

Addressing Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues *Resources for educators, parents and community members about concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth.*

www.glsen.org/centralnj, GLSEN Central New Jersey chapter. Includes information about creating safe schools for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Sign up for the Educators Network to receive regular briefings and recommended materials; available at www.glsen.org/educatorsnetwork. See also www.njgsaforum.com.

www.hitops.org, Peer health education/support organization in the Princeton area with groups for LGBTQ youth and allies as well as for Transgender and gender non-conforming youth and allies. Click on "Support Programs" you can find information meeting times and location .

www.acesforbullyingprevention.org. Downloadable ACES Resource Guide: **Effective Strategies for Complying with New Jersey Laws Related to School Bullying: Resource Guide for Schools**. Educators understand the requirements of the law. Now what is needed to assure a comprehensive, effective anti-bullying program and welcoming education climate for your district and school?

www.safeschoolscoalition.org, a public-private partnership in support of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth with resources for educators, parents, and students. Extensive excellent lesson plans, library recommendations, and program suggestions are included. Based in Washington State.

www.youthresource.com, a project of Advocates for Youth. Contains many links to valuable information for GLBT young people.

www.glsen.org. Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network is a national organization working for a future in which every child learns to respect all people regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. Their site has a variety of materials and links to programs for schools including these reports and handbooks:

Safe Space Kit: A Guide to Being an Ally to LGBT Students

Ready, Set Respect: GLSEN's Elementary School Toolkit

Jump Start Guide for Gay Straight Alliances

From Teasing to Torment: School Climate in America

The 2011 National School Climate Survey

The Principal's Perspective: School Safety, Bullying and Harassment

Harsh Realities: Experiences of Transgender Youth in our Schools

Involved, Invisible, Ignored: Experiences of LGBT Parents

Model Policy on Transgender and gender nonconforming students:

Resource updates are available by signing on to www.glsen.org/educatorsnetwork.

www.glsen.org/. Changing the Game: The GLSEN Sports Project's mission is to assist K-12 schools in creating and maintaining an athletic and physical education climate that is based on core principles of respect, safety and equal access for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

<http://www.aclu.org/lgbt/youth/index.html>. A section of the American Civil Liberties Union website devoted to equality in schools. Information on safe school policies, forming GSA's, and cases relating to school situations.

www.casafeschools.org. The California Safe Schools Coalition offers numerous research reports on student and school concerns related to sexual orientation and gender identity/expression

www.nclrights.org, click on Youth on the NCLR site to get links to resources including "Harassment and Discrimination: A Legal Overview," "Safe Place to Learn" report, and "Fifteen Reasons Why Safe Schools Legislation is in Your States Best Interest"

www.njea.org, New Jersey Education Association, go to member section for "What Does Gay Mean? How to Talk with Students of All Ages about Sexual Orientation and Prejudice."

Adapted for teachers by the Mental Health Association in New Jersey and NJEA. Multiple copies for members by request of local leadership.

<http://familyproject.sfsu.edu> Family Acceptance Project ...community research, intervention, education and policy initiative that works to decrease major health and related risks for LGBT youth, such as suicide, substance abuse, HIV and homelessness – in the context of their families.

<http://www.nea.org/assets/docs/glbstatus09.pdf>. National Education Association, “A Report on the Status of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender People in Education: Stepping Out of the Closet, Into the Light.”

www.groundspark.org. Formerly Women’s Educational Media. Produces outstanding materials including *It’s Elementary* for teacher training, *That’s a Family* for elementary level, *Let’s Get Real* for middle schools, and *Straightlaced* for high school use.

www.manyvoices.org/resources. Resources by Ann Thompson Cook for faith groups and communities to talk sexual orientation and gender identity questions. Includes “And God Loves Each One,” “Made in God’s Image” and childrens curriculum.

www.pflag.org, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Extensive resources for families and youth.

www.transgenderlawcenter.org, This site of the Transgender Law Center includes a page on “Transgender and Non-Conforming Youth, Recommendations for Schools” to address the severe discrimination and harassment that transgender students experience.

www.imatyfa.org. Trans Youth Family Allies. Extensive educational resources for families, educators, healthcare personnel and other service providers to develop supportive environments where gender many be expressed and respected.

www.equalityforum.org. Equality Forum has excellent resources for LGBT History Month.

www.kidsbridgemuseum.org. A cutting edge partnership with The College of New Jersey to teach diversity appreciation and character education to elementary and middle school children. Field trips to the museum give classes, scout and community groups, religions education groups valuable lessons to implement into on-going activities and efforts toward tolerance and respect

More resources for helping all young people respond effectively to situations of bias and harassment

www.thinkb4youspeak.com. A campaign to end biased language. GLSEN has created a teacher’s guide to assist middle and high school educators in presenting the various components of this campaign to students, framing and discussing the ads in class, and extending student learning about the negative consequences of homophobic language and anti-LGBT bias.

It Takes A Team! Campaign for respect and safety for LGBT student athletes.

<http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/Issues-And-Research/Homophobia.aspx>

www.teachingtolerance.org/bullied. BULLIED: A Student, a School and a Case that Made History. The story of Jamie Nobozny presented by The Southern Poverty Law Center. Available free to every school district nationwide. Extensive additional materials and lesson plans are available from www.teachingtolerance.org.

www.glsen.org/dayofsilence. The Day of Silence is an annual event held to bring attention to anti-LGBT bullying, harassment and discrimination in schools. Students and teachers nationwide observe the day in silence to echo the silence about LGBT concerns that students face everyday. Day of Silence is one of the largest student-led actions in the country. This website has organizing information for Day of Silence and for additional national days of action including Ally Week and Dr. Martin Luther King organizing weekend.

www.glsen.org/nonamecallingweek. This includes a set of lesson plans and organizing materials for carrying out an intensive week of activities for classroom or school-wide focus on ending name calling and creating an atmosphere of respect for grades 5-8. Adaptable for older or younger students. Creative expression contest.

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