

Another Kind of Bullying: Creating Strategies to Address “That’s So Gay” and other Anti-Gay Teasing and Harassment

Wisconsin Pupil Nondiscrimination
Law-Statute 118.13

“No person may be denied admission to any public school or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of the person’s sexual orientation.”

CESA #12 Conference Center

March 12, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**School Staff, Students and
Community Members Are Encouraged to Attend!**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. will be a Parent/Student Discussion
Students are welcome to attend!**

Why Address Anti-Gay Bullying and Behavior?

- 4 out of 5 targets of anti-gay name-calling and harassment identify as heterosexual.
- Anti-gay bullying has played a significant role in recent suicides and violence at the middle and high school levels.
- According to DPI, students who are harassed because they are PERCEIVED to be lesbian, gay, or bisexual are more likely to engage in high-risk behavior.

In comparison to their peers LGBTQ youth are more likely to be threatened at school; more likely to miss school because they feel unsafe; and more likely to attempt suicide.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE A PANEL PRESENTATION FROM 11:00 – NOON CONSISTING OF LOCAL PARENTS AND STUDENTS TALKING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES.

GSAFE

The Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) is offering a training for school professionals. This training is designed to assist participants in their understanding of issues related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) youth, anti-gay bullying, and school safety.

Objectives for participants include the following:

- Gain specific tools and activities to address anti-gay bullying and harassment that can be put to use immediately in your school or district;
- Identify barriers that prevent the creation of safe schools and develop concrete strategies for addressing those barriers;
- Understand legal and ethical responsibilities to ensure safe schools for LGBTQ youth and all students;
- Learn the basics about the LGBTQ acronym;

Identify and understand factors that place LGBTQ youth and targets of anti-gay harassment at greater risk for school failure, mental health and physical health issues.

FEES AND REGISTRATON

There is no cost for CESA #12 AODA Network Consortium Districts: (Ashland, Bayfield, Bitternut, Chequamegon, Drummond, Hayward, Hurley, Maple, Mellen, Mercer, Phillips, South Shore, Solon Springs, and Washburn)

The fee for non-consortium districts is
\$25/participant

TO REGISTER: Please use the CESA #12 Portal:
<http://mycesa.k12.wi.us>

Deadline for registration: March 8

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Janet Shefchik, janets@cesa12.k12.wi.us Ext. 119.

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