
Annotated Bibliography: Resources for Working With Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth and Families in the Foster Care System

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The National CASA Association, together with its state and local members, supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.

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Welcome

The National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (National CASA) has compiled this annotated bibliography of resources to serve the advocacy needs of those working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth and families in foster care. We hope that it will provide useful references for a range of concerns from health to housing, education to legal representation.

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1. General Resources

American Library Association, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Roundtable

A national organization that provides workshops, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and maintains a clearinghouse of GLBT-related bibliographies, directories, and reading lists.

Website: www.ala.org/ala/glbtrt/welcomeglbtround.htm

National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs

A coalition of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender victim advocacy and documentation programs located throughout the United States.

Website: <http://www.avp.org/ncavp.htm>

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2. Advocacy and Legal Organizations

Best Practices Guidelines for Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth in State Custody

Legal Services for Children and the National Center for Lesbian Rights have developed the first ever set of comprehensive recommendations about how child welfare and juvenile justice professionals can best serve and work with LGBT youth in state care. These recommendations, published by the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) provide guidance to child welfare and juvenile justice institutions, administrators and staff about how to provide safe and equitable environments for all youth, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

ISBN: 1-58760-095-1

Stock Number: 10951

Phone: 1-800-407-6273

Website: www.cwla.org/pubs/default.htm

The Equity Project

The Equity Project is a joint initiative of Legal Services for Children, the National Juvenile Defender Center, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in the justice system are treated with fairness and respect. The Equity Project addresses the entire delinquency process, ranging from arrest through adjudication and post-disposition. Core activities of the Equity Project will include collecting information about LGBT youth in the justice system, identifying obstacles to fair treatment, reporting findings, and crafting recommendations for court personnel. Contact the project partners for more information.

Contact 1: Legal Services for Children

Address: 1254 Market St., 3rd floor, San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: 415-863-3762

Fax: 415-863-7708

Website: www.lsc-sf.org

Contact 2: National Juvenile Defender Center

Address: 1350 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Suite 304. Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 202-452-0010

Fax: 202-452-1205

Website: www.njdc.info

Contact 3: National Center for Lesbian Rights

Address: 870 Market St., Suite 570, San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: 415-392-6257

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

Gender Public Advocacy Coalition (Gender PAC)

A national advocacy organization working to ensure every American's right to his or her gender, free from stereotypes, discrimination, and violence, regardless of looks, actions, dress, or others' perceptions of one's sex or sexual orientation.

Address: 1638 R St. N.W., Suite 100, Washington, DC 20009-6446

Phone: 202-462-6610

Email: gpac@gpac.org

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

National Juvenile Defender Center

The National Juvenile Defender Center (NJDC) seeks to ensure excellence in juvenile defense and to promote justice for all children by building the capacity of the juvenile defense bar and improving access to counsel and quality of representation for children in the justice system. NJDC offers a wide range of integrated services to juvenile defenders, including training, technical assistance, advocacy, networking, collaboration, capacity building, and coordination. NJDC also engages in policy reform efforts with partners at the local, state, and national levels.

Address: 1350 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Suite 304, Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 202.452.0010

Fax: 202.452.1205

Website: www.njdc.info

US Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

OCR is responsible for enforcing five federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age by schools that receive federal dollars. Most of OCR's activities are conducted by twelve regional enforcement offices.

Phone: 1-800-421-3481

TDD: 202-205-5166

Email: OCR@ED.Gov

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>

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3. Children, Youth, and Family Organizations

Advocates for Youth

An organization dedicated to creating programs and advocating for policies that help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health. Provides information, training, and strategic assistance to youth-serving organizations, policy makers, youth activists, and the media in the US and the developing world.

Address: 1025 Vermont Ave. N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 202-347-5700

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

Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)

CWLA and partner Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund are working together to build the child welfare system's capacity to deal equitably and constructively with young people, family members, and employees who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning their sexual orientation, with particular emphasis on those making the transition to adulthood.

Address: 440 First St. N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20001

Phone: 202-638-2952

Website: <http://www.cwla.org/programs/culture/glbq.htm>

Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE)

COLAGE offers peer support, newsletters, conferences, and literature for children with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender parents.

Address: 3543 18th St., #17, San Francisco, CA 94110

Phone: 415-861-5437

Email: colage@colage.org

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

Families United Against Hate

A national network by and for families and survivors of hate-motivated violence which operates in conjunction with Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and other organizations and individuals. It focuses on providing long-term emotional support and technical assistance to families.

Contact: Lisa Weiner-Mahfuz of PFLAG

Phone: 202-467-8180, ext. 217

Email: info@fuah.org

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

National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC)

A social justice organization that advocates for and with young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning in an effort to end discrimination against these youth and to ensure their physical and emotional well-being. NYAC publishes a newsmagazine regarding sexual minority youth concerns.

Address: 1638 R St., N.W., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20009

Phone: 202-319-7596, ext. 12

Email: nyac@nyacyouth.org

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

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

Provides support, education, and advocacy for parents, siblings, and friends of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth, and adults, too. Distributes brochures. Local chapters meet monthly. Encourages people to share concerns and ask questions. If no chapter is listed under "Local Organization" for your town, contact National PFLAG.

Address: 1726 M St., N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 202-467-8180

Email: info@pflag.org

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

Youth Guardian Services

A youth-run organization that provides support services on the Internet to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and straight supportive youth.

Address: 8665 Sudley Rd. #304, Manassas, VA 20110-4588

Phone: 1-877-270-5152

Email: ygs-staff@youth-guard.org

Website: <http://www.youth-guard.org>

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4. Group Homes, Emergency Housing, and Shelters

National and International: Covenant House

An organization that provides shelter and service to homeless and runaway youth, as well as health care, education, vocational preparation, drug abuse treatment and prevention programs, legal services, recreation, mother/child programs, transitional living programs, street outreach, and aftercare.

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

Arizona: Eon's Homeless Youth Project

A program of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Pima County Health Department and Wingspan, in Tucson. Part of Eon's larger program, the Homeless Youth Project offers advocacy, information, and limited services (hotel vouchers, some emergency food and toiletry supplies, bus tickets, etc.), and then helps people get into other youth shelters in town. They also have a youth support group on Saturdays, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 520-620-6245

Email: ccondit@saaf.org

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

California: The Ark House

A 15-bed residence for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning young adults in San Francisco; stays of 3 to 6 months.

Phone: 415-861-6130

Fax: 415-861-6103

Email: info@arkofrefuge.org

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

California: GLASS, Inc.

Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS) is dedicated to providing a wide range of social and health care services to children and youth who are in foster care, on probation, or who are homeless. Services are provided in safe, loving, supportive, non-judgmental living environments, while providing full access to all of the educational and vocational opportunities to which these youth are entitled. GLASS utilizes the resources of the adult gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community by recruiting, screening, training, and supervising foster parents and mentors who provide both short- and long-term care to children of all ages, including infants, toddlers, young children, and adolescents under 18.

Address: 650 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

Phone: 310-358-8727

Fax: 310-358-8721

Email: info@glassla.org

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

California: The Kruks/Tilsner Transitional Living Program

A 24-bed residence, located at the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, where youth ages 18 to 23 can stay for up to 18 months.

Address: L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, McDonald/Wright Building, 1625 N. Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028

Phone: 323-993-7450

Email: youthservices@laglc.org

Website: <http://www.laglc.org/section03/S0302.htm>

Indiana: Indiana Youth Group (IYG)

Street outreach program offering food, clothing, shelter referral, HIV testing, immediate medical and mental health referrals, referrals for job training, and case management services for homeless gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth.

Address: P.O. Box 20716, Indianapolis, IN 46220-0716

Phone: 317-541-8726

Email: info@IndianaYouthGroup.org

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

Iowa: Iowa Homeless Youth Centers

The largest provider of runaway and homeless youth services in the state; 18 to 20% of their participants are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning.

Contact: George Belitsos, CEO, Youth and Shelter Services, Des Moines, IA

Phone: 515-233-3141, ext. 420

Email: gbelitsos@yss.ames.ia.us

Website: <http://www.yss.ames.ia.us/>

Massachusetts: Waltham House

A group home that serves gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth, 14 to 18 years old.

Address: The Home for Little Wanderers, 271 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115

Phone: 617-267-3700

Fax: 617-267-8142

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

Overview: <http://www.thehome.org/site/content/programs/residential.asp>

Michigan: Ruth Ellis Center ~ Ruth's House

Provides short- and long-term residential safe space and support services for runaway, homeless, and at-risk gay, lesbian, bi-attraction, transgender, and questioning youth, ages 16 to 21, in Detroit and Southeastern Michigan.

Address: 2727 Second Ave., Suite 158, Detroit, MI 48201-2654

Phone: 313-964-2091

Fax: 313-964-3372

Email: info@ruthelliscenter.com

Website: <http://www.ruthelliscenter.com>

North Carolina: North Carolina Lambda Youth Network

Collaborating with a transitional housing agency in Durham to offer a residential program specifically for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth.

Contact: Precious Jewel, Executive Director, North Carolina Lambda Youth Network

Address: 409 E. Chapel Hill St., Durham, NC 27701

Phone: 919-683-3037

Email: execdir@nclyn.org

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

New York: The Ali Forney Center (AFC)

Emergency shelter, HIV prevention, and life skills training for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth, ages 16 to 24. AFC does not accept walk-ins for the shelter; anyone interested in the waiting list should call 917-334-7032. The information below is for AFC headquarters.

Address: The Ali Forney Center, 3151 Broadway, Suite 2C, New York, NY 10027

Phone: 212-222-3427

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

New York: Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc. New York City Programs for LGBTQ Children, Youth and Families

Residential, social service, and educational programs that focus on responding to the unique needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth and their families. Programs include Ungar House, a home for 25 gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning teenagers in foster care. Also three Transitional Living Apartment Programs (TLP) in Upper Manhattan for 10 runaway and homeless GLBTQ youth, ages 17 to 21, that work towards independent living after 18 months by teaching youth how to live in the community as self-sufficient adults.

Address: Administrative Offices, 456 W. 145th St., Suite 1, New York, NY 10031

Phone: 212 491-5911

Fax: 212 368-8975

Website: http://www.greenchimneys.org/our_programs/nycp.html

New York: Sylvia's Place

An emergency night shelter with six beds run by Metropolitan Community Church of New York for self-identified gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, and questioning youth, from 16 to 23 years of age. Provides a safe space, a good meal, bathroom facilities and toiletries, a cot for the night, and breakfast in the morning. Operates from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., 365 days a year. There is a referral system; please call for details.

Address: Sylvia's Place c/o Metropolitan Community Church of New York,
446 W. 36th St., New York, NY 10018

Phone: 201-486-7895

Email: Manager@sylviasplace.org

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

Pennsylvania: Bethel House

Lutheran Children and Family Service (LCFS) of Eastern Pennsylvania helps children and families in need, offering an array of services, including foster care, group care, adoption, in-home services, after-school programs, parenting education, immigrant services, and resettlement of refugees.

Address: 937 S. 3rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19147

Phone: 215-339-8002

Fax: 215-339-8070

Website: <http://www.lcfsinpa.org/index.asp>

Washington: *Isis House*

Transitional living for homeless youth, emphasizing service to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning young adults, ages 18 to 21, with case management onsite, up to 18-month stays. Provided by YouthCare in Seattle.

Phone: (Prefer agency referral) 206-694-4507 (Youth can call) 800-495-7802, a 24-hour help and referral line

Washington: La-Ba-Te-Yah Youth Home Community

Independent living program for homeless youth, ages 14 to 21, targeting urban Native American youth and youth of color; case management onsite; Two-Spirits program and a good number of Two-Spirits staff; up to 18-month stays. Provided by United Indians of All Tribes Foundation in Seattle. Open referral with interview process.

Phone: 206-781-8303

Washington: The Shelter

Emergency shelter for 12 to 17 year olds; organization has worked with transgender youth around the issue of separation of gender required by state licensing; up to 30-day stays; may extend. Provided by YouthCare in Seattle. Open referral with screening.

Phone: 206-694-4506

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5. Medical and Health Organizations

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Health Access Project

The GLBT Health Access Project is a collaborative, community-based program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, offering provider trainings, technical assistance, and support aimed at eliminating barriers to health care access for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals and their families.

Address: Justice Resource Institute, 130 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116

Phone: 617-457-8150

Fax: 617-457-8133

Email: jrihealth@jri.org

Website: <http://www.jri.org/jrihealth.htm#glbt>

Gay and Lesbian Medical Association

Promotes quality health care for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people.

Address: 459 Fulton St., Suite 107, San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: 415-255-4547

Email: info@glma.org

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

Intersex Society of North America

This organization advocates for systemic change to end shame, secrecy, and unwanted genital surgeries for people born with anomalies of the reproductive system.

Address: P.O. Box 301, Petaluma, CA 94953

Phone: 707-283-0036

Email: info@isna.org

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

Justice Resource Institute—Sidney Borum, Jr. Health Center

Affiliated with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, the Sidney Borum, Jr. Health Center specializes in providing comprehensive primary medical care, mental health counseling, and substance abuse treatment to adolescents and young adults 13 to 40, including many gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender young adults, as well as young people without insurance.

Address: Justice Resource Institute, 130 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116

Phone: 617-457-8142

Website: http://www.bidmc.harvard.edu/display.asp?node_id=3342

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6. Educational Organizations

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Lesbian and Gay Rights Project

This national organization provides a variety of resources for students, including a training program that informs school administrators and faculty about their legal and moral obligations to prevent anti-gay harassment. The website offers other resources, from ways to approach schools about policies that ban same-sex couples from going to proms to how to convince schools to recognize Gay Straight Alliances (GSAs) by telling them about the Equal Access Act.

Address: 125 Broad St., 18th Floor, New York, NY 1004

Phone: 212-549-2673

Email: getequal@aclu.org

Website: <http://www.aclu.org/lgbt/youth/index.html>

Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)

The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network is a national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for all students.

Address: 1012 14th St. N.W., Suite 1105, Washington, DC 20007

Phone: 202-347-7780

Fax: 509-471-4106

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

National School Boards Association (NSBA)

A national organization dedicated to excellence and equity in public education through school board leadership.

Address: 1680 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 703-838-6722

Fax: 703-683-7590

Email: info@nsba.org

Website: <http://www.nsba.org/site/index.asp>

Website for Council of School Attorneys:

http://www.nsba.org/site/page_cosa.asp?TrackID=&CID=81&DID=213

Safe Schools Coalition

A public-private partnership that works to reduce bias-based bullying and violence in schools and to help schools better meet the needs of sexual minority youth and children with sexual minority parents.

Address: Safe Schools Coalition, Public Health—Seattle & King County, MS: NTH-PH-0100, 10501 Meridian Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98133

Message Phone: 206-632-0662, ext. 49

Intervention Help: (Washington State only): 1-888-307-9275

Email: questions@safeschoolscoalition.org

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

Teaching Tolerance – Southern Poverty Law Center

A national education project dedicated to helping teacher's foster equity, respect, and understanding in the classroom and beyond. The Teaching Tolerance project publishes a quarterly magazine, produces practical resources for use in the classroom, hosts a website (for teachers, parents, and students), and makes financial grants to individual educators.

Address: 400 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: 334-956-8200

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

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7. Faith-Based Organizations**American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) – GLBT Concerns Program**

An international Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths committed to peace and social justice. Four of AFSC's regional programs focus specifically on GLBT concerns (Seattle, Portland (OR), Ann Arbor, and Honolulu), while other regions work on GLBT issues but do not have ongoing programs.

Email: whitlock@bigsky.net

Website: <http://www.afsc.org/lgbt/default.htm>

Anti-Defamation League

An international organization with regional offices that fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, combats terrorism, probes the roots of hatred, advocates before Congress, aids victims of bigotry, develops educational programs, and serves as a public resource for government, media, law enforcement, and the public, with the goal of countering and reducing hatred. They publish resources such as pamphlets, books, and a hate-filter for your child's computer.

Phone: 212-885-7700

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

HeartStrong

Provides information and support to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied people who attend or are employed by religious schools of all denominations, kindergarten through university.

Address: 1011 Boren Avenue #199, Seattle, WA 98104

Phone: 206-621-9129

Email: heartstrong@heartstrong.org

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

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8. Minority and Non-English Speaking Organizations**Gay and Lesbian Arabic Society (GLAS)**

An international organization established in 1988 in the US with worldwide chapters, GLAS serves as a networking organization for gays and lesbians of Arab descent or those living in Arab countries.

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

National Association of Black and White Men Together

Engages in educational, political, cultural, and social activities as a means of dealing with the racism, sexism, homophobia, HIV/AIDS discrimination, and other inequalities in our community and in our lives.

Address: P.O. Box 73796, Washington, DC 20056-3796

Phone: 1-800-624-2968

Email: nabwmt@mindspring.com

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

Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf

Promotes the educational, economic, and social welfare of deaf gays and lesbians, fosters fellowship, and defends human rights.

Email: President@rad.org

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

Youth Resource

A project of Advocates for Youth, offers "web-rings," collections of young people's own homepages for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth, and for Black LGBT youth, Asian and Pacific Islander-American LGBT youth, Latina and Latino LGBT youth, and Native American LGBT youth. Prohibits explicit material, including nudity and sexual innuendoes.

Website: <http://www.youthresource.com>

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9. Selected LGBTQ Issues and Topics

9.1 Bias Crime, Prejudice, Hatred, Homophobia, and Extremism

Crime of Hate, Conspiracy of Silence: Torture and Ill-Treatment Based on Sexual Identity

Various reports on the topic of sexual orientation are available online from Amnesty International's worldwide campaign against torture, contributing to growing international efforts to end violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

Website: <http://web.amnesty.org/library/eng-347/index>

Hate Crimes

A 2004 report of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs on Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Violence, from Community United Against Violence.

Website: <http://www.cuav.org/information.php>

Hate Crimes!

A website from the Northern California Community Research Group at the University of California, Davis.

Website: http://psychology.ucdavis.edu/rainbow/html/hate_crimes.html

Hate Crimes, State Laws

Details, state by state, regarding what the law says about hate crimes.

Websites: http://www.msnbc.com/modules/HateCrimes_SBS/stateframe.asp

<http://www.adl.org/99hatecrime/provisions.asp>

<http://www.nglrf.org/downloads/hatemap0601.pdf>

Hate on Display

A visual database of extremist symbols, logos, and tattoos, from the Anti-Defamation League.

Website: http://www.adl.org/hate_symbols/default.asp

No Place for Hate! 101 Ways You Can Beat Prejudice

This brochure is available free online from the Anti-Defamation League.

Website: <http://www.adl.org/prejudice/default.asp>

Not Round Here: Affirming Diversity, Challenging Homophobia, A Rural Service Providers Training Manual

This trainers' manual by Kenton Penley Miller and Mahamati of Outlink, a project of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission of Australia, is available free, in PDF format.

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Website: http://www.hreoc.gov.au/pdf/human_rights/Not_round_here.pdf

Preventing Hate, Promoting Respect

This CD-ROM tool and manual from Partners Against Hate is organized into two sequenced categories, Building Skills and Exploring Diversity, making it easy to just "click and go." The first set of topics is designed to help students explore thoughts and feelings about diversity, to help them reflect on personal experience, and to think about themselves in relation to people whose race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or abilities may be different from their own. The second set of topics promotes life skills essential not just for positive inter-group relations, but for positive interpersonal and intra-group relations as well. Discussion questions are built into each lesson. Contact the project director, Partners Against Hate, to receive a copy of the *Preventing Hate, Promoting Respect* CD-ROM tool.

Address: Partners Against Hate, 1100 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 202-452-8310

Email: webmaster@partnersagainsthate.org

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

Responding to Hate at School

A guide for teachers, counselors, and administrators from Teaching Tolerance.

Website: <http://www.tolerance.org/pdf/rthas.pdf>

Talking to Our Children about Bias and Prejudice

This Partners Against Hate web page offers concrete examples of parenting dilemmas and suggests language parents can use with preschoolers and elementary-age children to teach about bias.

Website: <http://www.partnersagainsthate.org/families/index.html>

Tolerance.org

Web page from the Southern Poverty Law Center which intends to create a national community committed to human rights, to awaken people of all ages to the problem of

hate and intolerance, to equip them with ideas about tolerance, and to prompt them to act in their homes, schools, businesses, and communities.

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

What Does Gay Mean? How to Talk with Kids about Sexual Orientation and Prejudice

An anti-bullying program from the National Mental Health Association designed to improve understanding and respect for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth. Centered on an educational booklet (available in print and on their website as a PDF file), this program encourages parents and others to communicate and share values of respect with their children.

Website: <http://www1.nmha.org/whatdoesgaymean/index.cfm>

What To Tell Your Child about Prejudice & Discrimination

An online brochure with suggestions for parents and educators from the Anti-Defamation League.

Website: (English) http://www.adl.org/what_to_tell/whattotell_intro.asp

(Spanish) http://www.adl.org/what_to_tell/sp_whattotell_intro.asp

YouthWEB Online

This website strives to unite youth and adults from diverse backgrounds and communities in the fight against bias, bigotry and prejudice.

Website: <http://www.youthwebonline.com/>

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9.2 Bisexuality

Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak Out

Edited by L. Hutchins and L. Kaahumanu. Los Angeles: Alyson Publications, 1991.

Stories written by bisexual people from various cultures with diverse life experiences.

\$12.95 (paperback)

ISBN: 1555831745

Bisexual Resource Guide, 4th Edition

Edited by R. Ochs. MA: Bisexual Resource Center, 2001. This book defines bisexuality and has chapters on starting a bisexual support group. Includes information on safer sex; biphobia; bisexuality in literature, film, and on the web; and bisexual and bi-inclusive organizations in over 50 countries and every state in the US. \$13.95 (paperback)

ISBN: 0965388131

I Think I Might Be Bi (Now What Do I Do?)

This brochure is available free online.

Website: <http://www.biresource.org/pamphlets/mightbebi.html>

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9.3 Bullying, Harassment, and School-Based Violence

4GirlsHealth

This website offers sections for girls, educators, and parents and guardians.

Website: <http://www.4girls.gov/4girls.cfm?page=bullying/index.htm>

Brothers, Sisters and Friends

From *Bullying at School: Advice for Families*. Brothers, sisters, and friends often know that someone is being bullied long before teachers and parents do. Here's advice for students who feel confused about what to do for a brother, sister, or friend.

Website: <http://www.scre.ac.uk/bully/bother.html>

Bullying Among Young Adolescents: The Strong, the Weak and the Troubled

This abstract of the largest investigation to date on bullying and victimization among urban ethnic minority youth finds that there are significant differences between bullies, victims, and students who are both, suggesting that different kinds of intervention are in order. Victims suffer emotional distress, but are unlikely to draw attention to their difficulties. Students who are both bullies and victims are by far the most troubled, socially ostracized by their peers, the least engaged in school, and the most likely to display conduct problems. Bullies tend to enjoy high social status among their peers, even though classmates tend to avoid their company.

Website: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/112/6/1231>

Bullying and Bias-Based Harassment in King County Schools

This Data-Watch report from Seattle/King County Public Health analyzes a Washington State study of bullying among 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders and a Seattle Public Schools study of high school students that asked about three types of bias-based harassment (race, gender, and orientation-based harassment).

Website: <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/datawatch/bullying.pdf>

Bullying in Schools: Harassment Puts Gay Youth at Risk

A free three-page handout from the National Mental Health Association.

Website: <http://www1.nmha.org/pbedu/backtoschool/bullyingGayYouth.cfm>

Bullying, It's Not Okay

This brochure for parents contains sections on "When Your Child Is the Victim," "When Your Child Is the Bully," and "When Your Child Is a Bystander." It was jointly produced by the Washington State Medical Association, the Washington State Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Washington State Attorney General's Office. It is now available free online.

Website: http://www.atg.wa.gov/bullying/BullyingBrochure8_05.pdf

Bullying Prevention

The website on Safe Schools/ Safe Communities from the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (University of Colorado, Boulder) contains a section called the Bullying Prevention Page. It includes definitions; myths; bullying prevention tips for students, parents, and schools; model legislation (Colorado's law on Safe Schools—Bullying Policy); fact sheets; and links.

Website: <http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/safeschools>

Bullying Special: Don't Be a Victim. Read Here and Learn How To Cope With Bullying and How To Get On With Your Life After It Stops

By Jason Mitchell, a gay man in the U.K. who was bullied when he was in school. This article on his website, Being Gay Is OK, looks specifically at homophobic bullying.

Website: http://www.bgiok.org.uk/bullying_special.htm

Eighty-Three Thousand Youth: Selected Findings of Eight Population-Based Studies

This report by the Safe Schools Coalition (posted in PDF format) describes the studies and details their findings pertaining to anti-GLBT harassment and the safety and well-being of sexual minority students. The studies conclude that targets of anti-GLBT harassment (even heterosexual targets) and students who identify as GLBT and/or who have had same-sex relationships are:

Less likely than their peers to report having the support of families and teachers.

1.5 to 4 times more likely to report having been threatened or injured with a weapon at school.

2-7 times more likely than their peers to report missing school out of fear.

Significantly more likely to report drug use, pregnancy, dangerous dieting, and suicide attempts.

Website: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/83000youth.pdf>

Hatred in the Hallways: Violence and Discrimination Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Students in US Schools

Based on in-depth interviews with 140 youth and 130 teachers, administrators, counselors, parents, and youth service providers in seven states, this report offers the first comprehensive look at the human rights abuses suffered by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students at the hands of their peers. Full report available online. The paperback book version is available from Human Rights Watch for \$15 + \$5 shipping and handling. Order online or call 212-290-4700.

Website: <http://www.hrw.org/reports/2001/uslgbt/>

Hostile Hallways: Bullying, Teasing, and Sexual Harassment in School

A report on the findings of a nationally representative survey of 2,064 8th through 11th graders, it investigates sexual harassment in public schools.

Website:

http://www.aauw.org/member_center/publications/HostileHallways/hostilehallways.pdf

“Incidence and Implications of Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence in K-12 Schools”

This 112-page paper by Nan Stein, Ed.D. of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, cites among dozens of studies the research of GLSEN and the Safe Schools Coalition. View it as a PDF file.

Website: <http://hamfish.org/pub/nan.pdf>

Information on Bullying and Sexual Harassment

Links to research and curriculum resources from the Committee For Children.

Website: <http://www.cfchildren.org/cfc/strf/str/strindex/>

In Memory of Jared High

Jared Benjamin High was a middle school student who committed suicide in 1998. His mother, Brenda L. High, called it a "bullycide."

Website: <http://www.jaredstory.com>

Knowledge Path: Adolescent Violence Prevention

From the Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University, this website has many resources on youth violence.

Website: http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_adolvio.html#Journal

Raven Days

A website on bullying where current and former outsiders can gather for support in dealing with the status quo and for help in changing it.

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

The Respectful School: How Educators and Students Can Conquer Hate and Harassment

S. Wessler and W. Preble. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 2003. This book draws on research and the experience of young victims to explain fundamental changes that every school should make to preserve a respectful learning environment; LGBT-inclusive. \$23.95; \$18.95 for ASCD members.

ISBN: 0-87120-783-4

Responding to Hate at School

A guide for teachers, counselors, and administrators from Teaching Tolerance.

Website: <http://www.tolerance.org/pdf/rthas.pdf>

Safe Passage: Voices from the Middle School

A web page for parents and educators on bullying from the Learning Network.

Website: <http://familyeducation.com/topic/front/0,1156,24-18106,00.html>

Safe Youth.org

A web page from the National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center on bullying.

Website: <http://www.safeyouth.org/scripts/teens/bullying.asp>

Stop Bullying Now

A website with some interactive sections for elementary-aged children, as well as downloadable handouts for adults, from the US Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration.

Website: <http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov>

Take Action Against Bullying

Canadian organization offers resources, strategies and training to combat bullying.

Website: <http://www.bullybeware.com>

Take It Back: A Manual for Fighting Slurs on Campus

This 50-page manual is available free online from the GSA network. "Through student organizing and activism, you can work to prevent slurs and respond effectively when they happen; you can focus on the source, meaning, and impact of slurs in order to take back hurtful language in your school. By speaking out against slurs on your campus, you can also take back the ability of language to empower and strengthen our communities."

Website: <http://www.gsanetwork.org/takeitback/TakeItBack.pdf>

They Don't Even Know Me: Understanding Anti-Gay Harassment and Violence in Schools

A report on this five-year qualitative study of anti-gay harassment and violence in elementary, middle, and high schools in Washington State. On the Safe Schools Coalition website.

Website: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/theydontevenknowme.pdf>

Ordering Info: http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/ssc_order.htm

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9.4 Ex-Gay Movement

Attempts to Change Sexual Orientation

This is a web page by Dr. Gregory Herek of the University of California at Davis. Dr. Herek is widely respected as an expert on sexual prejudice and hate crimes.

Website: http://psychology.ucdavis.edu/rainbow/html/facts_changing.html

Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients

This paper is from the American Psychological Association.
Website: <http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbc/publications/guidelines.html>

Health Care Needs of the Homosexual Population

This statement is from the American Medical Association.
Website: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/14754.html#6>

In Depth: 'Ex-Gays' & 'Conversion Therapy'

A media reference guide from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).
Website: <http://www.glaad.org/media/guide/index.php>

Introduction to Reparative and Similar Therapies

The Religious Tolerance website offers this analysis.
Website: http://www.religioustolerance.org/hom_exod.htm

Just the Facts About Sexual Orientation & Youth

This booklet explains what we know about sexual development, using studies reported in peer-reviewed journals. It also reports verbatim the policies of a number of professional associations regarding "reparative therapies." The booklet explains that there is disagreement among religious leaders about homosexuality and outlines students' legal rights and the obligations of schools regarding those rights. For hard copies (limited), please contact Renee Lyles of the American Psychological Association, ryles@apa.org.
Website: <http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbc/publications/justthefacts.html> and <http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbc/facts.pdf>

"Reparative Therapy: Whether Parental Attempts To Change a Child's Sexual Orientation Can Legally Constitute Child Abuse"

This article was originally published in the *American University Law Review*.
Website: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/journal/lawrev/49/hicks.pdf>

Science

A web page from Bridges-Across, explaining both "sides" of this hot-button issue in the words of those who hold them. Bridges-Across is a cyberspace initiative providing models and resources for building respectful relationships among those who disagree about moral issues surrounding homosexuality, bisexuality, and gender variance.
Website: <http://www.bridges-across.org/ba/science.htm>

Therapies Focused on Attempts To Change Sexual Orientation (Reparative or Conversion Therapies)

A position statement approved by the Board of Trustees of the American Psychiatric Association, March 2000; approved by the Assembly, May 2000.
Website: http://www.psych.org/edu/other_res/lib_archives/archives/200001.pdf

What About Psychotherapy for GLBT People?

This is a web page from Seattle/King County Public Health.

Website: <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/glb/psychotherapy.htm>

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9.5 LGBTQ Youth

Advocates for Youth's Pamphlets

Available in print or online.

Address: 1025 Vermont Ave. N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 202-347-5700

Website: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/freepubs.htm##highrisk>

Be Yourself: Questions and Answers for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth

From Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

Website: http://www.pflag.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Be_Yourself_TT.pdf

Computer Safety

From Elight, a gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth online community.

Website: <http://www.elight.org/e/computer-safety.shtml>

Creating Safe Space for GLBTQ Youth: A Toolkit

This 79-page manual from Advocates for Youth can be downloaded free. It includes sections specifically on supporting youth of color and trans youth and 12 lesson plans for any youth program or 8th through 12th grade classroom.

Website: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/safespace/index.htm> or <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/safespace/safespace.pdf>

Definitions

From Seattle/King County Public Health.

Website: <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/glb/definitions.htm>

Gender Variance: A Primer

A thumbnail on the transgender community, explaining what it is and who it covers.

Website: <http://www.gender.org/resources/dge/gea01004.pdf>

GLBTQ Youth

Fact sheet available online and in print, from Advocates for Youth

Address: 1025 Vermont Ave. N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 202-347-5700

Website: www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/factsheet/fsglbt.htm and <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/factsheet/fsglbt.pdf>

Glossary for School Employees

From the Safe Schools Coalition.

Website: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/glossary.pdf>

Hero and Role Model Cards

From the Safe Schools Coalition.

Website: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/herorolemodelcards.pdf>

I Think I Might Be Bisexual, Now What Do I Do?

Website: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/youth/health/pamphlets/bisexual.htm>
and <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/youth/health/pamphlets/bisexual.pdf>

I Think I Might Be Gay, Now What Do I Do?

Website: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/youth/health/pamphlets/gay.htm>
and <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/youth/health/pamphlets/gay.pdf>

I Think I Might Be Lesbian, Now What Do I Do?

Website: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/youth/health/pamphlets/lesbian.htm>
and <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/youth/health/pamphlets/lesbian.pdf>

I Think I Might Be Transgender, Now What Do I Do?

Website: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/youth/health/pamphlets/transgender.htm>
and <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/youth/health/pamphlets/transgender.pdf>

Just the Facts About Sexual Orientation & Youth

The first booklet explains what we know about sexual development, using studies reported in peer-reviewed journals. The second booklet reports verbatim the policies of a number of professional associations regarding "reparative therapies." The third booklet explains that there is disagreement among religious leaders about homosexuality, and the fourth booklet outlines students' legal rights and the obligations of schools regarding those rights. The booklets are available online. For hard copies (limited amounts), please contact Renee Lyles of the American Psychological Association at rlyles@apa.org.

Website: <http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbc/publications/justthefacts.html> and
<http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbc/facts.pdf>

"Lesbian and Gay Adolescents: Identity Development"

An article by Caitlin Ryan, M.S.W., and Donna Futterman, M.D. published in *Prevention Researcher*. To order a copy of the back issue in which it appeared, please call 1-800-929-2955, ext 19.

Website: <http://www.tpronline.org/articles.cfm?articleID=342>

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth Issues

A fact sheet from the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS).

Website: <http://www.siecus.org/pubs/fact/fact0013.html>
and http://www.siecus.org/pubs/fact/FS_lgbt_youth_issues.pdf

One Umbrella, Many People: Diversity Within the LGBT Communities

Within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities there is a tremendous diversity of experience. This activity from Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) encourages people to learn more about LGBT people from different backgrounds.

Website: <http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/library/record/1292.html>
and http://www.glsen.org/binary-data/GLSEN_ATTACHMENTS/file/246-1.pdf

Perguntas e Respostas Sobre: Orientação Sexual e Identidade de Género

Questions and Answers About Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Portuguese.

Website: <http://www.ex-aequo.web.pt/arquivo/perguntas.pdf>

Resources for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth

Website: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/youth/info/glbtc.htm>

Quick Facts on Sexual Minority Youth, Bullying and Harassment, and Sexual Minority Parents and Their Children

From the Safe Schools Coalition.

Website: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/quickfacts.pdf>

Read This Before Coming Out to Your Parents

Pamphlet available free online.

Website: http://www.outproud.org/brochure_coming_out.html

Respecting the Rights of GLBTQ Youth, A Responsibility of Youth-Serving Professionals

This entire issue of Advocates for Youth's journal *Transitions* (Vol. 14, June 2002) is devoted to GLBTQ youth. The contents include 3Rs & GLBTQ Youth, Latino YMSM, Stressors for GLBTQ Youth, Transgender Youth, Harassment in School, Serving HIV-Positive Youth, Youth Activism, Coming Out, Creating Inclusive Programs, Emergency Contraception, Abstinence-Only Education, Bill of Rights, and GLBTQ Youth of Color.

Website: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/transitions/transitions1404.pdf>
or <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/transitions/transitions1404.htm>

Teen Safety on the Internet

From Lambda GLBT Community Services.

Website: http://www.lambda.org/online_safety_tips_for_teens.htm

Youth Resource

A website created by and for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning young people 13 to 24 years old that takes a holistic approach to sexual health by offering support, community, resources, and peer-to-peer education about issues of concern to GLBTQ young people.

Website: <http://www.youthresource.com/>

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9.6 LGBTQ Youth in Foster Care and LGBTQ Youth Homelessness

Being Out, Coming Home: Helping GLBTQ Youth in Crisis

Ever wonder whether the National Runaway Switchboard was a safe place to refer a homeless GLBTQ youth? Here's their free, downloadable flyer for your clinic or counseling waiting room or the literature rack in your classroom or library. It acknowledges that 25% of homeless youth are GLBTQ and that two in five GLBTQ youth have experienced physical assault, "with more than three-fifths of those incidents occurring in the home."

Website: http://www.nrscrisisline.org/pub_mat/art_y_p.html

Breaking the Silence: LGBTQ Foster Youth Tell Their Stories

This 45-minute DVD/CD is a collection of ten digital short stories by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, and questioning foster youth and a set of over 15 training tools and resources. They describe what it's like to be an LGBTQ foster youth and what advocates and providers can do to make the child welfare and juvenile justice systems better.

Breaking the Silence DVD/CD is available through the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) for \$25. To order, call or email.

Contact: Jody Marksamer, NCLR Staff Attorney

Email: jmarksamer@nclrights.org

Phone: 415-392-6257, ext. 308

“Challenges Faced by Homeless Sexual Minorities: Comparison of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Homeless Adolescents with Their Heterosexual Counterparts”

An abstract of the article from the *American Journal of Public Health*, Vol. 92, No. 5 (May 2002): 773-777.

Website: <http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/abstract/92/5/773>

Fostering Transitions

The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (Lambda Legal) join together to support LGBTQ youth and adults involved with the child welfare system. Resources include: *Out of the Margins: A Report on Regional Listening Forums Highlighting the Experiences of LGBTQ Youth in Care*, CWLA, 2006. Available free online. And "Addressing the Needs of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (GLBTQ) Children, Youth, and Families Within Child Welfare Systems," Special Edition, *Child Welfare Journal*, CWLA, 2006. Available for purchase online.

Website: <http://www.cwla.org> or <http://www.cwla.org/programs/culture/glbtq.htm>

Model Standards Project

A partnership between Legal Services for Children (LSC) and the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) has produced the Model Standards Project LGBTQ Practice Guide, published by the Child Welfare League of America in 2006 and available through www.lsc-sf.org, info@nclrights.org and www.cwla.org

Contact 1: Legal Services for Children

Address: 1254 Market St., 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: 415-863-3762, ext. 310

Fax: 415-863-7708

Website: <http://www.lsc-sf.org>

Contact 2: National Center for Lesbian Rights National Office

Address: 870 Market St., Suite 370, San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: 415-392-6257 Fax: 415-392-8442

Email: info@nclrights.org

Resources on LGBTQ Youth in the Foster Care and Juvenile Justice Systems

The documents below are part of a new tool kit from the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) designed to educate people about the experiences of LGBTQ youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. The first two items are California-specific. The others are applicable anywhere.

NCLR's Summary of AB 458, California's Foster Care Non-Discrimination Act

Website: <http://www.nclrights.org/publications/ab458.htm>

Question and Answer Guide About AB 458

Website: <http://www.nclrights.org/publications/QAab458.htm>

Fact Sheet on LGBTQ Youth in Foster Care

Website: <http://www.nclrights.org/publications/lgbtqfostercare.htm>

Fact Sheet on LGBTQ Youth in Juvenile Justice

Website: <http://www.nclrights.org/publications/lgbtqjuvenilejustice.htm>

Description of NCLR's Foster Care and Juvenile Justice Work

Website: <http://www.nclrights.org/publications/fostercare-juvenile.htm>

We Don't Exactly Get the Welcome Wagon: The Experiences of Gay and Lesbian Adolescents in Child Welfare Systems

By G. P. Mallon. New York: Columbia University Press, 1998. The first comprehensive examination of the experiences of gay and lesbian youths in the child welfare system, *Welcome Wagon* makes solid recommendations to social work practitioners as well as to policy makers about how they can provide a competent practice for gay and lesbian adolescents and offers a methods chapter which could be useful in classroom instruction. \$28.00 (paperback).

ISBN: 0-231-10455-3

Website: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/catalog/data/023110/0231104553.HTM>

Youth in the Margins: A Report on the Unmet Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Adolescents in Foster Care

Current state foster care programs neglect LGBT youth and, in many cases, promote a homophobic atmosphere that serves to undermine their welfare. This report from Lambda Legal examines the foster care programs of 14 states, highlighting the shortfalls of each program in addressing LGBT youth and in turn providing recommendations so that these problems can be addressed.

Website: <http://www.lambdalegal.org/cgi-bin/iowa/news/publications.html?record=899>

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9.7 Gay Straight Alliances

Allies Against High School Homophobia

This page from Planned Parenthood's Teen Wire website explains what Gay Straight Alliances are (safe spaces for everybody) and what they aren't (sex forums or places to promote an "agenda").

Website: http://www.teenwire.com/index.asp?taStrona=http://www.teenwire.com/takinga/c/articles/ta_20030411p072_homophobia.asp

Building Anti-Racist GSAs

This page on the GSA Network's site addresses some of the reasons GSAs are disproportionately white and proposes strategies for addressing some of those reasons and building diverse, anti-racist organizations.

Website: <http://www.gsanetwork.org/resources/pdf/Antiracist.pdf>

The Education of Mrs. Feldman—Research on Gay/Straight Alliances

On the GLSEN Colorado website, click on “Resources,” then on “Educators,” then on “Teachers,” then on “The Education of Mrs. Feldman—Research on Gay/Straight Alliances.”

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

Gay Straight Alliance Network

A youth-led organization that works to empower youth activists fighting homophobia in schools. Useful if you are trying to start a GSA at your school, keep it going, survey your student body, or otherwise become active in the fight to end homophobia.

Website: www.gsanetwork.org

Gay/Straight Alliances

This fact sheet from the National Center for Lesbian Rights explains the legal rights of students to form GSAs and your right to have the same privileges for your GSA as for any other club. It is a simple handout you could give to your principal; it cites which laws and lawsuits confer those rights. Available free online.

Website: <http://www.nclrights.org/publications/pubs/gsaqa.pdf>

The GSA Manual

From the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program, free and confidential for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and straight allied young people between the ages of 13 and 21 in New York City. This part of their website on Gay Straight Alliances (GSAs) are making schools across the country a safer place for all students. Includes "Getting Started," "Preparing for Success," "Events and Activities for Your Group," and "In Keeping Your Group Going."

Website: <http://www.centeryes.org/SIGNS/manual/>

Sample Constitutions for Gay Straight Alliances

The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) Colorado website offers three sample constitutions. Go to the website and click on "Resources," then on "Students," then on "Stuff for GSAs."

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

Student Pride

The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network's (GLSEN) national network of students working against homophobia in high schools and providing support, resources, and connections so that starting and sustaining Gay Straight Alliances and other groups will be easier. Student Pride hosts three email listserves designed to network student activists from around the country.

Website: www.glsen.org/templates/student/index.html

Transgender Inclusivity in GSAs

This page on the GSA Network's site offers 10 concrete strategies for making your GSA respectful of the gender diversity in your school, as well as a glossary and resource list.

Website: <http://www.gsanetwork.org/resources/pdf/Transgender.pdf>

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9.8 Health

American Journal of Public Health, June 2001 Issue

This issue focuses on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health, including abstracts and full text of the following articles.

- "Same-Sex Romantic Attraction and Experiences of Violence in Adolescence" by Russell et al.
- "Trans Health Crisis: For Us It's Life or Death" by Leslie Feinberg.
- "Preventing Sexual Risk Behaviors Among Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Adolescents: The Benefits of Gay-Sensitive HIV Instruction in Schools" by Blake et al.

- “Papanicolaou Test Screening and Prevalence of Genital Human Papillomavirus Among Women Who Have Sex With Women” by Marrazzo et al.
- “Removing the Barriers: Improving Practitioners' Skills in Providing Health Care to Lesbians and Women Who Partner With Women” by Scout et al.

Website: http://www.aiph.org/content/vol91/issue6/index.shtml#JOURNAL_ARTICLE

American Psychological Association's Healthy Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students Project

Provides resources and training events to school counselors, nurses, psychologists, and social workers to help these professionals be more effective in meeting the health and mental health needs of lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth.

Email: HealthyLGBStudentsProject@apa.org

Website: <http://www.apa.org/ed/hlgb>

Basic Tips for Health Care and Social Service Providers Working With Transgender People

Two-page handout available free online.

Website: <http://www.gender.org/resources/dge/gea01006.pdf>

Cancer Facts for Lesbians and Bisexual Women

Are your lesbian and bi students less likely to get a pap test because they don't think they're at risk? This free, downloadable flyer from the American Cancer Society explains the ways in which lesbian and bisexual women are at higher risk than other women for various cancers, and it encourages prevention and early detection.

Website: <http://www.cancer.org/downloads/COM/CancerFactsfor%20Lesbians03.pdf>

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Health Access Project

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

Gender Variance Support Group

This is a monthly support and information group sponsored by Children's National Medical Center (CNMC) in Washington, D.C. for parents of young children (ages 3-12) with strong and persistent cross-gender interests. The group is co-facilitated by Edgardo Menvielle, MD, Department of Psychiatry, CNMC, and Catherine Tuerk, MA, RN, CS, private practice.

Contact: Edgardo Menveille MD, MSHS

Phone: 202-884-5158

Email: emenveil@cnmc.org

Website:

<http://www.dcchildrens.com/DcChildrens/ProgramDisplay.aspx?ProgramId=388>

The GLBT Health Web Pages

Health topics of concern to GLBT people, from hate crimes to breast cancer, finding a sensitive health care provider to medical and emotional issues for transgender people. Also guidance on health care providers, from Seattle/King County Public Health.

Website: <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/glbtc>

Invisible Californians: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Substance Abuse Clients and Their Access to Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support Services in the State

Website: http://www.adp.ca.gov/TA/pdf/GLBT_Position_paper_2004.pdf

Lesbian Health

The US Dept. of Health & Human Services offers information on women's health. Specific information related to lesbian health is found at the link below.

Website: <http://www.4woman.gov/gfaq/lesbian.htm>

Lesbian STD Page

From a doctor and a nurse practitioner at the University of Washington.

Website: <http://www.lesbianstd.com/>

A Provider's Handbook on Culturally Competent Care—Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Population

A free handbook printed by Kaiser Permanente's National Diversity Council. You'll likely get a voice mail, so you need to be very specific. There are four different handbooks: 1) on the LGBT population, 2) on the African-American population, 3) on the Asian/Pacific Islander-American population, and 4) on the Latino/a population. You need to let them know exactly which one(s) you want and how many.

Phone: 510-271-6485

“Sexual Orientation and Adolescents”

An article from *Pediatrics*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Website: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/113/6/1827>

Talk About Tina

A website devoted to the issue of methamphetamine use among gay and bisexual men.

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

Tobacco and the GLBT Community

Are all your tobacco messages directed at heterosexual students? A free, downloadable flyer from the American Cancer Society, which asserts that at least 30,000 gay and lesbian people die in the US every year from tobacco. It declares that tobacco kills more people than alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, murder, illegal drugs, and fire combined. It also describes the ways in which the tobacco industry targets GLBT folks, and it encourages critical viewing of tobacco advertising.

Website: <http://www.cancer.org/downloads/COM/GLBT%20Tobacco.pdf>

Transgender Care

Thorough and professionally responsible website on the medical and psychological aspects of transgender health care.

Website: <http://www.transgendercare.com/>

"Understanding Children's Atypical Gender Behavior: A Model Support Group Helps Parents Learn To Accept and Affirm Their Gender-Variant Children"

An article from the American Psychological Association's journal, *Monitor on Psychology*, Vol. 34, No. 8 (September 2003): 40.

Website: <http://www.apa.org/monitor/sep03/children.html>

"Young, Gay and of Color"

This article from the American Psychological Association's journal, *Monitor on Psychology*, Vol. 33, No. 2 (February 2002) speaks to the "unique considerations" for professionals working with lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth of color.

Website: <http://www.apa.org/monitor/feb02/gaycolor.html>

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9.9 Intersexuality

Complete Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome (CAIS)

Website: <http://www.rch.unimelb.edu.au/publications/CAIS.pdf>

Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia

Website: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/newborn/default.shtm>

Cushing Syndrome

Website: <http://www.drdaiter.com/52.html>

Intersex Society of North America

Information, bibliographies, and articles regarding gender and gender reassignment.

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

Klinefelter Syndrome

Website: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/klinefelterssyndrome.html>

Mayer-Rokitansky-Kuster-Hauser Syndrome

Website: http://www.surrogacy.com/online_support/mrkh

Turner Syndrome

Website: <http://www.tss.org.uk/>

XY/XO Mosaics and Children with Gender Identity Disorder

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

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9.10 Marriage Equality

Constitutional Amendments and Gay Marriage

From Channel Thirteen, WNET, Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

Website:

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/teachers/lessonplans/history/gaymarriage_amendments.html

Same Sex Marriage in the Non-European World

Website: <http://www.colorq.org/Articles/2004/ssmarriage.htm>

Where You Can Marry: Global Summary of Registered Partnership, Domestic Partnership, and Marriage Laws

Website: <http://www.iglhrc.org/site/iglhrc/content.php?type=1&id=91>

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9.11 Religion and Spirituality

Reconciling Ministries Network

This website lists Methodist, United Church of Christ, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Disciples, United Church of Canada, Unitarian Universalist, and Brethren/Mennonite groups that welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and their families.

Website: <http://www.rmnetwork.org/welindex.php>

Religion and Spirituality

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual and the Transgender sections of the DMOZ website offer essays and links for a variety of world religions and their support—or lack of support—for GLBT people.

Website:

[http://www.dmoz.org/Society/Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual/Religion and Spirituality/](http://www.dmoz.org/Society/Gay,_Lesbian,_and_Bisexual/Religion_and_Spirituality/) and [http://www.dmoz.org/Society/Transgendered/Religion and Spirituality/](http://www.dmoz.org/Society/Transgendered/Religion_and_Spirituality/)

Transgender 102

This page from the Unitarians' Office of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Concerns contains useful definitions and a section on how to be understanding and welcoming of transgender people.

Website: <http://www.uua.org/obgltc/resource/tg102.html>

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9.12 Sexuality, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Safe Sex

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Health Web Pages

A service of Seattle/King County Public Health, this site addresses everything from sexual health to tobacco and suicide, as they relate to GLBT people.

Website: <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/glb/>

Go Ask Alice

A service of Columbia University's Health Education Program, this site for high school and college students and educators addresses all aspects of health, from fitness to emotional health to drugs to sexuality.

Website: <http://www.goaskalice.columbia.edu>

I Wanna Know

A service of the American Social Health Association, this site for teens answers questions about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including HIV/AIDS. Ask your questions in an online chat room and experts will answer.

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

Lesbian STDs

From a doctor and a nurse practitioner at the University of Washington.

Website: <http://www.lesbianstd.com/>

Not 2 Late

This site, specifically about emergency contraception, is operated by the Office of Population Research at Princeton University and the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals.

Website: <http://ec.princeton.edu/>

Sex Information and Education Council of the US

Website: <http://www.siecus.org/teen/teen0000.html> (for teens) and www.siecus.org/parent/index.html (for parents and other adults)

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Among Lesbian and Bisexual Women and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Among Gay and Bisexual Men

Web pages from Seattle/King County Public Health.

Website: <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/glb/lbstd.htm> and <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/glb/gbstd.htm>

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9.13 Suicide

Befrienders International

Not specific to LGBTQ people, this site contains details of local suicide support services in over 40 countries and is translated into seven languages.

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

Face the Issue

Offers sobering, straightforward web animation with celebrity narration regarding anorexia/bulimia, depression, alcohol/other drugs, abuse, and self-esteem.

Website: <http://www.facetheissue.com>

Suicide Among Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth

A report by Heather E. Murphy.

Website: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/SuicideamongGLBYouth.html> and
<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/Suicide.pdf>

The Trevor Helpline

A national suicide hotline for GLBT and questioning youth. Confidential, 24-hour hotline, staffed by trained counselors familiar with gay and questioning youth.

Phone: 1-800-850-8078

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

Youth Suicide Problems

A website with a gay/bisexual male focus, devoted to this single issue.

Website: <http://www.youth-suicide.com/gay-bisexual/>

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9.14 Transgender and Gender Non-Conformity

Gender Variance: A Primer

A thumbnail on the transgender community, explaining what it is and who it covers, from Gender Education and Advocacy.

Website: <http://www.gender.org/resources/dge/gea01004.pdf>

I Think I Might Be Transgender...Now What Do I Do?

A pamphlet available free online from Advocates for Youth.

Website: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/youth/health/pamphlets/transgender.pdf>

Transgender 102

This page from the Unitarians' Office of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Concerns contains very useful definitions and a section on how to be understanding and welcoming of transgender people.

Website: <http://www.uua.org/obgltc/resource/tg102.html>

Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth: Recommendations for Schools

This document from the Transgender Law Center addresses problems ranging from lack of gender-neutral bathrooms to confidentiality, with specific recommendations for addressing each problem.

Website:

<http://www.transgenderlawcenter.org/tranny/pdfs/Recomendations%20for%20Schools-.pdf>

Transgender Issues, Terms & Definitions

This page from the GSA Network is specifically for Gay Straight Alliances, but it can be useful for everyone.

Website: <http://www.gsanetwork.org/resources/trans.html>

Transgender Law and Policy Institute (TLPI)

Dedicated to engaging in effective advocacy for transgender people, the TLPI brings experts and advocates together to work on law and policy initiatives designed to advance transgender equality. TLPI tracks current developments in legal and public policy issues affecting transgender people and their families and writes summaries of these trends for activists, policymakers, and the media. It provides legal, medical, and social science resources to attorneys and others advocating on behalf of transgender individuals. It also makes freely available litigation, legislative, and education advocacy materials for use by other advocates for transgender people.

Email: query@transgenderlaw.org

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

Transgender-Inclusive Policies in Schools, Colleges, and Universities

Website: <http://www.transgenderlaw.org/college/index.htm#schools>

Transsexual Roadmap

See especially "Self-acceptance" and "Transitioning Early in Life."

Website: <http://www.tsroadmap.com>

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9.15 Violence in Same Sex Relationships

Dating Violence Among Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Heterosexual Adolescents: Results from a Community Survey

This paper was presented at a conference of the American Public Health Association. The authors' conclusions: Overall, the prevalence of dating violence among GLB adolescents is similar to that of heterosexuals. See their PowerPoint presentation as well as the abstract.

Website: http://apha.confex.com/apha/129am/techprogram/paper_23365.htm

Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian, and Gay Survivors of Abuse (formerly AABL)

Individual counseling for lesbian, bisexual, gay, and trans people who are dealing with domestic violence; also domestic violence support groups for bisexual, trans, lesbian, gay, questioning, and queer survivors of abuse; provides safety planning and legal advocacy.

Address: P.O. Box 2039, Seattle, WA 98102

Phone: 206-568-7777 (accepts collect calls)

Email: info@nwnetwork.org

Website: www.nwnetwork.org

Raising Our Voices: Queer Asian Women's Response to Relationship Violence

A report by Cristy Chung and Summer Lee, edited by Leni Marin, with resources sponsored by Family Violence Prevention Fund, in collaboration with the Asian Women's Shelter in San Francisco.

Website: <http://endabuse.org/programs/immigrant/files/RaisingVoices.pdf>

Same Sex Dating Violence

From Brown University's health education office.

Website:

http://www.brown.edu/Student_Services/Health_Services/Health_Education/sexual_assault/ssdv.htm

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10. Hotlines

10.1 General

Hate Crime Network

For victims of all kinds of hate crimes (LGBT and otherwise).

Phone: 1-800-616-HATE

National Child Abuse Hotline

Phone: 1-800-422-4453

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Phone: 1-800-799-7233

TDD: 1-800-787-3224

National Herpes Hotline

Phone: 1-919-361-8488

National Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Cervical Cancer Prevention Hotline

Phone: 1-919-361-4848

National Mental Health Association Help Line

Phone: 1-800-969-6642

National Runaway Hotline

Phone: 1-800-231-6946

National Runaway Switchboard

Phone: 1-800-621-4000

National Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) AIDS Hotline

Phone: (English): 1-800-342-2437 **(Spanish):** 1-800-344-7432

TTY: 1-800-243-7889

National Suicide Hotline

Phone: 1-800-784-2433

Poison Hotline

Phone: 1-800-222-1222

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN)

Phone: 1-800-656-HOPE

Runaway 9 Line Covenant House

Phone: 1-800-999-9999

Victims of Crime

Phone: 1-800-394-2255

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10.2 LGBTQ Specific

Foster Care Helpline

For young people in foster care who have questions about LGBT-related discrimination or abuse, a service of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Staffed Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Eastern), but callers may leave messages 24 hours.

Phone: 866-LGBTeen (542-8336), ext. 350

Gay and Lesbian National Hotline

A peer counseling and information hotline for all ages. Staffed Monday-Friday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Phone: 1-888-843-4564

Email: glnh@glnh.org

Website: www.glnh.org

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Helpline

Information and crisis intervention line. Staffed Monday-Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Phone: 1-888-340-4528

Website:

www.fenwayhealth.org/site/PageServer?pagename=FCHC_srv_services_tollfree

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender National Youth Talkline

An email and telephone hotline program of the GLBT National Help Center designed specifically for youth. Volunteers in their teens and early twenties counsel teens and young adults up to age 25 about coming-out issues, relationship concerns, parental issues, school problems, HIV/AIDS anxiety, and provide information on local resources. Staffed Monday-Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time; 9:30 p.m. to midnight Eastern Time.

Phone: 1-800-246-PRIDE (7743)

Email: youth@glbtnationalhelpcenter.org

Website: www.glbtnationalhelpcenter.org

The Peer Listening Line

A youth support and information line. Staffed by trained GLBT volunteers, age 25 and under, Monday-Friday, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Phone: 1-800-399-PEER (7337)

Website:

www.fenwayhealth.org/site/PageServer?pagename=FCHC_srv_services_tollfree

Youth Legal Information Line

Offers free, confidential legal information regarding safety in schools, psychiatric abuse or forced commitment to a mental hospital or treatment center, homelessness, discrimination in the foster care system or juvenile justice system, media and legal issues for transsexual youth. A service of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. Staffed Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Phone: 415-392-6257

Fax: 415-392-8442

Email: info@nclrights.org

Website: www.nclrights.org (click on “Need Help?”)

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