



The Hope Project

Creating
Safe Schools
for **LGBTQ** Students

A Performance & Action Workshop

Created for educators, administrators & mentors
To help school personnel create safer schools for LGBT students.

Being bullied. Being ignored. It doesn't need to be part of your classroom or school.

A survey of 7,261 middle and high school students found that nearly 9 out of 10 LGBT students experienced harassment at school in the past year and nearly two-thirds felt unsafe because of their sexual orientation. Nearly a third of LGBT students skipped at least one day of school in the past month because of safety concerns. (GLSEN 2009)

"The Hope Project" is a Professional Development Workshop created for educators & administrators to help middle/high school personnel create safer schools for LGBT students. The workshop includes: an educational theatre performance based on real interviews with local youth and educators highlighting the challenges facing current LGBT students and a follow-up discussion/action workshop. The length of the performance/workshop varies from 60-180 minutes based on each school/organization's schedule & needs.

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Free in 2012 to Schools/Youth organizations.

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