Serving: Penns Grove High School Students

Contact Person: Sharon Riley

Email: sriely@pennsgrove.k12.nj.us

Phone: 856-299-6300 x 3303

Pennsville High School GSA

Location: Pennsville High School

Serving: Pennsville High School Students

Contact Person: Nancy Gibau

Email: ngibau@pv-eagles.org

Phone: 856-540-6200 x 7122

Woodstown High School GSA

The Woodstown GSA serves our school community by raising awareness and encouraging acceptance and understanding from peers and staff. Our group has an annual membership of about 20 members with 10-12 in regular attendance at our monthly meetings.

Location: Woodstown High School

Serving: Woodstown-Piles Grove School District Students

Contact Person: Dina Strachan / Dina Wolf

Email: strachan.d@woodstown.org/wolf.d@woodstown.org

Phone: 856-769-0144 x 55241

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL RESOURCES

Center For Family Services – Together

Together is a short-term, walk-in shelter in southern New Jersey, providing 24-hour emergency shelter for runaway, homeless, and or neglected youth age 9-18. Together helps youth work on their goal of family reunification or seek alternative, stable living arrangements.

Location: Glassboro, NJ

Phone: 856-881-6100

The Community Counseling Center of Moorestown VNA

LGBTQ (Adolescent and Adult) Counseling Services

Location: 300 Harper Dr., Moorestown, NJ 08057

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am to 9pm, Sat: 9am to 5pm

Insurances Accepted: Medicare, most major forms of insurance, and client private payment

Email: communitycounseling@moorestownvna.org

Phone: 856-380-1070

Website:

<http://www.communitycounselingmoorestownvna.org/>

Covenant House

Residential Crisis Center welcomes kids 24-hours-a-day offering a compassionate welcome, a hearty meal, a shower, a fresh set of clothes, a warm bed, and other basic needs and vital social services. Provides a safe haven to live while they stabilize their crises and work on a plan to transition to a stable living environment where they can continue to progress in their life goals.

Location: 929 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone: 609-348-4070

LGBTQI + Youth Support Group

Group focuses on empowering each other to learn, explore, & discuss life as we know it. Confidential parent group is available at the same time.

Location: Amethyst Counseling Services, 5 South 3rd Street, Hammonton, NJ 08037

Time: 1st Saturday of every month, 10:30am-12pm

Phone: 609-704-5384

Addition Information: Text @1stSatu to 81010 for reminders or cancellation due to inclement weather.

LGBTQ Youth Hotline

Center For Family Services Kaleidoscope is a youth-centric LGBTQ program providing support and guidance to South Jersey teens.

Phone: 1-800-255-4213

Ohm Grown Yoga - LGBT Youth Mini-Camp

This three-day camp in August will bring a community of LGBT youth and allies together for a mindfulness meditation and yoga practice. Activities will include LGBT discussion and youth needs, community-building games, yoga, and more!

Location: 805 Hopkins Road Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Serving: South Jersey

Contact Person: Mandi Dorrell

Email: mandi.spreadthelove@gmail.com

Phone: 609-202-7822

Website: <https://www.ohmgrownyoga.com/>

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Ours Institute - Educational Resources

Ours Institute is a nationally recognized institute that provides affordable, online digital education in the form of online courses, webinars and one-on-one workshop on a variety of levels, ranging from introductory to advanced LGBTQIA topics.

Serving: Southern New Jersey Region

Contact Person: Jayson Scott, Executive Director

Email: jscott@oursinstitute.org

Website: <https://www.oursinstitute.org>

Social Media:

<facebook.com/oursinstitute>

<Instagram.com/oursinstitute>

<Twitter.com/oursinstitute>

Parents of LGBTQ KIDS Forum

This program is an informal peer-to-peer gathering for parents, caregivers, family, and friends of LGBTQ kids, teens, and young adults.

Serving: Open to Public – New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware

Location: Woodbury Public Library, 33 Delaware Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Time: 7PM on the 1st Monday of each month.

Contact Person: Jane Law and Kristina Morrison

Email: janelaw@comcast.net / ktvmorrison@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.woodburylibrary.org/friends/>

Social Media:

<https://www.facebook.com/woodburylibraryfriends>

PFLAG - Collingswood

Serving Southern New Jersey, PFLAG Collingswood provides parents, family members, friends, or gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people with a variety of resources, including a support group, educational materials, and a topical speakers series.

Location: Collingswood Senior Community Center, 30 W Collings Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108

Parking: Permits for free parking in the municipal lot will be available at the meeting sign-in.

Time: 4th Monday of every month, 6:30-9:15pm

Website: www.pflag.org/chapter/pflag-collingswood

Social Media: www.facebook.com/collingswood.pflag/

Phone: 856-834-6355

Email: pflagcollingswood@gmail.com

Pride Day at the Zoo

Location: Cape May County Zoo

Serving: High School aged youth residing in the southern counties (Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties)

Contact: Noel Hiers

Email: nhiers@capemaytech.com

Phone: (609) 380-0209 ext. 683

Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV)

SERV provides crisis intervention, counseling, and support to victims and survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, and human trafficking (age 12+). We also provide outreach and training for community groups, schools, and professional organizations. All services are free and confidential. Our Gloucester site has staff who specialize in supporting LGBTQ+ communities.

Serving: Camden, Gloucester, and Cumberland Counties

Phone: 856-881-4034 (Office) / 24 Hour Hotline: 866-295-SERV (7378)

Email: serv@centerffs.org

Website: www.centerffs.org/serv

Social Media:

[facebook.com/cfsserv](https://www.facebook.com/cfsserv)

twitter.com/cfsserv

Speak of the Spectrum

An LGBTQ+ (and allies) group that meets monthly. The focus is LGBTQ+ topics, but it tends to be a nice meeting group in general.

Program / Service Type: Community Group

Location: 4 Jimmie Leeds Road, Suite 8, Galloway, NJ 08205

Time: 1st Monday of the Month

Contact Person: Brittainy Huff

Email: speakofthespectrum@gmail.com

Phone: 609-652-3800

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/soslgbtq/>

South Jersey AIDS Alliance

Founded in 1985, offering AIDS and HIV support, info, and services. Covering Atlantic, Cape May, and Cumberland

counties, the alliance operates regional support centers to assist clients and their families. All services are free and confidential.

Location: 19 Gordon's Alley, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone: 609- 347-1085

Hotline: 800-281-AIDS (2437)

Email: info@sjaids.org

Website: www.southjerseyaidsalliance.org

Southern New Jersey LGBTQ Pride

Southern New Jersey LGBTQA Pride is a grass-root organization that promotes equality, respect, and awareness of causes important to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning community of Southern New Jersey and surrounding area.

Location: Stratford, NJ 08084

Phone: 856-248-0332

E-mail: snjgaypride@gmail.com

Social Media: @SNJGayPride

NEW JERSEY STATEWIDE RESOURCES

2nd Floor

2NDFLOOR is a confidential and anonymous helpline for New Jersey's youth and young adults. We are here to help you find solutions to the problems that you face and we are available 24/7 365 days a year.

Phone: 1-888-222-2228

American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey

A non-profit, non-partisan organization working to fight civil liberties violations and to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

Website: <https://www.aclu-nj.org>

Garden State Equality

New Jersey's statewide advocacy and education organization for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

Location:

Headquarters: 1408 Main Street, Asbury Park,
New Jersey 07712

North Jersey office: 40 S Fullerton Avenue,
Montclair, New Jersey 07042

Phone: 973-509-5428

Anti-Bullying Helpline: 1-877-NJ-BULLY, 10am-7pm,
Monday- Friday. For bullied student or the parent or
concerned friend of a bullied student, do not have to be
LGBT.

Website: www.gardenstateequality.org

Email: Contact@GardenStateEquality.org

Garden State Equality - Proposed Guidance Document for working with Transgender Students:

[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/gardenstateequality/pages/126/attachments/original/1488830914/DOE_Guidelines_on_Transgender_Students_\(1\).pdf?1488830914](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/gardenstateequality/pages/126/attachments/original/1488830914/DOE_Guidelines_on_Transgender_Students_(1).pdf?1488830914)

Gender Rights Advocacy Association of New Jersey (GRAANJ)

A statewide membership organization committed to securing full civil rights for transgender and intersex people, and individuals of nonstereotypical gender identity and expression, without regard to race, religion, or sexual orientation. Call or e-mail for further information.

Location: 119 Manor Dr, Red Bank, NJ 07701

Phone: 732-603-0514

Email: njgender@aol.com

Jersey Lyfe Inc.

Jersey Lyfe is a non-profit organization geared towards uplifting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, interested, and queer community in New Jersey and surrounding areas, including, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, and Delaware. Jersey Lyfe was established in an effort of offset some of these devastating statistics. With nearly 65% of the total population of the City of Camden being at-risk youth, we felt it paramount to contribute toward rebuilding these areas to include self-sustaining communities and businesses through donations, education and volunteerism. Jersey Lyfe also keeps its members in touch with events going on in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York and Delaware. We are the founders and cohosts of Southern New Jersey Gay Pride Celebration established in 2007.

Location: 1729 S. Dorrance St, Philadelphia, PA 19145

Phone: 877- 428-5438

Email: info@jerseylyfe.org

Website: <http://www.jerseylyfe.org/>

National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Issues Committee
This committee has compiled a list of therapists with interest/experience in working with clients who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

Contact: Pat Brennan / Barry Moore

Location: 2 Quakerbridge Plaza, Hamilton, NJ 08619

Phone: 609-584-5686 or 800-932-0004

Email: naswnj@aol.com

New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Office of Adolescent Services (OAS)

Safe Space Liaisons serve as a consultant on cases that involve LGBTQI youth or families. Liaison's promote an affirming and safe culture for LGBTQI youth and families, served by the child welfare system, by modeling appropriate terminology, providing resources, attending quarterly trainings and staying current with DCF policy as well as state and federal laws pertinent to the LGBTQI community. Institutional Abuse Investigation Units (IAIU) and Adoption Operations all have a primary and backup Safe Space Liaison who act as advocates, consultants and educators for LGBTQI youth and families served by New Jersey's child welfare system.

Contact: Chelsea Sutphin

Location: Local Offices Statewide

Phone: 609-888-7655 (Chelsea Sutphin) or 609-888-7100 (OASMain Line)

Email: Chelsea.Sutphin@dcf.nj.gov

Website: <https://nj.gov/dcf/>

New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association Guidelines

Website:

<http://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/document/NJSIAA%20Policies%20and%20Procedures%20%2717-%2718.pdf>

(Pg. 35 for Transgender Policy)

New Jersey Law Against Discrimination Fact Sheet Gender Identity

Website:

<http://www.nj.gov/oag/dcr/downloads/fact-Gender-Discrimination-03.06.17.pdf>

New Jersey Law Against Discrimination Fact Sheet Sexual Orientation

Website:

<http://www.nj.gov/oag/dcr/downloads/fact-Sex-Orientation.pdf>

New Jersey Teen Prevention Education Program (TEEN PEP)

Teen Pep is a statewide sexual health promotion and peer education initiative that enables high school students to make healthy decisions. Teen PEP goals: To provide school communities with increased support and resources for promoting sexual health among their student populations; To equip school personnel with the knowledge and skills to effectively teach sexual health to peer educators; To create an atmosphere of positive peer pressure where responsible sexual decisions are valued; To provide students with formal and informal opportunities to discuss sexual health issues with adults and peers in an atmosphere of mutual respect and factual discussion; To ensure that students have the knowledge and skills to avoid sexually transmitted infections (STIs), HIV and unintended pregnancy; To support students in the development and maintenance of attitudes that support safer sex practices and responsible decision-making; To motivate students to engage in behaviors associated with avoiding STIs, HIV and unintended pregnancy; Students will increase their use of sexual health resources in the community; To provide parents with the knowledge and skills necessary to communicate with their children about sex and sexuality.

Website: www.state.nj.us/health/aids/teenpep.html

**New Jersey Department of Education:
Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying**

Website:

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/behavior/hib/>

NJ Hopeline

Suicide Prevention Hotline

Phone: 1-855-NJ-HOPELINE (654-6735)

School Climate in New Jersey - State Snapshot

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/sites/default/files/New%20Jersey%20State%20Snapshot%20-%20NSCS.pdf>

PHILADELPHIA RESOURCES

The Attic

The Attic creates opportunities for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth to develop into healthy, independent, civic-minded adults within a safe and supportive community, and promotes the acceptance of LGBTQ youth in society. The Attic is Philadelphia's only independent LGBTQ youth center.

Location: 255 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Phone: 215-545-4331

Email: info@atticyouthcenter.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Region - LGBTQ+ Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Program

Serving: Philadelphia & Camden County

Location: 123 South Broad Street, Suite 1050

Philadelphia, PA 19109

Phone: 267-773-4103

Website: independencebig.org

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) – Gender and Sexuality Development Clinic

The Gender and Sexuality Development Clinic (GSD Clinic) offers psychosocial and medical support for gender variant, gender expansive and transgender children and youth up to age 21 and their families. Our multidisciplinary team, led by [Nadia L. Dowshen, MD](#), and [Linda Hawkins, PhD, MEd, LPC](#), includes specialists in gender identity development from [Social Work and Family Services](#), [Adolescent Medicine](#), [Endocrinology](#), and [Behavioral Health](#). We work with your family to best meet the needs of your child or youth who is transgender, gender-variant or gender-nonconforming. We also provide consultation and training for providers and organizations interested in learning how to better serve the needs of gender-variant youth.

Location: 3401 Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19104

Phone: 267-426-5980

Website: <https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/gender-and-sexuality-development-clinic>

Mazzoni Center

The mission of the Mazzoni Center's is to provide quality comprehensive health and wellness services in an LGBTQ-focused environment, while preserving the dignity and improving the quality of life of the individuals we serve.

Location: 1348 Bainbridge Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147

Phone: 215-985-9206

Website: <https://www.mazzonicenter.org>

William Way LGBT Community Center

The William Way LGBT Community Center serves the LGBT community of Philadelphia and its allies 365 days a year. From social groups, networking events, and counseling and support services to art exhibitions and cultural experiences, the Center consistently strives to provide new and innovative programs for the LGBT communities of Philadelphia.

Location: 1315 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone: 215-732-2220

Email: info@waygay.org

Social Media: @waygayphiladelphia

WILMINGTON RESOURCES

ASK (Alphabet Soup Kids) – Support Group

ASK is an open support and social group for LGBTQ+ students ages 12-18 and all denominations are welcomed. The group will be under the direction of licensed professional counselor, Barbara P. Conrad, MS & certified in Gestalt Therapy, & Sharon Zimmer, MS in Educational Counseling.

Location: JFS – WILMINGTON, 99 Passmore Road, Wilmington, DE

Time: Meetings held monthly on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Contact Person: Sharon Zimmer (You MUST confirm attendance 2 days prior to the meeting by texting or emailing Sharon)

Email: cztwins@hotmail.com

Phone: 302-438-1545

Website:

<https://www.jfsdelaware.org/counseling/groups/#GLBTO>

First & Central Presbyterian Church

Location: 1101 North Market St, Wilmington DE 19801

Phone: 302-654-5371

Website: <http://www.firstandcentral.org/>

First Unitarian Church of Wilmington

Location: 730 Halstead Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803

Email: officemgr@firstuuwilm.org

Phone: 302-478-2384

Website: <http://firstuuwilm.org>

PFLAG - Wilmington Delaware

Offers support, advocacy, and education about gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues.

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1502 West 13th St., Wilmington, DE 19806

Enter through doorway on 13th St., down the steps and straight ahead to Classroom 8.

Parking: Across 13th Street from the church

Meeting & Support Group Dates: 2nd Thursday of every month, 6:30-8:30pm

Website: <http://www.pflagwilmde.org/>

Phone: 302-654-2995

Email: pflagwilmde@att.net

PTK Delaware

Parents will be able to network with other families that are going through similar experiences while raising a transgender or gender nonconforming child. The goal of the group is to provide parents a safe space to discuss the issues that are important to them. They will have the chance to raise questions, share resources, network and listen to the experience of other parents whose children are gender diverse.

Location: Nemours duPont Hospital, 1600 Rockland Rd, Wilmington DE 1980 (stop at the Welcome Desk for directions to the meeting room)

Meeting & Support Group Dates: 3rd Thursday of the month starting at 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend a meeting, please email your name along with the age of your child.

Email: PTKDelaware@gmail.com

Transitions Delaware

Providing counseling, consultation, and training for the LBGTQ+ community and our allies.

Location: Heritage Professional Plaza, 2601 Annand Drive, Suite 16, Wilmington, DE 19808

Phone: 610-724-3542

Website: www.TransitionsDE.com

Trinity Episcopal Parish

Phone: 302-652-8605

Email: office@trinityparishde.org

Location:

Trinity Church: 1108 N. Adams St, Wilmington, DE 19801

Old Swedes Church: 606 Church St, Wilmington,
DE 19801

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Location: 1502 West 13th St, Wilmington DE 19806

Phone: 302-654-5214

Website: <http://www.wpc.org/>

NATIONAL RESOURCES

AIDS United

Website: <http://www.aidsunited.org/>

The AIDS Institute

Promotes action for social change through public policy research, advocacy, and education.

Website: www.theaidsinstitute.org

American Civil Liberties Union LGBT Project

The LGBT Project brings impact lawsuits in state and federal courts throughout the country, cases designed to have a significant effect on the lives of the LGBT community.

Website: <http://www.aclu.org/lgbt-rights>

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

AFSP raises awareness, funds scientific research and provides resources and aid to those affected by suicide.

Website: <https://afsp.org>

Black AIDS Institute

The Black AIDS Institute is the first Black HIV/AIDS policy center dedicated to reducing HIV/AIDS health disparities by mobilizing Black institutions and individuals in effort to confront the epidemic in their communities.

Website: <http://www.blackaids.org/>

Campus Pride

Campus Pride represents the leading national nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization for student leaders and campus groups working to create a safer college environment for LGBTQ students. The organization is a volunteer-driven network “for” and “by” student leaders. The primary objective of Campus Pride is to develop necessary resources, programs and services to support LGBTQ and ally students on college campuses across the United States.

Website: <https://www.campuspride.org>

Children of Lesbians & Gays Everywhere

COLAGE is a national movement of children, youth, and adults with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer (LGBTQ) parent.

Website: www.colage.org

Equality Federation

Equality Federation is the national alliance of state based lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender advocacy organizations.

Website: <http://www.equalityfederation.org/>

Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students

Website:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/oshs/emergingpractices.pdf>

Family Equality Council

Website: <http://www.familyequality.org/>

Freedom to Marry

Freedom to Marry was the campaign that won marriage in the United States and ignited a global movement.

Website: <http://www.freedomtomarry.org/>

GLMA

GLMA's mission is to ensure equality in health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and health care providers.

Website: <http://www.glma.org/>

Gender Diversity Education and Support Services

Gender Diversity is a non-profit organization their mission is to increase the awareness and understanding of the wide range of gender diversity in children, adolescents, and adults by providing family support, building

community, increasing societal awareness, and improving the well-being for people of all gender identities and expressions.

Website: <http://www.genderdiversity.org>

GLAAD

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

Website: <http://www.glaad.org/>

GLBT Hate Crimes Hotline

The GLBT National Youth Talkline Monday thru Friday from 1pm to 9pm, pacific time (Monday thru Friday from 4pm to midnight, eastern time) Saturday from 9am to 2pm, pacific time (Saturday from noon to 5pm, eastern time). Services are free and confidential. Telephone volunteers are in their teens and early twenties, and speak with teens and young adults up to age 25 about coming-out issues, relationship concerns, parent issues, school problems, HIV/AIDS anxiety and safer-sex information, and lots more!

Phone: 1-800-686-HATE

Email: youth@GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org

Website: <http://gltbnationalhelpcenter.org>

Harsh Realities: Trans Youth & Harassment in School (GLSEN)

Website:

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/530651b5e4b0b4d1ce2d7a88/t/5317bc26e4b0ab76f9004ff9/1394064422904/GLSEN_2009_Harsh_Realities.pdf

Human Rights Campaign

Founded in 1980, the Human Rights Campaign advocates on behalf of GLBT American, mobilizes grassroots actions in diverse communities, invests strategically to elect fair-

minded individuals to office and educates the public about GLBT issues.

Website: <http://www.hrc.org/>

Immigration Equality

Immigration Equality is a national organization that works to end discrimination in U.S. immigration law, to reduce the negative impact of that law on the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and HIV- positive people, and to help obtain asylum for those persecuted in their home country based on their sexual orientation, transgender identity or HIVstatus.

Website: <http://www.immigrationequality.org/>

Keshet

Keshet is a national grassroots organization with offices in Boston, Denver, and the Bay Area that works for the full inclusion and equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Jews in all facets of Jewish life– synagogues, Hebrew schools, day schools, youth groups, summer camps, social service organizations, and other communal agencies. Led and supported by LGBT Jews and straight allies, Keshet offers resources, trainings, and technical assistance to create inclusive Jewish communities nationwide.

Website: <http://www.keshetonline.org/>

Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

Website: <http://www.lambdalegal.org/>

The LGBT National Help Center - The LGBT National Youth Talkline

Services are free and confidential. Telephone volunteers are in their teens and early twenties, and speak with teens and young adults up to age 25 about coming-out issues,

relationship concerns, parent issues, school problems, HIV/AIDS anxiety and safer-sex information, and lots more!

Phone: 1-800-246-PRIDE

Time: Monday thru Friday from 4pm to midnight; Saturday from noon to 5pm

Website: www.glbthotline.org/youth-talkline.html

Email: help@GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org

LGBTQ Teens Online Talk Group

A weekly moderated group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer & questioning to talk in a safe space and to be able to fully express themselves without fear of being made to feel uncomfortable or unwelcome. To discuss concerns, issues and to talk about personal victories. The LGBTQ Teens Online Talk Group is open to ages 12 to 19 and is a welcoming and safe environment that is accepting to all.

Time: Tuesdays from 7-9pm

Website: www.glbthotline.org/lgbtqteens.html

Additional Information: When joining group, please sign in as GUEST

Email: help@LGBThotline.org

Trans Teens Online Talk Group

A weekly moderated group for trans and gender-expansive teens to talk in a safe space and to be able to fully express themselves without fear of being made to feel uncomfortable or unwelcome. To discuss concerns, issues and to talk about personal victories. The Trans Teens Online Talk Group is open to ages 12 to 19 and is a welcoming and safe environment that is accepting to all.

Time: Wednesdays from 7-9pm

Website: www.glbthotline.org/transteens.html

Additional Information: When joining group, please sign in as GUEST

Email: help@LGBThotline.org

Trans Youth Online Talk Group

A weekly moderated group for trans and gender-expansive young people to talk in a safe space and to be able to fully express themselves without fear of being made to feel uncomfortable or unwelcome. To discuss concerns, issues and to talk about personal victories. The Trans Youth Online Talk Group is open to ages 13 and younger and is a welcoming and safe environment that is accepting to all.

Time: Wednesdays from 7-9pm

Website: www.glbthotline.org/transyouth.html

Additional Information: When joining group, please sign in as GUEST

Email: help@LGBHotline.org

Model District Policy on Transgender & Gender Nonconforming Students

Website: <https://transequality.org/issues/youth-students>

National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities

National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities was created in an effort to counteract the ever increasing spread of HIV/AIDS in communities of color.

Website: www.naesm.org

National Black Justice Coalition

The National Black Justice Coalition is a civil rights organization dedicated to empowering Black samegender-loving, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The Coalition works with our communities and our allies to for social justice, equality, and an end to racism and homophobia.

Website: www.nbjc.org

National Center for Lesbian Rights

The National Center for Lesbian Rights is a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people

and their families through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education.

Legal Helpline: 1-800-528-6257

Website: <http://www.nclrights.org/>

National Center for Transgender Equality – Know Your Rights: Schools

Transgender students are protected from discrimination, bullying, and harassment under many federal and state laws. This includes Title IX, the federal law that bans sex discrimination in schools. Here's some information about what rights transgender students have at school and how you can advocate for yourself or transgender students in your life.

Website:

<https://transequality.org/know-your-rights/schools>

National Education Association: Strengthening The Learning Environment

Website:

http://www.transyouthequality.org/s/NEA-GLBT-%20Strengthening_The_Learning_Environment.pdf

National Gay and Lesbian Youth Hotline

This helpline operates from 7-11:45 p.m. on Thursday to Sunday, and provides crisis intervention and referral services to gay and lesbian youth nationwide.

Phone: 1-800-347-8336

National Gay & Lesbian Cancer Network

The National LGBT Cancer Network works to improve the lives of LGBT cancer survivors and those at risk.

Website: www.cancer-network.org

National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Congress

The NGLCC is committed to forming a broad-based coalition, representative of the various interests of LGBT owned and friendly businesses, professionals, and

students of business for the purpose of promoting economic growth and prosperity of its members.

Website: www.nglcc.org

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

The mission of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is to build the grassroots power of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

Website: www.thetaskforce.org

National Lesbian & Gay Law Association

The National LGBT Bar Association is a national association of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals, law students, activists, and affiliates lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender legal organizations. The LGBT Bar promotes justice in and through the legal profession for the LGBT community in all its diversity.

Website: <https://lgbtbar.org/>

National Minority AIDS Council

The National Minority AIDS Council has helped develop leadership in communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS since 1987.

Website: www.nmac.org

National Organization for Lesbians of Size (NOLOSE)

Website: www.nolose.org

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Phone: 1-800-273-8255

The Nine Line for Homeless Runaway Teens

24 Hours a Day / 7 Days a Week

Phone: 1-800-999-9999

Website:

<https://www.covenanthouse.org/homeless-shelters>

Out & Equal Workplace Advocates

Out & Equal Workplace Advocates™ educates and empowers organizations, human resources professionals, employee resource groups, and individual employees through programs and services that result in equal policies, opportunities, practices, and benefits in the workplace regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, expression, or characteristics.

Website: www.outandequal.org

Out Right

OutRight Action International, formerly known as the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, is a leading international organization dedicated to human rights advocacy on behalf of people who experience discrimination or abuse on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

Website: <https://outrightinternational.org>

The Peer Listening Line

This is a toll-free helpline, staffed from 7-10 p.m. on Monday through Friday (as staffing allows) by trained gay youth volunteers backed by mental health professionals. The hotline provides peer support, resource referral and safer sex information.

Phone: 800-399-PEER

PFLAG

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

Website: www.pflag.org

Point Foundation

Point Foundation provides financial support, leadership training, mentoring and hope to meritorious students who

are marginalized due to sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression.

Website: www.pointfoundation.org

Pride at Work

The purpose of Pride at Work is to mobilize mutual support between the organized Labor Movement and the LGBT Community around organizing for social and economic justice.

Website: www.prideatwork.org

Schools in Transition: A guide for Supporting Transgender Students in K-12 Schools

Website:

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/schools-in-transition-a-guide-for-supporting-transgender-students-in-k-12-s>

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network

SLDN is a national, non-profit legal services, watchdog and policy organization dedicated to ending discrimination against and harassment of military personnel affected by "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and related forms of intolerance.

Website: www.outserve-sldn.org

Soulforce

The purpose of Soulforce is freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from religious and political oppression through the practice of relentless nonviolent resistance.

Website: www.soulforce.org

Sports Guidelines for Transgender Students

Website:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/530651b5e4b0b4d1ce2d7a88/t/5317c8cce4b02dddf7565736/1394067660099/TransgenderStudentAthleteReport.pdf>

Supporting and Caring for Transgender Children

Website:

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/supporting-caring-for-transgender-children>

Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth Recommendations For Schools

Website:

www.transgenderlaw.org/resources/tlcschools.htm

Transgender Law Center

The Transgender Law Center (TLC) is a civil rights organization advocating for transgender communities.

Website: www.transgenderlaw.org

Trans Youth Equality Foundation

Education, advocacy, and support for transgender youth and their families.

The Trans Youth Equality Foundation provides education, advocacy and support for transgender and gender non-conforming children and youth and their families. Our mission is to share information about the unique needs of this community, partnering with families, educators and service providers to help foster a healthy, caring, and safe environment for all transgender children.

Website: <http://www.transyouthequality.org/>

The Trevor Project

The Trevor Project offers accredited life-saving, life-affirming programs and services to LGBTQ youth that create safe, accepting and inclusive environments over the phone, online and through text. The Trevor Project has crisis intervention programs, suicide prevention trainings and resources, as well as community resources and social media connections for LGBTQ youth.

Phone: 866-4-U-TREVOR (866-488-7386)

Trevor Lifeline - The only national 24/7 crisis intervention and suicide prevention lifeline for

LGBTQ young people (ages 13-24), available at 1-866-488-7386.

TrevorChat - A free, confidential, secure instant messaging service for LGBTQ youth that provides live help from trained volunteer counselors, open daily from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

TrevorText - A free, confidential, secure service in which LGBTQ young people can text a trained Trevor counselor for support and crisis intervention, available Thursdays and Fridays from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at 202-304-1200.

Website: www.thetrevorproject.org

Victory Fund

The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund endorses qualified, committed openly LGBT candidates who can win at the ballot box.

Website: www.victoryfund.org

Woodhull Freedom Foundation

The Woodhull Freedom Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that works to advance sexual freedom as a fundamental human right by protecting and advancing freedom of speech and sexual expression.

Website: www.woodhullalliance.org

GLSEN Resources

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GLSEN strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

Website: www.glsen.org

Policies That Matter

GLSEN's Public Policy team works with policymakers at all levels to ensure that the best and most inclusive safe schools policies are considered, passed, and implemented.

Website: <https://www.glsen.org/policy>

Federal: Through our Public Policy office in DC, we work with federal policymakers and agencies like the Department of Education to create laws and policies that make schools more affirming for LGBT students and safer for all.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/learn/policy/federal>

State: The education system in the United States is largely driven at the state level and GLSEN is working in states across the country to improve the lives of students in K-12 students. From passing good anti-bullying policies to stopping harmful legislation, see how GLSEN is working in the states.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/learn/policy/local>

Beyond Bullying: There are many important policy issues that impact the day-to-day lives of LGBT students. There are also ways that we can all work together to change these policies. Find out what policies GLSEN is working on and how you can play a role in making schools safer.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/learn/policy/issues>

Tools for Advocates: We have developed a series of resources to support efforts of making schools safer for all young people, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. Browse through our selection of guides on legal issues, information on filing discrimination complaints and insight behind the latest policy developments.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/learn/policy/resources>

Model Laws & Policies: One of many ways we here at GLSEN are working to make things better for LGBT young people is through the passage of safe schools laws and policies. These laws are very clear – once passed, bullying and harassment based on a student’s sexual orientation or gender identity/expression is not tolerated. Period.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/article/model-laws-policies>

GLSEN Research

GLSEN has been conducting research and evaluation on LGBT issues in K-12 education since 1999. Our research staff members are nationally recognized experts, trusted by safe schools advocates and researchers alike to provide the facts about what’s really going on in U.S. schools. Our research has been used for informing legislators about the challenges that LGBT students face in their home states; letting principals and other administrators know why Gay-Straight Alliances, enumerated policies and other resources are so important to creating safe and respectful school communities; educating students and school staff about student experiences of bullying and harassment; developing best practices and resources for creating safe and affirming schools. We have so much information

available, you're bound to find the facts you need to make the case for safe, respectful schools for all students.

2015 National School Climate Survey: The GLSEN National School Climate Survey (pdf) is our flagship report on the school experiences of LGBTQ youth in schools, including the extent of the challenges that they face at school and the school-based resources that support LGBTQ students' well-being. The survey has consistently indicated that specific school-based supports are related to a safer and more inclusive school climate, including: supportive educators, LGBT-inclusive curriculum, comprehensive anti-bullying policies, and supportive student clubs, such as Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs).

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/article/2015-national-school-climate-survey>

National Reports & Briefs: Our national reports examine many aspects of school safety, from elementary school students' and teachers' experiences, to the interactions LGBT parents have had with staff at their children's' schools. Here you can learn more about the research foundations for GLSEN's work.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/learn/research/national>

State & Local Reports: Our state and local reports examine the experiences of LGBT students in selected areas, using available data from reports such as GLSEN's National School Climate Survey. Our series of State Snapshots are particularly useful for understanding the experiences of LGBT

students in your area. If no State Snapshot is available for your state, check out our Local School Climate Survey tool!

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/learn/research/local>

Evaluation Reports: What strategies really work for promoting safe and respectful schools? GLSEN Research conducts evaluations to assess the effectiveness of GLSEN programs and recommended resources. Evaluation reports share findings about the impact of GLSEN's efforts to improve school climate, and also discuss what safe schools and LGBT advocates can learn from our efforts.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/learn/research/evaluations>

Journals & Books: GLSEN's research staff regularly contribute to peer-reviewed academic journals, practitioner publications and books. Our articles and book chapters take an in-depth look at a variety of LGBT topics in K-12 education. Journal articles are often accessible via university libraries or your local public library.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/learn/research/books-journals>

Research Webinars: View recordings of our past webinars on LGBT issues in K-12 education below, and visit the Learning Series to register for an upcoming webinar.

Website: <https://www.glsen.org/webinars>

GLSEN Programs

Take a symbolic vow of silence. Teach your students about empathy. Raise awareness about the negative impact of phrases like "that's so gay." Bring respect to your school sports team or PE class. Send a Safe Space Kit to a school you care about. GLSEN offers many ways you can engage your school community, either during national events like GLSEN's Day of Silence or year-round through programs like Changing the Game. LGBT-identified or Ally.

Outspoken activist or concerned classmate. Wherever you fall, if you want to make a difference and stand up for respect and inclusiveness, GLSEN has a way for you to get involved. Stand up for students. Stand up for your friends. Stand up for yourself. Learn about our programs and take action today.

Ally Week: GLSEN's Ally Week is a student-powered program where LGBTQ K-12 students and LGBTQ educators lead the conversation on what they need from their allies in school.

Website: <https://www.glsen.org/allyweek>

ThinkB4YouSpeak: LGBT teens hear anti-LGBT remarks throughout the school day, creating an atmosphere where they feel disrespected, unwanted and unsafe. Anti-LGBT remarks such as "that's so gay" are often unintentional and a common part of teens' vernacular. Most do not recognize the consequences, but the casual use of this language often carries over into more overt harassment. This campaign aims to raise awareness about the prevalence and consequences of anti-LGBT bias and behavior in America's schools. Ultimately, the goal is to reduce and prevent the use of anti-LGBT language in an effort to create a more positive environment for LGBT teens. The campaign also aims to reach adults, including school personnel and parents; their support of this message is crucial to the success of efforts to change behavior.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/participate/programs/thinkbyyouspeak>

Day of Silence: GLSEN's Day of Silence is a student-led national event where folks take a vow of silence to highlight the silencing and erasure of LGBTQ people at school.

Website: <https://www.glsen.org/day-silence>

Safe Space Kit: GLSEN's Safe Space Kit comes with resources to help educators create safe, more inclusive learning environments for LGBTQ students.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/participate/programs/safe-space>

Changing the Game: Are you involved in school athletics or PE? If so, GLSEN wants to help you create a winning team by encouraging the principles of respect, safety and equal access for all students, teachers and coaches regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. Sadly, our research shows that LGBT students often find school sports spaces like a locker rooms and gyms unsafe. That's why we created Changing the Game to assist those who manage these spaces to create athletic and physical education climates where all students can participate and develop healthy physical fitness and participate in lifetime.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/participate/programs/changing-the-game>

No Name-Calling Week: GLSEN's No Name-Calling Week is a week organized by K-12 educators and students to end name-calling and bullying in schools.

Website: <https://www.glsen.org/no-name-calling-week>

GLSEN Student Action

Want to make a lasting difference in your school? GLSEN is proud to support student organizers in schools across the country. As a student, you have the power to make change in many ways in your school and community. GLSEN's Day of Silence and Ally Week are designed to give you the tools that you need to move your school to address and help end anti-LGBT bullying. Need some ideas for inspiring GSA meetings, some information to provide to teachers, or suggestions for events to engage the entire student body? We have resources to help make your GSA an awesome club and a safe space for LGBT youth and their allies. Check out our Jump-Start Guide and other GSA tools, also make sure to connect with other student organizers on social media for support and ideas.

Website: <https://www.glsen.org/students>

Gay-Straight Alliances: Student-led GSA clubs are leading the work to create safe and LGBTQ-inclusive schools. Find out how to start a GSA, get free resources to support your GSA's work, take part in the Day of Silence, Ally Week, and No Name-Calling Week, and join the national network of more than 6,500 GSAs by registering your student club today.

Website: <https://www.glsen.org/gsa>

Student Leadership Teams:

The National Student Council is a GLSEN-sponsored youth leadership and engagement program. It is open to all youth currently enrolled in high school in the United States. Members of the National Student Council dedicate their time,

passion, and commitment to the safer schools mission while also elevating the voices of marginalized groups within the LGBTQ community, including (but not limited to) youth of color, youth in rural communities, and transgender and gender nonconforming youth. The 18 members of the National Student Council advise GLSEN programming and campaigns, offer valuable insight to GLSEN's staff and Board of Directors, and share their stories with movers and shakers in the LGBTQ movement, from policymakers to media to donors. Their purpose is to be the experts of their experiences and to bring depth and breadth into GLSEN's student work.

Website: <https://www.glsen.org/article/national-student-council>

Trans Student Rights: Learn about Transgender Student Right's history, and explore social media, resources and leadership opportunities in support of trans and gender nonconforming (GNC) students.

Website: <https://www.glsen.org/students/tsr>

GLSEN Educators Resources

There is reason why so many educators turn to GLSEN for resources when they want to teach about respect. For more than 25 years, we've been developing user-friendly, developmentally appropriate and research-based tools for educators just like you.

How can I be a supportive ally to LGBT youth?

How do I discuss bullying, gender roles or family diversity with elementary students?

How can I include positive representations of LGBT people in the curriculum?

How do I inspire my students to be kind and speak up when they see bullying?

GLSEN has resources that address these topics and much more. Take a moment to watch the video and explore GLSEN's educator guides and lessons to support your curriculum and practices. Find a resource you like? Download and use it, then share with colleagues.

Educator Guides for GLSEN Programs:

Planning for Back to School? Looking for ways to support Day of Silence? Interested in being more LGBTQ-inclusive during pride month? You've come to the right place!

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/educate/resources/guides>

LGBT-Inclusive Curriculum:

Incorporate LGBT history, themes and people into your curriculum! Ensure that your LGBT students see themselves reflected in your lessons. Create opportunities for all of your students to gain a more complex and authentic understanding of the world around them. Encourage respectful behavior, critical thinking and social justice.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/educate/resources/curriculum>

Lesson Plans on Bullying, Bias, and Diversity:

Respect! Empathy! Action! Help your students develop the skills to interact in our diverse world! Use these lessons to improve school climate, build leadership and encourage ally behavior.

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/educate/resources/lesson-plans>

GLSEN Educator Network: As a member of the GLSEN Educator Network Mailing List, you'll receive monthly emails that highlight GLSEN's resources and provide up-to-date information on GLSEN research. You will also receive current information on LGBTQ events and celebrations to

help you plan for and implement a more inclusive curriculum. You'll also receive direct information and new opportunities about GLSEN programs like No Name-Calling Week, Ally Week and the Day of Silence. We invite you to join the thousands of educators who are helping GLSEN change schools across the country.

Website:

<https://action.glsen.org/page/s/educator-network>

GLSEN Professional Development

We can help you and your staff develop the knowledge and skills needed to create and sustain safe, inclusive, respectful and healthful environment for all your students.

Website: <https://www.glsen.org/educate/professional-development>

Professional Development Toolkits:

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<https://www.glsen.org/educate/professional-development/toolkits>

Professional Development Webinars:

Website:

<https://www.glsen.org/educate/professional-development/media-webinars>

Professional Development Workshops:

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<https://www.glsen.org/educate/professional-development/workshops>

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