

TOP RESOURCES FOR LGBTQ ISSUES

Glossary of LGBTQ Terminology: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/glossary.pdf>

A three page reference sheet with definitions of terms relevant to the LGBTQ community.

Just the Facts About Sexual Orientation and Youth: A Primer for Principals, Educators, and School Personnel

<http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources/just-the-facts.pdf>

A downloadable booklet that includes material relating to sexual orientation development, the dangers of efforts to change sexual orientation, and relevant legal principles. The document is endorsed by over a dozen professional organizations, including NASP, APA, National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, American School Counselor Association, and more.

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network) <http://www.glsen.org>

An organization whose mission is to strive to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. Multiple downloadable resources, including:

Research Reports: <http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/research/index.html>

Safe Space Kit: <http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/library/record/1641.html?state=tools&type=educator>

BookLink: <http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/booklink/index.html?state=tools&type=educator>

LunchBox Training Program: <http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/library/record/1748.html?state=tools&type=educator>

JumpStart Guide for GSAs: <http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/library/record/2226.html>

NASP Workgroup on GLBTQ Issues <http://www.nasponline.org/advocacy/glb.aspx>

NASP's advocacy committee devoted to identify actions NASP can take to help provide safe and secure educational atmospheres for GLBTQ youth through interventions, program development, and research. Includes the downloadable Safe Schools/Respect our Differences Posters at <http://www.nasponline.org/advocacy/glbtposters.aspx>

The Trevor Project <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

A national 24/7 suicide helpline for LGBTQ youth 1-866-4-U-TREVOR. Other youth resources are also available, including an online, confidential Q&A forum for asking non time-sensitive questions surrounding sexual orientation and gender identity.

PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) <http://www.pflag.org>

An organization with local chapters across the country whose mission is to promote the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through support, education, and advocacy.

Safe Schools Coalition <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/>

The Safe Schools Coalition is an international public-private partnership formed to support LGBT youth and offers resources as a starting point for educators, parents/guardians and youth. There are countless links to resources that can be searched by topic, by type, by people who use them, or by location. There is also a section of resource links that are written in Spanish.