

2021 LGBTQ+ ISSUES CONFERENCE - SESSION DESCRIPTIONS for VIRTUAL PASS

Queering in the Middle

This workshop focuses on how to facilitate a successful Gay Straight Alliance at the middle school level through building community, LGBTQ+ education, and social activism. This workshop specifically focuses on what practices have worked for successful middle school GSA's and children at this age developmentally.

Presenter(s): Joel Laguna

Date(s): Saturday, October 30, 2021

Location: Fins Right

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Policies that Ensure Safe and Supportive Schools for LGBTQ+ and All Students

For over 20 years, Equality California has worked to transform school systems in California to be safer and more supportive of LGBTQ+ and all students through state policy change. Mindful of the long-standing inequities in treatment of LGBTQ+ students and the violence, discrimination, and poor mental health and life outcomes that result from them, Equality California's Safe and Supportive Schools program ensures that critical protections and best practices that improve students' lives are being implemented at the district level. By surveying unified school districts using an instrument developed by educational leaders and approved by the California Department of Education, we gather critical information on policy implementation and help superintendents chart a course toward improvement. In this presentation, we will review the Safe and Supportive Schools survey and the laws and best practices that comprise it and discuss how districts can use the survey to create positive, systemic change.

Presenter(s): Christopher Negri

Date(s): Saturday, October 30, 2021

Location: Fins Right

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Celebrate "Harvey Milk Day" at Your School!

In the State of California, May 22 is "Harvey Milk Day." Does your school or district celebrate it with any events or special lessons? In this session, we'll look at one middle school's annual "Harvey Milk Day" assembly program which you can take back to your school as a model. Incorporating readers, speakers, community organizations, and even musical performances, you can introduce ALL students to Harvey Milk's activism and legacy.

Presenter(s): Jeff Kopasz

Date(s): Saturday, October 30, 2021

Location: Fins Right

Time: 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

LGBTQ+ Safety in Schools Grant and Scholarship Program

This presentation will cover the grant and scholarship requirements for the LGBTQ+ Safety in Schools Grant and Scholarship Program in Honor of Guy DeRosa. Get an overview of the program, examples of how CTA members have implemented the grant in their districts, as well as time to ask questions and get tips on applying.

Presenter(s): Shane Parmely & Juli Stowers

Date(s): Sunday, October 31, 2021

Location: Fins Right

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

LGBQIA+ Generational Panel Discussion

Join us for an engaging panel of LGBTQ+ identified CTA members across a generational spectrum sharing their experience about identity, challenges, and resilience. When we envision queer futures, we must learn about and hold space for where we have been.

Moderator: Mel House

Date(s): Saturday, October 30, 2021

Location: Compass Rose Ballroom

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM