

Equality Florida COVID-19 LGBTQ Youth Resource Webpage

<https://www.eqfl.org/covid-19-lgbtq-youth>

A public health crisis like the coronavirus can cause uncertainty and stress for people of all ages and identities. The social distancing and isolation necessary to stop the spread of the virus can also increase feelings of loneliness and the need for the support that so many LGBTQ youth experiences.

Equality Florida Youth and GSA Resources

<https://eqfl.org/youth-and-gsa-resources>

Equality Florida is dedicated to promoting safe schools by helping GSAs (Gay-Straight Alliances or Gender-Sexuality Alliances) form and grow through peer support, leadership development, and student empowerment. A GSA is a student-led, extracurricular club that can take on the role of a support group, activist group, educational group, social group, or any combination of these.

Additional COVID-19 Resources for LGBTQ+ Youth

[HRC Releases Research Brief on the Vulnerabilities of the LGBTQ Community During the COVID-19 Crisis](#)

- For our LGBTQ young people who are already at greater risk of anxiety, depression and negative health outcomes, this unpredictability pertaining to the virus can exacerbate the challenges youth already face. “This brief provides critical data for policymakers and community advocates working to address the health and safety needs of the community during this crisis” (HRC).

[Florida Virtual School® Offering School Districts Teacher Training to Prepare for Online Learning Environment in the Event of School Closures](#)

- “The Florida Department of Education has an immediate goal of training an additional 10,000 teachers statewide on the Virtual Teacher Training for COVID-19. The Florida Department of Education is also offering \$200 stipends to teachers, strategically identified in partnership with Florida’s school district superintendents when those teachers complete the training” (FLDOE). Click the link to learn more!

[Infobase Databases and Video Streaming Collections for Educators](#)

- **Username:** JCS_Distance **Password:** learning
- [Modern World History](#)
- [Ancient and Medieval History](#)
- [Science Online](#)
- [Bloom’s Literature](#)
 - [World Religions](#)

GSA Adviser Survey

<https://forms.gle/wWUbEH6GxY85SeP28>

Equality Florida is dedicated to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our LGBTQ+ youth across the state during this challenging and uncertain time of COVID-19. We ask that you please fill out this short survey to provide us with an understanding of your needs as educators/GSA advisers and the kind of support that we are able to offer.

Equality Florida April GSA Newsletter

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DsQIb0EG0p67B_507oSo5ZJ9_WI8a15/view?usp=sharing

Equality Florida's monthly GSA Newsletters are geared toward providing GSAs and advisers with resources, activities, programming ideas, mental health support, and more! The April GSA Newsletter contains many more COVID-19 resources for GSAs during this online transition.

Upcoming Equality Florida Webinar

Please mark your calendars for the date of **Thursday, April 9th, 3:00-4:00 pm** for Equality Florida's latest contemporary webinar entitled "Safe and Supported: Meeting the Needs of Transgender Students". This webinar is the sixth in our webinar series and it will be facilitated by Gender Spectrum's Joel Baum, Director of Professional Development.

Safe and Supported: Meeting the Needs of Transgender Students

Increasingly, transgender and other gender-expansive students are seeking to attend and be seen at school in their authentic gender. In approaching their schools, however, they often encounter hesitation and/or fear. This session focuses on using Gender Support Plans to identify and account for the myriad questions that need to be answered when a transgender student enters school, or transitions while there. The Gender Support Plan has been used by schools throughout the country to help manage an issue that often keeps everyone up late with worry. The workshop will detail the different components and options necessary for developing a successful Gender Support Plan; more importantly, it will examine the many variables that must be considered along the way, and the trade-offs various approaches will bring.

Topic: Equality Florida Webinar: Safe and Supported - Meeting the Needs of Transgender Students

Time: Apr 9, 2020, 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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On behalf of the entire Safe and Healthy Schools department, thank you again for your time and dedication. Together, we will make Florida schools safer for ALL youth!

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