



## National Workgroup to Address the Needs of Children and Youth Who Are LGBTQI2-S and Their Families

*~Affirming LGBTQI2-S youth and families through full inclusion~*

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### SAMHSA BLOG

#### **Bisexuality and Behavioral Health Blog**

Written for Bisexual Awareness Week, this SAMHSA blog post addresses bisexuality and behavioral health. You can access it [here](#).

#### **True Colors Conference, March 20-21, 2015**

### Conference

True Colors is soliciting workshop proposals for their 22nd annual LGBTQIA youth issues conference at UCONN in Storrs, CT. With more than 3,000 attendees and 250+ workshops, the conference has something for everyone: LGBTQIA youth, their peers, family members, educators, clinicians, child welfare professionals, juvenile justice providers, clergy and the community at large. If you have an expertise in any area of LGBTQIA youth strengths, challenges, experiences and/or empowerment, this is a great opportunity. We are particularly interested in activity workshops for youth, advanced workshops for social workers, clinicians and educators and workshops that explore lesser known topic areas such as asexuality; people who are intersex; intersection of 'isms'; etc. **The workshop due date for True Colors 22: When Pink and Blue are not enough is Friday, October 31, 2014.** You can access the workshop proposal system [here](#).

## Resource

### **Sheltering Transgender Women: Providing Welcoming Services (a new Technical Assistance Guidance from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence in partnership with FORGE)**

This resource highlights effective strategies for integrating transgender women into shelter, building on the knowledge that most shelter staff and allied professionals have already developed. [Read more.](#)

## School Research Webinar

### **New Data on LGBT Students in Schools (October 22, 4:00 Eastern)**

Join GLSEN for a free webinar discussing the newly released findings from the 2013 National School Climate Survey: The Experiences of LGBT Youth in U.S. Schools. The webinar is scheduled for next Wednesday, October 22, the same day as the new report will be released. Register for the webinar [here.](#)

## Child Welfare Webinar

### **getR.E.A.L Webinar: Making Rural Youth Serving Systems More LGBTQ Inclusive (Oct. 23, 2:00 Eastern)**

We're not in the big city anymore! Only an hour north of San Francisco, Napa County, California is worlds apart in terms of visibility and acceptance for LGBTQ people. Two youth-serving professionals from Napa County offer examples of a smaller, rural county working to make youth-serving systems more LGBTQ inclusive. What's working well, lingering issues and next steps—as well as the unique environment of VOICES Youth Center—will be shared in an interactive webinar presentation."

Presenters:

Shaunna Murtha, LCSW, Training Supervisor for Napa County Child Welfare

Ian Stanley, LGBTQ Connection Director


Register for the webinar [here.](#)

## Resource

### **Supporting and Caring for Our Bisexual Youth**

Written by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, BiNet USA, Bisexual Organizing Project, and the Bisexual Resource Center, this new resource addresses the following four questions:

1. Who are bisexual youth in terms of gender, race, school level and where they reside (e.g., cities and towns, rural or suburban)?
2. What are the issues facing bisexual youth, and how are those issues different from those facing their peers?

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3. How does bisexual identity affect young people's well-being, and their relationships with family, school, and community?
  4. How can parents, educators, youth-serving agencies, and advocacy organizations better address the unique needs of bisexual youth?

Access the full resource [online](#).

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