



## 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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### Ally Week

#### **REMINDER: Ally Week is September 28 – October 2**

Ally Week is a national dialogue about how everyone—in *and out of school*—can work to become better allies to LGBT youth. Read more about it, access resources, and show your support as an ally! Visit GLSEN's website about the national event [here](#).

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### Films

#### **Anti-Bullying Films**

GroundSpark is partnering with the Human Rights Campaign's Welcoming Schools Project to help parents and guardians use award-winning anti-bullying films at their children's schools. Featuring GroundSpark's acclaimed half hour documentary, *Let's Get Real*, plus Welcoming Schools's, *What Can We Do? Bias, Bullying, and Bystanders*, this comprehensive new screening kit is a way for parents and guardians to come together to talk with school staff about promoting respect, supporting diversity, and cultivating ally behavior. Access the screening guide and other information about these films [here](#).

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### Youth Survey

#### **Survey for Youth**

Organized by the Public Science Project in New York City, the *What's Your Issue?* survey was made with LGBTQ and gender nonconforming (GNC) youth to lift up their experiences, priorities, and dreams. Their goal is to represent youth who are usually left out. The data will be available to youth, cultural workers, and policymakers interested in bettering the lives of LGBTQ and GNC youth. You can share the survey with youth using

[this link.](#)

## Whiteboard Video

### **REMINDER: Why LGBT Students Can Still Face Discrimination at School**

This video from the Center for American Progress examines how most states lack clear protections from discrimination for LGBT people in schools, colleges, and educational programs—and why this should be a concern to us all. Access it [here](#).

## Conference

### **True Colors Conference: March 2016**

True Colors XXIII: Intersectionality will be held on Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19, 2016 at UCONN in Storrs, CT. Still the largest and most comprehensive LGBTQ and ally youth issues conference in the world, this two-day event brings together the best minds across an array of disciplines such as:

- Professional best practices in child welfare, juvenile justice, clinical treatment, and K-12 education
- Advocacy workshops for youth and adults
- Spiritual Institute
- Workshops for parents and other family members, youth and allies

Currently, the conference call for proposals is open. Submit a workshop proposal [here](#).

## Accessing Updates

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If you missed a workgroup update, you can access them online in our [2015 update archive](#).

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