



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 Resource

SAMHSA Releases Paper on Trauma and Using a Trauma-Informed Approach

SAMHSA recently released this paper, SAMHSA's Concept of Trauma and Guidance for a Trauma-Informed Approach. It identifies a working concept of trauma relevant to justice systems and other stakeholders, outlines fundamental assumptions and principles for developing a trauma-informed approach, and explores trauma in the context of community. You can view and download the resource [online](#). Although not specific LGBTQI2-S specific, this resource addresses a challenge that youth who are LGBTQI2-S might experience.

School Resources

LGBTQ Youth and School Pushout

Last Fall, GSA Network and Crossroads Collaborative released a set of reports finding that LGBTQ youth, gender nonconforming youth, and youth of color not only face bullying and harassment from peers, but also harsh and disparate discipline from school staff, relatively higher levels of policing and surveillance, and blame for their own victimization. To accompany the reports, Advancement Project, a national civil rights organization, and GSA Network also released a set of policy recommendations based on the research for school staff, policy makers, and young people advocating for change. You can access these resources [online](#).

Research

United Kingdom (UK) Survey: Nearly Half of Young Transgender People Have attempted Suicide

This [article](#) from The Guardian reviews findings from research on concerning disparities in transgender youth suicide in the UK.

January Event

In Case You Missed It: No Name-Calling Week: January 19-23, 2015

GLSEN's No Name-Calling Week is an opportunity to celebrate kindness while working to create safe schools free of name-calling, bullying and bias. Get involved by:

1. **Registering for No Name-Calling Week!** Sign up to receive free lesson plans, planning guides and other helpful tools to incorporate during your weekly activities.
2. **Using the Planning Guide and lesson plans for elementary, middle, and high school.** Get ready for #NNCW15 with helpful resources to support your efforts in making this the best No Name-Calling Week ever!
3. **Joining the conversation on GLSEN's No Name-Calling Week Facebook page.** Like GLSEN's page to see what's new and upcoming with this year's No Name-Calling Week! Use #CelebrateKindness and #NNCW15 on social media.

Webinar Archive

In Case You Missed It: get R.E.A.L Webinars

Thanks to workgroup member Bill Bettencourt for sharing links to the two webinars below that [get R.E.A.L](#) has hosted recently. The get R.E.A.L (Recognize. Engage. Affirm. Love) initiative is designed to help transform child welfare policy and practice to promote the healthy development of all children and youth.

- **Yes, There Are Way More Than 3!: Estimating LGBTQ Youth in the Foster Care System** (11/7/14)
- **Gay and Lesbian Youth in the Foster Care System: Understanding the Role of Family Acceptance** (11/12/14)

In Case You Missed It: 3rd Annual LGBT Health Workforce Conference

May 2015
Conference

The *3rd Annual LGBT Health Workforce Conference, Building a Caring Community in the Electronic Age* will be held May 1-3, 2015, in New York City. The 2015 LGBT Health Workforce Conference provides an overview of up-to-date practices (climate and educational) in preparing the health care workforce to address the health concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities. This conference is designed for health professionals (M.D., D.O., P.A.-C., nurses, dentists, podiatrists, social workers, psychologists, etc.), educators, and students (pre-health professions, professional schools, and graduate), but all interested are invited to attend.

The conference is now accepting proposals submissions, which will be accepted from December 1, 2014-January 15, 2015. Submissions can be made online on the **conference site**.

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