

**2014 Safe Schools, Safe Communities:  
State Conference on LGBT Youth  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The 2014 Safe Schools, Safe Communities: State Conference on LGBT Youth will be held **April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014**, at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Student Center. This conference is a continuation of statewide collaborative efforts by Diverse and Resilient and Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) to address the safety and educational needs of Wisconsin's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in both school and in the community. This year's conference is being planned in partnership with the UW-Parkside LGBT Resource Center.

Safe Schools, Safe Communities seeks to bring together K-12 teachers, counselors, administrators, social workers, parents, middle and high school students, healthcare professionals, police officers, social service workers, youth workers, community leaders, and those who seek to support LGBT youth now and in the future to share and learn best practices in addressing the health and educational disparities faced by this population.

At this time, we are seeking presenters and topics for our 2014 Conference. This year's conference will focus on what adults and youth leaders can do to build school and community support for LGBT youth in our state, while nurturing the inner strength and resiliency of our youth. The 2007-2011 Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey data highlights disparities in protective factors (family and school support) between lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth and their heterosexual peers. LGB youth were half as likely to report feeling loved by family and that they belong at school compared to heterosexual youth. While no statewide data exists for transgender youth and their cisgender peers, the 2012 Dane County Youth Assessment data suggests significant disparities exists between these two groups as well.

If you, your program or club, your school and/or district has a presentation or program they would be willing to share with their colleagues and youth leaders from across the state, **please complete this form and return it by January 31st, 2014**, to:

**GSAFE  
122 E Olin Ave, Ste 290  
MADISON, WI 53703  
Email: [brianj@gsafe.org](mailto:brianj@gsafe.org)  
Fax: (608) 661-1360**

All workshops will be 75 minutes in length. While the primary conference audience is adults who work with and care about LGBT youth, the audience will include youth delegates from school and community groups. All workshops will be open to youth in attendance. There will be an additional youth-only track of workshops.

**Presenters will be notified by February 14th, 2014 as to the status of their proposal.**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY!**

**DESCRIBE THE ISSUES IMPACTING LGBT YOUTH SAFETY YOU WISH TO ADDRESS. (Please limit to 100 words.)**

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**DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE IN ADDRESSING ISSUES FACING LGBT YOUTH. (Please limit to 200 words.)**

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**TITLE OF PRESENTATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION:** *(This presentation description should clearly describe the content of your presentation and be worded as you wish it to appear in the conference program. Please include any specific practical strategies attendees will take away from attending this session. Please limit to 3-5 sentences.)*

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**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** *(Please check ONLY those that apply.)*

- General audience
- School-based professionals
- Community-based professionals
- Youth
- District/school administrators

**Presentation Tracks:** Presentations will be organized around specific issues/tracks that they address. There are four tracks: social justice, youth empowerment, school based initiatives, community based initiatives. Please indicate which track most appropriately aligns with your presentation.

*Please check ONLY those that apply:*

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Presentations that highlight and center the impact of social justice issues such as poverty, racism, anti-immigration policies, gender oppression, policing, dis/ability issues, etc. on LGBTQ youth and their safety and inclusion in schools and communities. Presentations should highlight these issues as systemic and also discuss some interventions/solutions to the issues.

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**YOUTH LEADERSHIP**

Presentations that highlight and center youth leadership and innovative youth models for supporting LGBTQ youth leadership to create safe schools and safe communities for LGBTQ youth. Presentations could include highlighting work, conferences and/or institutes the build youth leadership, know your rights trainings, best practices when working with and supporting the leadership of LGBT youth, etc.

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**SCHOOL BASED INITIATIVE**

Presentations that highlight school approaches (within and/or across schools and districts) as part of building and/or maintaining safe schools for LGBT youth. Presentations should highlight diverse policies, skills and strategies for creating safe, just, and respectful schools for LGBT youth—such as safe zone trainings, GSAs, safe schools campaigns. Presentations that are specific to administrators are encouraged.

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**COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVE**

Presentations that highlight community approaches to building and/or maintaining safe and inclusive communities for LGBT youth. Presentations should highlight skills and strategies used such as: community groups that are safe spaces for LGBT youth, programming that build resiliency and reduces risk factors, community education campaigns, grass roots organizing, etc.

**SPEAKER EQUIPMENT:**

LCD projectors, laptops, screens, a/v carts, extension cords, internet access, etc., will be provided as requested. To help us keep costs down, please list only a/v equipment you will need provided:

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**PRESENTATION HANDOUTS AND MATERIALS:** We will print a limited number of handouts for each workshop. If your workshop is accepted you will need to submit no more than ten single-sided pages by Friday, March 28th. These and additional handouts, including copies of PowerPoint presentations, will be made available online to all conference attendees following the event.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:** Please note that all presenters are expected to register for the complete conference. Registration fees will be waived for up to three presenters per workshop.

**KEY CONTACT PERSON:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE LIST THE NAMES, TITLES, AND CONTACT INFORMATION (ADDRESS, PHONE & EMAIL) FOR EACH PERSON WHO WILL BE PART OF THE PRESENTATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*If there will be more than 3 presenters, please attach their contact information on a separate sheet.*