

HIDING IN THE HALLWAYS:

Creating Safe Schools for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth

June 15 –Hilton Garden Inn, Laramie

June 16 – Parkway Plaza, Casper

9am - 4pm

Workshop Description

The lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth go largely unnoticed by many professionals across the nation. Research consistently finds LGBTQ youth to be at high risk of harassment, school failure, suicide, homelessness, and substance abuse. Several school districts around the country have been dealt significant defeats in the courts for failing to provide services and a safe environment for this population. This workshop is designed to help educators understand, assess, and improve school climate and safety for all youth, especially those who identify as LGBTQ.

Objectives

At the end of this workshop, participants will:

- Gain a working knowledge of the major health and educational risks faced by LGBTQ youth and how school climate can impact those risks;
- Identify and discuss current terminology related to sexual orientation and gender identity;
- Assess current school/agency safety and climate for LGBTQ youth;
- Analyze the implications of key legal and policy issues effecting LGBTQ youth and a safe school environment;
- Practice skills for responding to and intervening with students, staff and the broader school community to create a safer school environment for LGBTQ youth;
- Formulate an action plan to address safety and climate issues for LGBTQ youth at the individual, collegial, and the school/community levels.

Who Should Attend? School Nurses; School Administrators; Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists; Teachers; Youth-Serving Agencies & Community-Based Organizations; Interested Others.

Registration: Space is limited for this FREE TRAINING! PTSB, Continuing Education and Nursing credits may be available. Online registration available at www.wyhc.org

Questions? Please contact Meaghan McClellan at 307.777.3339 or by email at mmccle@educ.state.wy.us.

Presenter Information



Ms. Philips-Knope is a professional trainer, program designer, researcher & evaluator. She has over ten years experience working with young people, as an educator in both traditional and nontraditional classrooms, within community-based organizations, and as an athletics coach. As a consultant for state and local governments, Ms. Philips-Knope has facilitated workshops for and collaborated with schools throughout the United States, supporting their efforts to create safer learning environments for all students. She has co-edited two resource guides and has developed materials and curriculum for organizations across the country.

This Workshop is presented by the Wyoming Department of Education, the Wyoming Health Council and the Sexual Minority Youth Advocates