

Making Schools Safe for GLBTQ* Youth



Did you know that . . .



- **Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and “questioning” youth** are more likely than heterosexual youth to drop out of classes, avoid school activities, carry a weapon for protection, or drop out of school, due to harassment by other students (and some staff)?
- **Adults who witness such harassment** rarely intervene to protect such youth?
- **Relentless harassment of youth perceived to be gay** has played a role in numerous school shootings?
- **Courts are holding schools legally liable** for protecting GLBTQ youth?

Photos of GLBT youth by
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*This training is intended for various professionals who want to make school safe for GLBTQ youth and the children of gays and lesbians: **principals, teachers, intervention specialists, safe & drug-free school coordinators, counselors, school board members, and other youth-serving individuals.***

Participants will . . .

1. Learn about the unique barriers and risks faced by GLBTQ youth and children of gay and lesbian families.
2. Obtain a school assessment tool and other strategies, including how to explain the difference between “affirming” diversity and “promoting” a group, and how to respond to parent or community concerns.
3. Learn to apply the FAIR Principles in making schools safe for all youth.

What previous attendees have said about this training. . .

“The information was fascinating and left me wanting to learn more. You created a safe environment, encouraging questions and helping us to think about how our work can be inviting for youth & families.”
**Susan Martin, Educational Service District 105,
Yakima**

“Your delightful manner of teaching created a highly enjoyable & stimulating day. Participants learned a great deal and left with many insights and new ideas to ponder.”
**Kathy McNaughton, Clinical Director, Catholic Community Services,
Bellingham**

TO SCHEDULE A TRAINING

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