



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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News

Sacramento County Child Protective Services Recruiting Foster Parents For LGBTQ Children, Teens

This article talk about efforts by the Sacramento County Child Protective Services (CPS) to recruit caregivers for LGBTQ young people in CPS care. Read more [online](#).

Webinar

New Findings on Anti-Bullying Policy Efforts Across the U.S. and Their Protections for LGBT Students

Wednesday, July 15, 4-5:30pm Eastern

Join GLSEN for its fourth free, live webinar in the 2014–15 GLSEN Research Learning Series! This webinar will share findings from a first-of-its-kind analysis of the anti-bullying policies from all U.S. school districts (over 13,000) – providing an in-depth view of the national landscape of anti-bullying policy efforts from the state to the district level. This webinar will also discuss the implications of these findings and provide specific, real world guidance for implementing effective anti-bullying policies. This webinar will address the following:

- How many school districts have anti-bullying policies?
- How many districts specifically protect students on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, or other characteristics (e.g. race/ethnicity, religion, disability)?
- Are school districts adhering to state law mandates to have an anti-bullying policy?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What state-level efforts have the most influence on district anti-bullying policies? • Do anti-bullying policies protect LGBT students? <p>Register for this webinar here.</p>
Research	<p>New Family Acceptance Project Research</p> <p>A new study from the Family Acceptance Project and workgroup member Caitlin Ryan finds that there are a number of sources of support for LGBT youth, but family acceptance has a major impact. This research finds that family support has a significantly stronger influence to overall adjustment and well-being than sources of support such as being out and support from peers and the community. <i>Social Support Networks for LGBT Young Adults: Low Cost Strategies for Positive Adjustment</i> appears in the Family Relations journal's July issue. See the attached press release for more information about this important research.</p>
Resource	<p>REMINDER: Recommended LGBTQ Children, Youth, and Families Cultural Competence Tools, Curricula, and Resources</p> <p>The American Institutes for Research (AIR) released a synthesis of publicly available resources that can support workforce development in child-, youth-, and family-serving systems (e.g., schools, healthcare, child welfare, homelessness, juvenile justice). Resources are intended to support more competent practice and affirming, inclusive services and supports for LGBTQ children, youth, and families. Access it online. AIR will update this synthesis on a quarterly basis, so look for updates.</p>
Research	<p>REMINDER: New Report on LGBTQ Youth Homelessness</p> <p>Last year, the True Colors Fund, the Williams Institute, and The Palette Fund asked homeless youth service providers about the LGBTQ youth they serve. They also asked them to share their experiences working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and questioning youth separately from their experiences working with transgender youth, to better understand the unique needs of transgender youth. Access the full report, <i>Serving Our Youth 2015</i>, online.</p>
Event	<p>Accent on the 'T': Taking Stock of Progress in Transgender Health and Rights</p> <p>Wednesday, July 15th 7:00 to 9:00 pm Jack Morton Auditorium, 801 21st Street, NW, Washington DC</p> <p>Hosted by The George Washington University LGBT Health Policy and Practice Program, the 2015 LGBT Health Forum will bring together experts in the field to discuss progress and future actions to be made to</p>

advance the health and well-being of transgender people. Speakers and panelists include:

- Mara Keisling, Founding Executive Director of the National Center for Transgender Equality
- Ilan Meyer, Senior Scholar for Public Policy and UCLA's School of Law, originator of the "Minority Stress Model"
- Ruby Corado, Executive Director of Casa Ruby LGBT Youth Shelter, longtime DC transgender activist
- Naseema Shafi, Deputy Executive Director, Whitman Walker Health
- Fallon Fox, transgender MMA fighter featured in the new documentary "Game Face" as our celebrity panelist.

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