

# THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER YOUTH SUPPORT PROJECT (GLYS)

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- ▼ Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) youth face disproportionately high rates of bullying, harassment, and violence. As a result, GLBT youth may experience greater health and suicide risks than heterosexual youth.
- ▼ Research shows that the presence of even **ONE** caring, supportive adult can reverse these trends and have a significant positive impact on a child's life, increasing the chances that he or she will become a healthy, successful adult.
- ▼ **GLYS** is committed to providing the services needed to support educators, counselors, health and human service providers, and other caring adults in becoming that **ONE** person.

**Let us help you identify and create changes that can make your agency or school a safe and supportive place for GLBT youth and their families.**

## **Our services include:**

- ☑ Agency assessments;
- ☑ On-site capacity-building training;
- ☑ Networking opportunities for service providers, educators, and youth;
- ☑ On-going technical support;
- ☑ Materials, tools, and resources;
- ☑ Presentations at conferences and meetings;
- ☑ Monthly electronic newsletter.

## **OUR MISSION**

*To ensure safe and supportive communities for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) youth.*

GLYS works with counselors, health and human service providers, and educators to create welcoming and appropriate programs, policies, and services for GLBT young people and their families.

**It only takes ONE caring, supportive adult to help a youth become healthy and successful.  
Do you know how to be that ONE person?**

## WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT GLYS TRAININGS...

*"This was a wonderful balance of information, support, and interactive exercises. It gave us a push to continue our work."*

- Teacher, Easthampton, MA

*"Our programs are much better equipped now to provide support"*

- Family Planning Counselor, Springfield, MA

**"Thank you for reminding us what a huge impact we each have on the health and wellness of youth in care."**

- Family Support Worker, Seattle, WA

*"I really liked the bullying prevention skills. It's so clearly applicable to ALL of our youth."*

- Social Worker, Oakland, CA

*"I appreciated learning what my students may be going through and how to better support them. The openness with which the trainers handled questions and comments really facilitated discussion on some tough issues."*

- Teacher, Amesbury, MA

*"The concrete strategies presented for our agency were really helpful. I feel very optimistic about our next steps."*

- Adoption Worker, Arlington, MA

## AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN GLYS TRAININGS INCLUDE:

Arbour Counseling  
Boston Public Health Commission  
Casey Family Programs  
Children's Friend  
Community Coalition for Teens  
Community Healthlink—Youth and Family Services  
DEAF, Inc.  
Girls, Inc.  
Harbor Schools and Family Services  
Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.  
North Suffolk Mental Health Association  
Family Service Association of Greater Fall River  
Massachusetts Department of Social Services  
Portuguese Youth Cultural Organization  
Springfield Central High School  
Tapestry Health  
Westford Public Schools

**And many others!**



**For more information,  
contact GLYS**

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