



Supporting Trans Kids

Eastern PA Trans Equity Project supports the efforts of parents, families, schools, medical practitioners, and public institutions to support and nurture trans kids. Educational Institutions play a key role in helping trans kids yet many transgender students report significant issues*



- 90% of transgender students report hearing negative comments or derogatory terms, such as “dyke” or “faggot” often or frequently in school. Less than a fifth of transgender students said that school staff intervened most of the time or always when hearing homophobic or negative remarks about someone’s gender expression.
- transgender students had been physically harassed with 26% saying they were assaulted (punched, kicked, or injured with a weapon).
- Almost half of all transgender students reported skipping a class at least once in the past month. 46% said that they missed at least one day of school in the past month because they felt unsafe or uncomfortable.
- Transgender students who experience high levels of harassment have significantly lower grade point averages than those who experienced lower levels of harassment (2.2 vs 2.8). Only 32% of transgender students reported that they aspired to go to college vs. 49% for non-trans students
- Less than half (44%) of transgender students reported that they had a student club that address LGBT student issues, i.e., a Gay Straight-Alliance (GSA), in their school. Less than half (46%) of transgender students report that they can find information about LGBT people, history, or events in their school library and only a third (31%) were able to access this information using the school Internet.
- Only half (54%) of transgender students reported that their school had an anti-harassment policy, and only 24% said that the school policy included specific protections based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression

*Greytak, E. A., Kosciw, J. G., and Diaz, E. M. (2009). Harsh Realities: The Experiences of Transgender Youth in Our Nation’s Schools. New York: GLSEN.



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Local Resources:

Lehigh Valley:

- Project Silk: Provides daily, professionally staffed youth programs for LGBT youth ages 14-21. 1101 Hamilton Street, Suite 102, Allentown, PA. Phone: (267) 368-4978.

Bucks County:

- Rainbow Room: An LGBTQIA youth program that provides a supportive and empowering environment for youth ages 14-21. meets every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 186 E. Court St. in Doylestown, PA. Phone: (267) 282-4117. rainbowroom@ppkeystone.org

Berks County:

- The Spectrum: An LGBTQIA youth program that provides a supportive and empowering environment for youth ages 14-21. Meets Wednesdays 5-7pm at the Susie & John Stanley Health Center at Reading, 1920 Kutztown Road, Suite H, Reading, PA 19604

Chester County:

- Rainbow Phoenix: LGBTQ space for youth ages 14-18. Meets in-person every 3rd Tuesday from 6:30-8:30pm in Phoenixville. Email spot@ppsp.org for info.
- SPOT: LGBTQ space for youth ages 14-18. Meets in-person every 3rd Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm in Phoenixville. Email spot@ppsp.org for info.

Delaware County:

- Main Line Youth Alliance: MYA provides a safe and healthy environment for their LGBTQ youth. MYA meets each Friday evening from 7-9:30 pm. Email myayouthgroup@gmail.com for details.

Lackawanna County:

- Teen After School Drop-In Center 541 Wyoming Ave. , Scranton (corner of Olive & Wyoming), 2nd Floor, enter on Wyoming Ave, door at the base of the wheelchair ramp

York County:

- The Curve: The Curve meets every Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 728 S. Beaver St. in York, PA. Phone: (610) 376-0137

Harrisburg:

- GLO: Provides daily, professionally staffed youth programs for LGBT youth ages 14-21. 1701 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102. (717) 743-1908. www.gloharrisburg.org .

Virtual Programs:

- Q Chat Space: Professionally staffed and moderated online discussion groups for LGBTQ+ and questioning teens ages 13 to 19. <https://www.qchatspace.org/>
- Stand with Trans 9-12 <https://standwithtrans.org/support-groups/> weekly tween group. Meets on Zoom and requires pre-registration.
- Imi guide: <https://imi.guide/> on-line guides built for and with LGBTQ+ teens to help you explore your identity and support your mental health