

Section 9

Resources

“All children need to feel safe in schools and to have their personal experience validated. Teachers do not necessarily know which children in their classes have a gay or lesbian parent, aunt, uncle, cousin, grandparent, or other significant person in their lives; which children have friends whose parents are gay, or which children will grow up to be gay themselves. All children need to have the existence of gay people recognized, and to be taught that all people, regardless of sexual orientation, are entitled to respect.

Women’s Educational Media
Preventing Homophobia Project for Elementary School Age Children

Contents

<i>Resources for Additional Information about GLBT Youth and Issues</i> _____	2
National Resources _____	4
<i>Internet Resources</i> _____	8
Internet and National Resources _____	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Other Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Websites _____	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Organizations & Internet Resources _____	11
<i>Literature</i> _____	13
<i>Bibliography</i> _____	13
<i>Parent & Professional Resources</i> _____	22
<i>Videos</i> _____	30

Resources for Additional Information about GLBT Youth and Issues

School District Resources

Aggly (Advocating for Gifted Gay and Lesbian Youth)
BVSD Talented and Gifted, GLBT Specific
Becky Whittenburg, 303-447-5067
becky.whittenburg_bvdsd.org or www.bvdsd.org/tag/gtkids.html

Boulder Valley School District
Office of Institutional Equity and Multi-Cultural Education
Pam Duran, Director, 303-447-5145
pam.duran@bvdsd.org

SAFE and DRUG FREE SCHOOLS, Prevention and Health Education Programs
Lisa Cech, coordinator, 303-499-4624
Lisa.cech@bvdsd.org

Safe Person Training
Through SAPP office (see above) with Boulder County Health Dept.

BVSD Curriculum (human sexuality, health, humanities)
Judy Scupa, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, 303-447-5088

DIMC (District Instructional Media Center)
Wanda Leihs, materials reservations, 303-447-5189

Community-Area Resources

Boulder County AIDS Project; www.bcap.org
2118 14th St. Boulder, CO 80302; 303-444-6121

Boulder County Public Health
Safe Zone Program Coordinator, 303-678-6139

Boulder Pride, serves the Boulder County GLBT community as a central place for information about groups and activities. 303-499-5777 www.boulderpride.org; request to get on their e-mail list or publicize an event: info@boulderpride.org

Boulder Valley Safe Schools Coalition
<http://bcn.boulder.co.us/community/safeschools>
Craig Christopher: 303-668-3521, craig.christopher@bvdsd.org
Everyone Counts editor, Jean Hodges: JeanInBlDr@comcast.net

City of Boulder's Human Relations Commission
Carmen Attilano, 303-441-4197

Colorado Anti-Violence Program
24-hour crisis hotline, 303-852-5094 or toll-free 1-888-557-4441
<http://www.coavp.org>; Veronica Garcia, Director; e-mail: veronica@coavp.org

El Futuro, a Denver-based program for gay and bisexual Latino men
www.elfuturoprogram.org

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center of Colorado, www.coloradoglb.org;
1050 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203; 303-733-7743; home of Rainbow Alley (for Teens) and
Equality Colorado, a state-wide advocacy group.

Gender Identity Center of Colorado, Inc. www.gicofcolo.org
1455 Ammons, Lakewood, CO 80215; 303-202-6466.

GLSEN Colorado (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network)
303-232-3789 or 303-770-6530
Tracy Phariss (303-936-6562)
<http://www.glsenco.org/glsen.htm> or <http://www.glsen.org>

La Gente Unida, serving the need of GLBT Latinas and Latinos in Denver & Colorado
11714 Denver, CO 80511; 303-831-6086

OASOS (Open and Affirming Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Support)
Support group for teens in Boulder, Longmont, Lafayette, Louisville
Director, 303-678-6164; <http://oasos.com>

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)
Voicemail 303-444-8164; Jean Hodges and Elizabeth Bethea, Co-Presidents
<http://members.tde.com/pflagbldr>

Rainbow Elders: a social and support group for GLBT Elder Community in Boulder County
Sponsored by Boulder County Aging Services Division; Teresa De Anni, Director; 303-441-
4995; tdeanni@co.boulder.co.us; Project Visibility offers trainings: www.projectvisibility.org.

Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center: <http://www.rmpjc.org/>

SpeakingOUT (LGBTQ educational speaker's bureau)
Program Coordinator Kirsten Spielmann, (kirsten@boulderpride.org)
Tel: (303) 499-5777
Website Page: <http://www.boulderpride.org/speakingout.htm>

Trans-Form, a University of Colorado student support group for gender variant persons in the
Boulder area; <http://www.colorado.edu/studentgroups/t-form/>

University of Colorado GLBT Resource Center
Stephanie Wilenchek, Director; 303-492-1377 or 303-492-2966
<http://www.colorado.edu/GLBTRC/>

University of Colorado Gay-Straight Alliance; <http://www.colorado.edu/studentgroups/cugsa/>

National Resources

This fact sheet provides some basic information that will help you prepare for controversies that your school may experience in the future. You may, however, want to go beyond the information given in this fact sheet. Many schools have begun to work to improve counseling, health, mental health and psychological services, curriculum, and climate so that the educational and health needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youths are better served. The following resources will be helpful if you or your staff undertake such efforts.

Federal Agencies

Department of Education

Office of Civil Rights

Mary E. Switzer Building
330 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20202
Phone: (202) 205-5413; 1-800-421-3491
Fax: (202)205-9862
www.ed.gov/offices/OCR

This office has the mission to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation through vigorous enforcement of civil rights. They have an extensive list of publications at their website and offer other technical assistance through the contact information listed above.

Safe and Drug Free Schools Program

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202
Phone: (202) 401-0113
Fax: (202) 205-0310
www.ed.gov/offices/OESE

This office is charged with assisting the Department of Education to reach the seventh national education goal - that by the year 2000 all schools will be free of drugs and violence and the unauthorized presence of firearms and alcohol and will offer a disciplined environment that is conducive to learning. It has several publications available through the contact information cited above, including the website.

Department of Health and Human Services

Health Resources and Services Administration

Bureau of Primary Health Care Division of Programs for Special Populations
4350 East-West Highway, Bethesda MD 20814
Phone: (301)594-4100

www.bphc.hrsa.dhhs.gov/

In 1994, the HRSA Division of Programs for Special Populations convened a conference on the primary health care and prevention needs of lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth. Out of that conference evolved a health and mental health provider guide that is also accessible for educators and parents. (Ryan, C. and Futterman, D., Lesbian and Gay Youth: Care and Counseling Columbia University Press 1998)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Division of Adolescent and School Health
4770 Buford Highway NE, Atlanta GA 30341-3717
Office: (770) 488-3251, Fax: (770) 488-3110
www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/

The CDC Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) has identified gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning adolescents as a priority population for HIV infection. One of DASH's Youth in High Risk Situations Work Groups is focused on gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth.

Non-Governmental National Organizations

AGGLY (Advocating for Gifted Gay and Lesbian Youth)

<http://bvsd.k12.co.us/tag/AGGLYonline.html>

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

Lesbian and Gay Rights Project (pamphlet, "Too Great A Price" about children of G & L's)
125 Broad St.
New York, NY 10004
getequal@aclu.org; www.aclu.org/lgbt

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, materials and programs to deal with bigotry and hate;
Mountain States Regional Office, 1120 Lincoln St., Wuite 1301, Denver. CO 80203;
303-830-7177; Denver@adl.org; website: www.adl.org

BISEXUAL NETWORK: <http://www.binetusa.org>

COALITION FOR POSITIVE SEXUALITY: Sex and Sexuality Resources

Lists of sexuality resources for teens. <http://www.positive.org/-cps/Home/index.html>

COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere) www.colage.org; is the only national and international organization specifically supporting young people with GLBT parents.

DIGNITY USA, a national organization for glbt Catholics, <http://www.dignitvusa.org>

FAMILY PRIDE, the only national non-profit exclusively dedicated to securing equality for GLBT parents and their families; <http://www.familypride.org>.

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network), national organization fighting to end anti-gay bias in K-12 schools. Offers information and materials about forming GSA's, the National Day of Silence, suggestions on policy reform, lesson plans, etc www.glsen.org

GLAAD, Gay and Lesbian Alliance against Defamation; monitors GLBT defamation across the country with special focus on the media; 1-800-GAY-MEDIA; www.glaad.org

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN, national glbt lobbying organization; info on line about coming out, adoption, marriage and parenting issues; <http://www.hrc.org>

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH, www.hrw.org. Publishes: *Hated in the Hallways: Violence and Discrimination Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Students in U.S. Schools*.

INTERSEX SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, a national group that educates and advocates on behalf of intersex persons; <http://www.isna.org>

LAMBDA LEGAL, a national organization that provides legal assistance for GLBT litigation issues; <http://www.lambdalegal.org>

LLEGO (National Latina/o Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Organization)
<http://www.llego.org>

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, www.nea.org

NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE, grassroots glbt activist organization
<http://www.nglftf.org>

NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCACY COALITION, www.nyacyouth.org

OUTPROUD!, <http://www.outproud.org>

PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS, national organization with 500 chapters, some 250,000 members; offers support, education and advocacy; over 700 pages of resources on line: www.pflag.org

SEXUAL MINORITIES IN ATHLETICS: <http://www.smiaonline.org>

SCOUTING FOR ALL, a national organization that counters the anti-gay policies of the Boy Scouts of America, <http://www.scoutingforall.org>

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER publishes *Teaching Tolerance*, <http://www.tolerance.org>

Mental Health Organizations

American Counseling Association (ACA)
5999 Stevenson Avenue, Alexandria VA 22304-3300
Office: (703) 823-9800 Fax: (703) 823-0252
www.counseling.org

American Psychiatric Association (APA)
1400 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005
Office: (202) 682-6097 Fax: (202) 682-6352
www.psych.org

American Psychological Association (APA)
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns Office
750 1st Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242
Office: (202) 336-6041, Fax: (202) 336-6040
www.apa.org/pi/lgbc/

Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLP)
4514 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19143-3707
Office: (215) 222-2800, Fax: (215) 222-3881
www.aglp.org

National Mental Health Association, www.nmha.org, largest and oldest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health. Publishes “What Does Gay Mean”—How Talk with Kids about Sexual Orientation and Prejudice”.
Institute for Gay & Lesbian Strategic Studies
<http://www.jglss.org>

National Association of School Psychologists
www.nasponline.org

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
www.aacap.org

American Academy of Pediatrics
www.aap.org

American Psychological Association
www.apa.org

American School Counselor Association
www.schoolcounselor.org

Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists
www.aglp.org

Internet Resources

A BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS: "Working with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth in Schools" is available on the National Association of School Psychologists' web site: http://www.nasponline.org/advocacy/gib_biblio.html

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE: "*No Place for Hate! 101 Ways You Can Beat Prejudice*": brochure available free online from the ADL: <http://www.adl.org/prejudice/default.htm>

CREATING AND SUPPORTING A GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE: This 22-page handbook (pdf file free online) comes from GALE- BC, Gay and Lesbian Educators of British Columbia: <http://www.galebc.org/GSABookletPDF>

FAMOUS GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL PEOPLE: These pages are on the web site of South Bank University, UK: <http://www.sbu.ac.uk/-stafflagpeople.html>

GAY ASIAN LINKS, a fairly comprehensive site with some links to educational and support resources, as well as some history and book sites listed. <http://members.aol.com/APXRDS/gal.html>.

GAY AND LESBIAN CHARACTERS AND THEMES IN CHILDREN'S BOOKS -
An annotated bibliography, compiled by Wendy E. Betts, webmaster of an online book reviewing group. <http://www.armory.com/-web/gaybooks.html>

HEALTH ISSUES FOR GLBT YOUTH: This page addresses everything from body image to hepatitis, from the Youth Resource web site: <http://www.youthresource.com/health/index.cfm>

PEDIATRICS JOURNAL 1994;94;41-44. "Are Children at Risk for Sexual Abuse by Homosexuals," article by Carole Jenny et al. <http://www.pediatrics.org> or go to PDF file: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/94/1/41?submit.y=12&su>

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF HOMOPHOBIA: This series of questions will make each person -- GLBT or not -- notice where he or she is on the journey to overcome anti-GLBT prejudice: <http://www.uwm.edu/StudentOrg/sa/Ally/Personal%20Assesment.htm>

Q&A ABOUT BEING GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL OR QUESTIONING: *Go Ask Alice* is a down-to-earth health q&a web site for college-aged people from Columbia University. It contains information on everything from skin conditions to sleep to sexuality, including a big

section about being gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning. Go to: <http://www.goaskalice.columbia.edu/Cat8.html> and scroll down.

QRD (Queer Resources Directory), contains 21,281 files about everything queer
<http://www.qrd.org/qrd/>

RAINBOW QUERY, widely considered the premier forum for discussion and analysis of contemporary gay, lesbian and bisexual ideas and literature, <http://www.hglc.org/hglc/review.htm>
<http://www.rainbowquery.com/categories/>

RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: This page is on the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) web site: http://adl.org/religion_ps/default.asp

SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION: ‘If These were Racial Slurs, Teachers Would be Stopping Them’ ... Three Activists Object”: an essay by Beth Reis, Mona Mendoza and Frieda Takamura of the Safe Schools Coalition to our fellow activists that discusses the intersection of racism and homophobia and why comparing forms of oppression is counter-productive: (pdf file)
<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/IfTheseWereRacialSlurs.PDF> (pdf format)

SCHOOL SAFETY: Great page from a GLBT parent or guardian's perspective, on the Human Rights Campaign web site: <http://www.hrc.org/familynet/chapter.asp?chapter=178>

SWADE’S LESBIAN HISTORY PAGE, A large timeline of events in lesbian history.
http://www.swade.net/swadepages/les_hist.htm

THE STORY OF THE RAINBOW FLAG: 365gay.com, a Canadian site which calls itself "The World's Most Read Gay News" has some great pages including one about the rainbow flag. Go to: <http://365gay.com/> and click on GLBT history (on the bar on the left,) then scroll down.

STRUGGLING GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCES: "Ask the experts" (a faculty advisor and four youth leaders from GSAs) about glitches in your plans, how to do activism at the school or whatever concerns you may have, on a site sponsored by the Youth Enrichment Services Program of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York City at:
<http://www.centeryes.org/SIGNS/ask/index.html>

WHEN MATT BECAME JADE: A manuscript by Dale Callender written for all Ontario, Canada principals about high school transgender persons transitioning.
<http://www.delisle youth.org/resources/contentfiles/websitecontent/assets/mattjademanuscript/file/WhenMattbecameJadeManuscript.pdf>.

Publications, Publishers and News Sites

The Advocate, <http://www.advocate.com>

365gay.com, <http://www.365gay.com>

NetQueer & Planet Out

Big site that has links to colleges

<http://www.planetout.com/pno/netqueery/browse.html?subj/youth>

OutFront, Denver-area glbt newspaper; www.outfrontcolorado.com;
788 Sherman St., Suite 110, Denver, CO 80203; 303-778-7900

OutSmart Magazine--

A genuine online publication for gay men and lesbians and their associates...not unlike Time or Newsweek, with fewer pictures and ads. <http://www.outsmartmagazine.com/>

Suicide Prevention - *The Trevor Survival Kit*

A classroom tool for middle and high schools, colleges and universities, is to be used in conjunction with the Academy Award-winning short film, *Trevor*-about a 13 year-old boy that attempts suicide after realizing he might be gay-to generate constructive discussion about the myriad of issues surrounding suicide, personal identity and sexual orientation.

The Trevor Survival Kit-contains The Trevor Teaching Guide, short film Trevor, posters and other outreach materials-For a free kit send an email to Moi Garica at Moi.Garcia@TheTrevorProject.org or call their administrative offices at 310.271.8845 ext 229. To ensure proper delivery, please include your name, position, institution name, street address, and telephone number when emailing requests.

Two Lives Publishing

A complete resource center for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered parents and their children. Their mission is to publish quality books for children in alternative families and to provide information to the LGBTQ family community through their Web site.

<http://www.twolives.com>

Women's Review of Books

Reviews of new books by and about women, in all fields, including non-fiction, fiction and poetry

<http://www.wellesley.edu/WCW/CRW/WROB/welcome.html>

Resources for Helping Understand Issues of the Gifted GLBTQ Community

We hope that these web sites will be useful in working with or parenting gifted students who happen to be gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered. The organizations listed could be excellent sources of support. Please note that any URLs are subject to change. Also refer to organizations previously listed for additional information.

AGGLY Newsletter: Advocating for Gifted Gay and Lesbian Youth.

Online and mailed newsletter about gay and lesbian youth.

<http://www.bvsd.k12.co.us/taa/AGGLYonline.html>

American Library Association Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table

(1999) *Famous for Distinguished Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals: A List of Names*

1176 names, date of birth, nationality and field of accomplishment. Same-sex or bisexual orientation/behavior of famous/distinguished people whose names appear on the list either has been documented or is consistent with strong circumstantial evidence. Names are followed by a list of the four dozen sources used to compile them.

http://calvin.usc.edu/~trimmer/famous_names.html

Bi-sexual Resource Center

An organization that educates the general public about bisexuality, provides a public forum for the discussion of bisexuality, and provides a support network for individuals and interested organizations to discuss and obtain information about bisexuality.

<http://www.biresource.org>

The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies

<http://web.gsuc.cuny.edu/clags/> CLAGS is dedicated to the study of historical, cultural, and political issues of vital concern to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered individuals.

Children of Transgendered Parents

<http://ca.geocities.com/wtsgca/children.htm>

Gay Health

www.gayhealth.com

GIFTED GLBT YOUTH: The Boulder Valley (Colorado) Safe Schools Coalition has on its site a page specifically about resources for "gifted" gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth:

<http://bvsd.k12.co.us/tag/gglbt.html>

Gifted and Gay

<http://www.giftedandgay.com/>

Gifted GLBT

<http://www.giftedglbt.com> Addresses the NAGC Pre-K-Grade 12 Gifted Program Standards and the Parallel Curriculum document. Also contains some online crossword puzzles on famous GLBT individuals and a searchable Excel spreadsheet containing the same information.

Rainbow Center. *Tips for Allies: Challenging Heterosexism and Homophobia- A Key to Being an Ally*

<http://www.rainbowcenter.uconn.edu/ally.HTML>

Sheely, A. R. *Sex and the Highly Gifted Individual*

<http://www.talentdevelop.com/sexhighlygftd.html>

Describes some characteristics innate to the highly gifted that can complicate an adolescent's developing sexuality, including asynchrony (either early or late sexual development), social isolation, sensual overexcitability, and androgyny

Talking with your Children about Gender Identity Issues

<http://indigo.ie/-transgen/children.htm>

Unity Through Diversity

<http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Castro/3212/>

Cool Resources for GLBTQ Youth

Advocates for Youth: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/>

Ambiente Joven for LGBTIQ Latino/a youth: <http://www.ambientejoven.org/>

Trans Proud-Be Yourself: <http://www.transproud.com/>

MySistahs by and for young women of color: <http://www.mysistahs.org/>

National Youth Advocacy Coalition: <http://www.nyacyouth.org/>

Art from Ashes/Phoenix Rising Program: www.artfromashes.org

Internet Safety resources: www.i-safe.org and www.netsmartz.org

San Francisco Sex Information: www.sfsi.org

Scarleteen, contemporary teen sex education: www.scarleteen.com

Smoocherie: Polyamorous woman's site: www.smoocherie.com

Planned Parenthood's resource for teens: www.teenwire.com

Encyclopedia of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, & queer culture: <http://www.glbtq.com/>

Colorado Hip Hop Coalition: <http://www.coloradohiphop.org/coloradohiphop-news.html>

Free Speech Network: <http://www.freespeech.org/fscm2/genx.php?name=home>

Ethnic Counseling Community Outreach Services: http://www.eccosfamilycenter.org/e_futuro.htm

Independent Media Center: <http://www.indymedia.org/en/index.shtml>

Also, a new find: *The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students* (Alyson Books) profiles 100 of the country's "best campuses" for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students,

Literature

Bibliography

Non-Fiction

Abner, A. and Villarosa, L. FINDING OUR WAY: THE TEEN GIRLS SURVIVAL GUIDE. 1995. ISBN: 0060951141 9PBK

This book addresses everything a girl needs to know about her body, boys bodies, skin, hair, sex, birth control, friendship, date rape, parents. But is the only book of its kind that is respectful of racial and sexual diversity. Foreward by Queen Latifah.

Alexander, Marilyn Bennett and James Preston. WE WERE BAPTIZED TOO: CLAIMING GOD'S GRACE FOR LESBIANS AND GAYS. (FOREWORD BY Desmond Tutu) 1992. Westminster John Knox Press. Challenges the church to take seriously its understanding of Baptism and Communion as a means of grace, justice and liberation.

Baker, Jean M., Ph.D. HOW HOMOPHOBIA HURTS CHILDREN: NURTURING DIVERSITY AT HOME, AT SCHOOL, AND IN THE COMMUNITY. 2002, New York: Harrington Park Press.

Bass Ellen and Kaufman, Kate. FREE YOUR MIND: THE BOOK FOR GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL YOUTH--AND THEIR ALLIES. 1996. Harper Perennial. ISBN: 0-06-095104-4. An outstanding book that covers aspects of being a gay/lesbian/bisexual teen in the United States today and includes excellent resources. A must for all libraries.

Blumenfeld, Warren, ed. HOMOPHOBIA: HOW WE ALL PAY THE PRICE. 1992. Beacon. A collection of essays which address a wide variety of issues related to the oppression of lesbians and gays as a minority group; includes an appendix on presenting an anti homophobia workshop.

Boylan, Jennifer Finney. SHE'S NOT THERE: A LIFE IN TWO GENDERS. 2003, Broadway Books, NY. A memoir that describes her process of transitioning from male to female. A story of love, marriage and friendship that is filled with humor, pathos and insights into changing genders.

Bronski, M. (ed); OUTSTANDING LIVES; PROFILES OF LESBIANS AND GAY MEN; 1997. ISBN: 1-57859-008-6.

From Roberta Achtenberg (American politician) to Franco Zeffirelli (Italian film director), over 70 famous and successful gays and lesbians are profiled. Most are still alive, and fairly well known, especially in the USA. The people profiled are/were active in a wide range of human endeavors. This book would be useful to students doing biographies of famous LGBs and to teachers or students who wish to learn about some of the actual people who have influenced queer culture in recent decades.

Cammeneyer, M. and Fisher, C. SERVING IN SILENCE: THE MARGARETHE CAMMERMEYER STORY. 1995. Penguin Putnam, Inc. ISBN: 0140231595.

An autobiography of the former U.S. Army colonel from Washington. State who had a long and distinguished career as a nurse until she revealed that she was a lesbian.

Chandler, Kurt. PASSAGES OF PRIDE: LESBIAN AND GAY YOUTH COME OF AGE. 1995. Times Books. In this book gay and lesbian teens tell their personal stories, alternating with factual chapters about issues such as coming out, self-image and spirituality.

Clyde, Laurel A. and Lobban, Marjorie. OUT OF THE CLOSET AND INTO THE CLASSROOM.: HOMOSEXUALITY IN BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. 1992. ALIA Thorpe. Published in Australia, this book is a bibliography of books written in English in the past twenty years on the subject of homosexuality in books for children and young people.

Cohen, Susan and Daniel. WHEN SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS GAY. 1989. M. Evans & Co. Written for straight teens, this book focuses on the interaction between gay and straight teens; it is a mixture of personal stories combined with scientific information, historical perspectives, and interviews with gay/lesbian teens. It is a winner of the ALA Gay and Lesbian Book Award for 1990.

Colclasure, Dale and David Jensen. JOURNEYS ACROSS THE RAINBOW: INSPIRATIONAL STORIES FOR THE HUMAN RACE. 2000, Rainbow Pride Press, Boulder, CO. A collection of personal stories by people, gay and straight, famous writers and everyday people.

Cowan, Thomas. GAY MEN & WOMEN WHO ENRICHED THE WORLD. 1996.

This educational book of short stories tells little-known facts about the lives of famous LGB people from the past and present. From Sappho to Plato, Michelangelo to Tchaikovsky, Virginia Woolf to Gertrude Stein, this book provides good insights into the lives of LGB people and empowers queer youth with a sense of their history.

Cuseo, Allan A. HOMOSEXUAL CHARACTERS IN YA NOVELS: A LITERARY ANALYSIS. 1969-1982. 1992. Scarecrow Press.

A thorough study, based on the author's doctoral dissertation.

Due, Linnea. JOINING THE TRIBE: GROWING UP GAY AND LESBIAN IN THE 90'S. 1995. Anchor Books. A collection of personal stories of gay and lesbian teens growing up in the '90s; the author interviewed each person extensively.

Ford, M. OUT SPOKEN ROLE MODELS FROM THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY. 1998. ISBN: 0-688-14897-2

Twelve interviews with lesbians and gays who are proudly out, successful in their own careers (medicine, sports, business, religion, education, law enforcement, etc), and willing to speak out to youth. Included too are short Fact Sheets with useful bits of information about self-awareness, religious LGBT groups, health, definitions, stereotypes, coming out, meeting friends, etc.

Friedman, I. and A. (THE) OTHER VICTIMS: FIRST-PERSON STORIES ON NON-JEWS PERSECUTED BY THE NAZIS.1995. Houghton Mifflin Company. ISBN: 0395745152.

Personal narratives of Christians, Gypsies, deaf people, gay men, and black people who suffered at the hands of the Nazis before and during World War II.

Gillespie, P., Weston, K., and Martin, A. LOVE MAKES A FAMILY: PORTRAITS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PARENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, 1999. University of Massachusetts Press. Photographs by G. Kaeser. ISBN: 15558491619 (pbk), 1558491600 (hc)

Photos of twenty diverse families with lesbian and gay family members (youth, grandparents, parents). Web site: www.familydiv.org

Haynes, Charles et. al., FIRST AMENDMENT IN SCHOOLS.

The ultimate guide for dealing with issues of free speech, religion, and assembly. With answers to the 90 most critical questions on the First Amendment, this is an essential resource for any educator who ever has to resolve issues with school prayer, holidays, student groups, censorship, speech and dress codes, the Internet, and more.

Herd, Gilbert and Boxer, Andrew. CHILDREN OF HORIZONS: HOW GAY AND LESBIAN TEENS ARE LEADING A NEW WAY OUT OF THE CLOSET. 1993.

Beacon Press. An anthropologist and a developmental psychologist, the authors spent two years studying the teens at Horizons, a lesbian and gay social service agency in Chicago. They shatter the myths and stereotypes as they explore the real experiences of coming out.

Heron, A. (ed). TWO TEENAGERS IN TWENTY.1994. ISBN: 1-5583-282-2

Over 40 lesbian and gay American teenagers write about their lives, feelings, experiences and coming out processes. These short articles (about 4 pages each) are useful in portraying the diversity within a cross-section of young people; many give advice to young readers who may also be gay or lesbian.

Jennings, K.: BECOMING VISIBLE .1994. ISBN: 1-55583-254-7

An interesting reader in gay and lesbian history, with sections devoted to ancient Greece, Rome and China. pre-contact Native Americans, Europe and the USA in recent centuries, and current struggles and trends. Each chapter is accompanied by suggested study questions and activities. Jennings is the founder and director of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Educators Network).

Just Evelyn, ...MOM, I NEED TO BE A GIRL, 1998. Walter Trook Publishing, parent's story of her child who transitioned M2F in high school; now available on line to read or download free: <http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/TS/Evelyn/Evelyn.html>.

Macgillivray, Ian K., Ph.D. SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND SCHOOL POLICY; A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITISTS. 2004. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. This book was based on Dr. MacGillivray's analysis of Boulder, CO, starting their Safe Schools

Coalition to work for the inclusion of GLBT concerns as part of the BVSD non-discrimination policy in the face of conservative opposition.

Marcus, Eric. IS IT A CHOICE? ANSWERS TO 300 OF THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GAYS AND LESBIANS. 1993. Harper, San Francisco. ISBN: 0-06-251623-X

In question and answer format, this book addresses commonly asked questions about what it means to be gay. Answers leave room for further discussion of issues and differing perspectives.

Mastoon, Adam. THE SHARED HEART: PORTRAITS AND STORIES CELEBRATING LESBIAN, GAY, AND BISEXUAL YOUNG PEOPLE. 1997. Morrow. ISBN: 006447304X (pbk), 0060295562 (hc).

Winner of the ALA's 1998 Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Book Award for non-fiction, this is a powerful blend of black-and-white photography and personal narrative. A diverse group of lesbian, gay and bisexual young people offer their experiences of loneliness and pain, the freedom that come from sharing about themselves, and the courage it takes to live honest, open lives.

Minor, Robert N. GAY AND HEALTHY IN A SICK SOCIETY. 2003, Humanity Works; challenges gay people and their allies to see how not being or acting "straight" is a healthy approach to life. For more about Dr. Minor: www.fairnessproject.org.

Minor, Robert N. SCARED STRAIGHT: WHY IT'S SO HARD TO ACCEPT GAY PEOPLE AND WHY IT'S SO HARD TO BE HUMAN. 2001.

The real issue isn't sex. It's not sexual orientation. It's not the Bible, religion, or "traditional values." It's about growing up in the U.S.A.

Pollack, Rachel and Schwartz, Cheryl. THE JOURNEY OUT: A GUIDE FOR AND ABOUT LESBIAN GAY AND BISEXUAL TEENS. 1995. Viking.

Another must for all libraries, this book covers all the issues such as self-acceptance, health and spirituality with insight and humor. It includes many valuable resources.

Rench, Janice E. UNDERSTANDING SEXUAL IDENTITY: A BOOK FOR GAY TEENS AND THEIR FRIENDS. 1990. Lerner Publications.

This excellent book is very readable and accessible, both in reading level and in format; the author dispels many of the popular myths about homosexuality. Winner of the ALA Gay/Lesbian Book Award. 1991

Roleff, T., Ed. GAY RIGHTS: CURRENT CONTROVERSIES. 1997. Greenhaven Press. Explores current controversies surrounding issues of gay rights.

Russell, P. THE GAY 10. 1995. ISBN: 0-8065-1783-2.

Easy-to-read biographies of 100 of the most influential gays and lesbians, past and present. Apart from the usual names found in such collections are many figures from history (Socrates, Hadrian, St. Augustine, Hafiz, Petronius, Edward II, David and Jonathan, Queen Christina, etc). The people profiled here represent many occupations; most are American, but at least 30 of them are European.

Singer, Bennett, L.; GROWING UP GAY/GROWING UP LESBIAN; 1994. ISBN: 1-56584-103-4. A literary anthology written by well-known and respected lesbian and gay authors. They tell their own stories and include excerpts from their books on topics of self-discovery, friendships, relationships, family, and facing the world.

Sullivan, Andrew. SAME-SEX MARRIAGE: PRO AND CON (A READER).1997, Vintage. From Plato, Genesis, Antonin Scalia, Ann Landers and more—a collection of opinions, pro and con

Sutton, Roger. HEARING US OUT: VOICES FROM THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY. 1994. Little, Brown and Company. ISBN: 0-316-82326-0

Interviews with gay and lesbian teens are included along with interviews of older members of the gay community to provide both role models and hope.

Terry, Jennifer. AN AMERICAN OBSESSION: SCIENCE, MEDICINE AND THE PLACE OF HOMOSEXUALITY IN MODERN SOCIETY. 1999. University of Chicago Press.

Whitlock, Katherine. BRIDGES OF RESPECT: CREATING SUPPORT FOR LESBIAN AND GAY YOUTH. A Resource Guide from the American Friends Service Committee. 1989. AFSC. Written for adults working with teens, this book "begins the crucial work of replacing barriers of fear and silence with bridges of respect." It is a detailed resource guide and well worth a place on the reference shelf.

Witt, Lynn, Sherry Thoma, and Eric Marcus, editors. OUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS: THE ALMANAC OF GAY AND LESBIAN AMERICA. 1995. Warner Books, Inc. NY

Woog, D. SCHOOL'S OUT. 1995. ISBN: 1-55583-249-0.

An excellent book about the many ways that schools are affected by gay and lesbian issues in recent years. It includes real-life stories of students and teachers, in cities, towns and rural communities. Other topics include the efforts (by teacher unions, special programs, G/L advocates, in-school clubs, authors, community groups) to educate, to change attitudes, and to make schools safer for G/L students.

Wolfson, Evan. WHY MARRIAGE MATTERS: AMERICA, EQUALITY, AND GAY PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO MARRY. 2004, Simon and Schuster. A compelling argument to support our Constitutional commitment to equal justice: the right to marry in America, not just for some, but for all couples.

Young, P. LESBIANS AND GAYS AND SPORTS. 1994. ISBN: 0-7910-2951-4.

A general survey, historical and current, describes the pain of homophobia and the closet for athletes, and the joy of coming out. Many American sports figures speak openly about the past and their hopes for greater acceptance in the future. One section describes alternative events, such as the Gay Games. This book is one of over 25 in a wide-ranging series called "Issues in Lesbian and Gay Life" (edited by Martin Duberman, published by Chelsea House).

Fiction

Bauer, Marion Dane, ed. AM I BLUE? COMING OUT OF THE SILENCE. 1994. Harper Collins. ISBN: 0-06-440587-7.

A collection of short stories with gay, lesbian and bisexual themes by some of the best known juvenile and young adult authors. Each has written a personal essay about his/her interest in contributing to this anthology.

Block, Francesca Lia; BABY BE-BOP. 1995. ISBN: 0-06-447176-4.

This book is one of a series of books, recommended by the ALA, that follow the adventures of a group of friends living in Los Angeles. Teenager Dirk McDonald, has always known he was gay and the story reflects his coming out to his friend and his grandmother, as well as portraying his hopes and wishes for love.

Can, Michael. MY FATHER'S SCAR: A NOVEL. 1996. Simon & Schuster.

As he enters into his first relationships as a gay man, a college freshman recalls the aching loneliness of life with his alcoholic, physically abusive father in a homophobic community.

Colclasure, Dale and David Jensen. GIFT OF THE SOUL: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, 2002.

A novel about finding one's place in the world and finding a life that may be 180 degrees from where you thought you were going. www.RainbowPridePress.com.

Crutcher, C. ATHLETIC SHORTS, 1996. Laureleaf Books.

This collection of short stories includes a moving story about a gay teen with AIDS.

Crutcher, Chris. IRONMAN. 1995. Greenwillow.

Assigned to an anger management class rather than being expelled, senior Bo Brewster faces his anger toward his father with the help of supportive teacher Lionel Serbousek until he learns that Mr. S is gay. Then Bo must learn to face his homophobia.

Dijk, Lutz van. DAMNED STRONG LOVE: THE TRUE STORY OF WILLI G. AND STEPHAN K. 1995. Henry Holt

Based on a true story, Willi and Stephan meet and fall in love in Nazi Germany; one is a Nazi soldier, the other a gifted music student. 1996 Batchelder Honor Book.

Donovan, Stacey. DIVE. 1994. Dutton.

Her mother is an alcoholic, her father is dying from a rare bone disease, her brother is usually stoned and her dog is seriously injured by a hit-and-run driver; in the midst of all this tragedy 15-year-old Virginia is unknowingly falling in love with Jane, the new girl at school.

Fox, Paula. EAGLE KITE. 1995. Orchard.

Liam's father has AIDS, but his family doesn't talk about it until Liam reveals a secret

that he has tried to deny ever since he saw his father embracing another man at the beach.

Gantos, Jack. DESIRE LINES. 1997. Farrar, Straus, Giroux.

Caught up in a witch-hunt against homosexuals set off by a local street preacher, 16 year old Walker trades his knowledge of a lesbian couple to protect his own reputation. Then he must stand aside and watch as a tragedy unfolds.

Garden, Nancy. ANNIE ON MY MIND. 1982. ISBN: 0-0374-40414-3.

Aware that their feelings for each other are a forbidden love not safe to express in the open, Liza and Annie find themselves in a unique situation of cat-minding for two of Liza's teachers, where they can be alone. What starts out as a private joyful time, forces both girls to deal with public humiliation, betrayal, lying, coming out to family and friends, and homophobia. (Grades 7-12)

Garden, Nancy. GOOD MOON RISING. 1996. Farrar Straus Giroux. ISBN: 0-374-32746-7. Garden has once again told a sensitive and believable lesbian love story; this one set in a small New Hampshire town. Jan and Kerry fall in love while working together on the school play. As they deal with the growing awareness of their feelings, they must also deal with gay-basher Kent who is also a member of the cast.

Greene, Ben. THE DROWNING OF STEPHAN JONES. 1991. Bantam Books.

Her senior year in high school in Rachetville, Arkansas. Carla compromises her values and goes along with handsome Andy in his harassing of two gay men who own an antique store - until Prom night - a night of violence and ultimately of death.

Grima, Tony, ed. NOT THE ONLY ONE: LESBIAN AND GAY FICTION FOR TEENS.

1995. Alyson Publications. ISBN: 1-55583-275-X.

Grima has put together a collection of short stories portraying gay and lesbian teens at different moments in their lives.

Jenkins, A. M. BREAKING BOXES. 1997. Delacorte.

Charlies parents are gone and he lives with his older brother Trent who is gay. His junior year in high school he finds his first real friend, until Brandon learns about Trent. Then Charlie must decide if caring about someone is worth the risk.

Kerr, M.E. DELIVER US FROM EVIE. 1994. Harper Collins. ISBN: 0-06-447128-4.

Destined to be a farm wife in rural Duffton, Missouri, 18-year-old Evie instead falls for the beautiful daughter of a local banker. Outed to the town by her 16-year-old brother Parr, the entire Burrman family must face who Evie really is.

Kerr, M.E. "HELLO." I LIED. 1997. HarperCollins.

Lang Penner had just come out to his mother and was in his first gay relationship the summer he was seventeen; but in the future he would remember that summer as the summer he loved a girl. One of the first young adult novels to even address the issue of bisexuality.

Kerr, M. E. NIGHT KITES. 1986. ISBN: 0-06-447035-0.

A compelling story that centers around a young man, Erick, age 17, who learns about prejudice and family bonds when his gay older brother, living with AIDS moves back home. The novel also portrays Ericks own discoveries of love and relationships.

Ketchum, Liza. BLUE COYOTE.1997. Simon & Schuster.

While searching for his best friend who has disappeared, Alex learns the reasons behind Tilo's disappearance but also learns some hidden truths about himself. This book is a companion to TWELVE DAYS IN AUGUST.

Levy, Marilyn. RUMORS AND WHISPERS. 1990. Fawcett Juniper.

Being the new girl in school her senior year when her family moves from Ohio to California it seems like an insurmountable problem to Sarah - until two of the most important people in her life, her brother and her art teacher, bring her face to face with the issues of homosexuality and AIDS.

McClain, Ellen Jaffe. NO BIG DEAL.1994. Lodestar.

When rumors that Janice's favorite teacher is gay begin to circulate at school and in the community, she decides to stand up for him even in the face of her mother's opposition.

Murrow, Liza Ketchum. TWELVE DAYS IN AUGUST. 1993. Holiday House.

Todd is finally 16 and has a chance to tryout for varsity soccer. A new soccer star, who appears to be gay, moves to town. The team is torn apart by controversy and Todd must decide whose side he's on.

Nelson, Theresa. EARTHSHINE. 1994. Orchard.

Twelve-year-old Slim cares for her father as he struggles with the ravages of AIDS: she finds help for her own struggles in a support group for kids whose parents have AIDS.

Peters, Julie Anne. LUNA. 2004.

Salat, Christina. LIVING IN SECRET. 1993. Bantam Skylark.

Eleven year old Amelia's father severely limits her contact with her lesbian mother, Claire, and Claire's partner Janey. Amelia "runs away" from home with the help of Claire and Janey so they may all live together in a distant state.

Scoppettone, Sandra; HAPPY ENDINGS ARE ALL ALIKE; 1978 & 1991. ISBN: 1-55583-177-X.

A touching love story between two young women graduating from high school in a small town. Many stereotypic assumptions about lesbian relationships are brought forward, wrapped intriguingly within the story, and then sensitively dispelled.

Scoppettone, S. TRYING HARD TO HEAR YOU. 1974. ISBN: 1-55583-196-6.

Members of a close-knit theatre group learn that two of the boys are gay. There are strong feelings (fear, disappointment. . .) as a result of prejudice and racism in some members, but there is a gradual awareness and acceptance by most peers after a period of discussion and learning experiences.

Singer, Bennett L., ed. GROWING UP GAY: A LITERARY ANTHOLOGY. 1993. New Press.

This collection of stories, poetry, autobiography and oral history, aimed specifically at gay and lesbian youth, shares the struggles and the joys of coming of age in a homophobic society.

Sweeney, Joyce. FACE THE DRAGON. 1990. Delacorte. ISBN: 0-385-30164-2

Eric has always lived in his best friend Paul's shadow. In 9th grade Eric decides to "face the dragon" and come out of the shadow, only to learn that Paul has his own dragon to face and his own coming out to do.

Taylor, W. BLUE LAWN. 1999. Consortium Books.

This is an inspiring love story between two teenage boys. It is one of the first young adult gay novels involving a car crash that ends happily.

Velasquez, Gloria. TOMMY STANDS ALONE. 1995. Pinata Books.

A high school student and member of a traditional Mexican American family, Tommy struggles with his sexual identity and finally learns that he will not have to stand alone anymore.

Walker, Kate. PETER. 1993. Houghton Mifflin

Dirt bikes and photography are Peter's passions. When he discovers that his brother's friend is gay, Peter begins to explore the possibility that this might also be his sexual orientation.

Weiler, Diana. BAD BOY. 1992. Delacorte.

When AJ discovers his hockey teammate Tully is gay, their friendship is thrown into turmoil. As each grows in self-acceptance and understanding, so does their relationship with each other. There is great hockey action and a critical analysis of the game by a strong female character.

Woodson, Jacqueline. FROM THE NOTEBOOKS OF MELANIN SUN. 1995. Blue Sky Press.

13-year-old African American Mel is happy with his life; it's just the two of them. Mel and mama, the way it's always been. Then Mama brings home a special friend she has fallen in love with and his world is shattered - not only is the special friend white, she's a woman! 1996 Coretta Scott King Honor Book. .

Woodson, Jacqueline. THE HOUSE YOU PASS ON THE WAY. 1997. Delacorte.

Staggerlee, 14 year old daughter of an interracial marriage, has always felt different. This summer she discovers another difference, her attraction to her friend Hazel and to her cousin Trout who spend the summer with her, and wonders who she will become.

For additional books and resources for Gay and Lesbian Youth and Teens:

<http://www.ralan.com/wrtlink/wrtlink.htm> or the specialist site: www.PinkBooks.com

Scripts

"*Outspoken*," a play written by an eighth grade class in Providence, RI.

After reading the script of "The Laramie Project," the assignment was for students to interview an adult in their lives about a topic they chose, same-sex marriage. Thirty-five interviews, showing both positive and negative perspectives, were transcribed and turned into a script which was performed at their school in May, 2004, to a positive response. For more information go to: <http://www.communityprep.org/>.

"*Wake Up Call*" was written and produced by Jean Hodges, Boulder High Theatre teacher/director in 1996. Some dozen high school students spent a summer sharing their personal stories about a variety of ways they had experienced discrimination and harassment from elementary through middle and high school about race, ethnicity, body size, intelligence, nationality or sexual orientation. Four songs were added to the resulting script and a cast of seven students and a pianist toured the show for school assemblies with discussion to follow. Limited copies of a video of the production are available. A modified script is available for a classroom reading as an activity to stimulate discussion of multiple oppressions. Contact: Jean Hodges, 303-444-4580, or JeanInBldr@aol.com.

Recommended Reading & Web Sites for Transgender

NOTE: All purchases through Mary Boenke or PFLAG TNET help fund our educational and support work
See book reviews and recommendations on our web site: <http://youth-guard.org/pflag-tnet/>

1. *Our Trans Children (pamphlet)*: Published by the PFLAG Transgender Network (TNET). An introduction to transgender concepts and issues. This should be the first publication given to any new parents, family, or friends of anyone coming out as transgender. Available from maryboenke@aol.com or pflagtnet@triad.rr.com 1 for \$1.25, 3 for \$3, 25 for \$18, discounts for larger quantities. Includes shipping. **Spanish version \$1.50 each, 3 for \$4.00, 25 for \$20.**
2. *Carly: She's Still My Daddy*: Mary Boenke. Published by the PFLAG Transgender Network (TNET). Brand new fiction for children grades 4 to 7. A child's story of the transition of her mtf TS "dad." Available from maryboenke@aol.com or pflagtnet@triad.rr.com \$3 one copy, \$1.50 each 1 to 9 additional copies, including shipping.
3. *Trans Forming Families*: Mary Boenke, Editor A series of stories by the families of transgender people, all finding their way to acceptance
Available from maryboenke@aol.com or pflagtnet@triad.rr.com \$10.00 including shipping.
4. *Mom, I Need to be a Girl!*: Just Evelyn A wonderful story of one family's journey with their teenage child's transition from male to female.

- Available online at <http://www.justevelyn.com> (no longer in print – download or read online)
5. *True Selves*: Mildred L. Brown, PhD and Chloe Ann Rounsley A serious book by a therapist with over 25 years of working with transgender individuals
Available online at <http://www.Amazon.com>
 6. *Finding the Real Me*: Edited by Tracie O’Keefe and Katrina Fox A compilation of stories by transgenders about their accepting, transitioning, and coming out process
Available online at <http://www.Amazon.com>
 7. *Always My Child*: Kevin Jennings, Executive Director of GLSEN and Pat Shapiro, MSW. A superb book on dealing with GLBTQ children, especially during the coming out process. Many of the principles apply to dealing with ALL children. Available online at <http://www.Amazon.com>
 8. *TransgenderEmergence*: Arlene Istar Lev, CSW-R, CASAC. An outstanding book of historical and the most current guidelines for addressing the needs of all gender-variant people, including transgendered children and youth. Available from <http://www.Amazon.com>
 9. *Made in God’s Image*: Ann Thompson Cook and Dumbarton United Methodist Church. “An exceptional resource for people of faith who want to open their hearts to a wider discussion of gender issues.” – Rev. Erin K. Swenson. \$5.95 each for 5 or less, \$5.00 each 6 or more, plus 10% shipping from maryboenke@aol.com or pflagtnet@triad.rr.com.
 10. *Out, Safe, and Respected*: This kit is centered on the idea that knowledge of their legal rights is critical to improving the safety of LGBT and questioning students. It contains 7 brief summaries of information for Safety, GSAs, allies, Action, the Law, Negotiation, and Resources. FREE from Lambda Legal: PDavis@lambdalegal.org or your local PFLAG Chapter.
 11. *Bending the Mold: An Action Kit for Transgender Youth* is a kit similar to Out, Safe, and Respected that is targeted on providing the same information for transgender youth. FREE from Lambda Legal: PDavis@lambdalegal.org or your local PFLAG Chapter.

Recommended Transgender and Intersex Web Sites

PFLAG Transgender Network <http://www.youth-guard.org/pflag-tnet> Support organization specifically for transgenders, their families and friends. Special Affiliate chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

PFLAG <http://www.pflag.org>
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Support organization for family members and friends of all GLBT individuals. Excellent support for families coming out and recognizing their gay, lesbian, or transgender children or siblings. Link to Trans Networking.

TransFamily of Cleveland <http://www.transfamily.org>

Excellent Family support site. Newsletter, couples, spouses, parents, and youth discussion elists. Hundreds of members from all over the world.

Straight Spouse Network <http://www.ssnetwk.org/index.shtml>

International support network for current and former spouses of gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force <http://www.nglhf.org/index.cfm>

Inclusive of bisexual and transgender. Excellent current news site.

IFGE <http://www.ifge.org/>

International Federation for Gender Education

The leading Trans oriented web site. News, events, publications worldwide

FTM International <http://www.ftmi.org>

Female to male transgender site. Books, news, etc.

Families Like Mine <http://www.familieslikemine.com/index.html>

Site for children of GBLT parents. Excellent

National Transgender Advocacy Coalition (NTAC) <http://www.ntac.org/who.html>

Legal and political action site. The National Transgender Advocacy Coalition works proactively to reform societal attitudes and the law to achieve equal rights for the transgendered and other gender diverse individuals.

National Transgender Law Institute <http://www.transgenderlaw.org/>

Transgender legal affairs activist site. Weekly announcements of changes in state or federal law affecting trans people. Searchable database on college and employer transgender policies, hate crime laws.

Bodies Like Ours <http://www.bodieslikeours.org> Excellent informational site about

intersex. Strong advocate for both children and adults with atypical genitalia.

Intersex Society of North America (ISNA) <http://www.isna.org/>

The Intersex Society of North America (ISNA) is devoted to systemic change to end shame, secrecy, and unwanted genital surgeries for people born with an anatomy that someone decided is not standard for male or female.

Therapist Resource Site for North America: <http://ftmichael.tashari.org/therapists.html>

Lists therapists with experience dealing with transgender issues, sorted by state or province, then by city.

Surgeon Resource Site for GRS: Lists surgeons who perform various procedures for transgenders. <http://www.kindredspiritleakeside.homestead.com/Surgeon.html>

WHEN MATT BECAME JADE: A manuscript by Dale Callender written for all Ontario, Canada principals about high school transgender persons transitioning.

<http://www.delisleyouth.org/resources/contentfiles/websitecontent/assets/mattjademanuscript/file/WhenMattbecameJadeManuscript.pdf>.

Excellent Trans Youth Resource Site: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.com>; or <http://www.youthresource.com>

Parent and Professional Resources

Transgender Issues

Ayres, T. (ed); STRING OF PEARLS; STORIES ABOUT CROSS-DRESSING; 1996; JSBN 1-86373-914-9.

A girl draws a moustache on her lover's upper lip. A boy dresses as his mother for the police. A gathering of women don butchers' aprons. The Prime Minister [male] is given a lovely purple dress. This very mixed collection brings together established and new writers to write about cross-dressing and to push against the rigid boundaries around our desires. The stories are both provocative and subtle, touching on sexual ambiguities, disguise as a vehicle for unveiling hidden truths, the ritual of uniforms, etc. (*Adult*)

Bornstein, K.; GENDER OUTLAW; 1995; ISBN 0-679-75701-5.

"I know I'm not a man... and I've come to the conclusion that I'm probably not a woman, either...The trouble is we're living in a world that insists we be one or the other." So starts Bornstein on a funny and insightful journey across the frontiers of gender and identity. On the surface, it's an account of the author's transformation from heterosexual male to a lesbian woman. At the same time, this story is also a provocative investigation into our notions of male and female, the myths attached to them, and the penalties that befall not only those who transgress the usual definitions but also anyone who blindly conforms to them. Many questions about transsexuality are addressed along the way. (*Adult*)

Bornstein, K.; MY GENDER WORKBOOK; 1998; ISBN 0-415-91673-9.

This is Bornstein's playful guide to exploring "Gender". The diversity of topics include giving without gender, thwarting the "gender police", and examining one's own beliefs, values and feelings around gender identity. (*Adult*)

Cameron, Loren. BODY ALCHEMY. TRANSSEXUAL PORTRAITS; 1996; ISBN 1-57344-062-0.

An interesting book of photo essays of FTM transsexuals. Some personal stories are included, as well as some before-and-after photos, and brief descriptions of various aspects of gender reassignment. (*Adult*)

Feinberg, Leslie; TRANSGENDER WARRIORS; 1996; ISBN Q-8070-7941.3.

An excellent history of transgender people through time, from pre-industrial societies to the present. In searching for his/her own community and history, the author unearthed a vast body of evidence of people who have always been defying and challenging cultural boundaries of sex and gender. Traditional societies often exacted a terrible price from these transgender warriors and Feinberg urges us now to receive them as heroines and visionaries. Many historical images and photos illustrate this eye-opening excursion into the rebellious and resilient spirit of humanity. (*Secondary, Adult*)

Feinberg, L.; TRANSLIBERATION, 1998; ISBN O-8070-7950-2.

Feinberg argues passionately here for the acceptance of all "Trans" people: crossdressers, transsexuals, inter-sex people, Two Spirits, bearded females, drag queens, etc. The author makes analogies with trans struggles and those of lesbian, gay and bisexual communities to break down the doors of shame and silence. What are most needed are tolerance, understanding and respect, and building coalitions with other progressive groups. A political movement isn't just our physical motion into the streets; it's the motion of our consciousness soaring, too", s/he says. Interwoven into Feinberg's essays are ten self-portraits by a real mix of trans persons. (*Adult*)

Feinberg, L; STONE BUTCH BLUES, 1393; ISBN 1-56341-029-X.

A novel about the journey of a transgender person coming out as a "butch" lesbian in Buffalo, NY, in the late 1960's, and later transitioning from female to male and searching for community. (*Secondary. Adult*)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Issues

Aarons, Leroy. PRAYERS FOR BOBBY: A MOTHER'S COMING TO TERMS WITH THE SUICIDE OF HER GAY SON; 1995. ISBN: 0-06-251123-8.

This is the story of the emotional journey that led Bobby Griffith, unable to reconcile his religious beliefs and with being gay, to take his own life. It is also the story of Bobby's mother, a fearful churchgoer who first prayed that her son would be healed, then anguished over his suicide, and ultimately transformed herself into a national crusader for gay and lesbian youth. Nominated for a 1996 Lambda Literary Award, this moving personal story is a profile in courage and a call to arms to parents everywhere. (*Parent*)

Bain, Jerald. SO YOUR CHILD IS GAY. 2000. ISBN: 1-56025-229-4.

This Canadian book explodes the myths, stereotypes and prejudices surrounding gayness and assists parents and other family members in their own inability to understand. It answers questions commonly asked by parents of gay children and allows the stories of real people to speak in their own words to readers. The result is a sympathetic, readable and informed guide that argues for empathy and caring in place of guilt and suffering. (*Parent*)

Bernstein, Robert A. STRAIGHT PARENTS, GAY CHILDREN: KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER. 1999. ISBN: 1-56025-229-4.

Written by a parent after he discovered that his life was not diminished, but rather enriched by his daughter's revelation of her lesbian identity. Bernstein tells about his own and other parents' experiences with PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). The book will bring great comfort to many anguished parents, who often struggle alone when coming to terms with their children's disclosure of non-heterosexuality, and it will be a call to action for those same parents, not only to love and accept their children, but to speak out on their behalf. US politician Barney Frank claims that "If Bernstein's book were compulsory reading in America, the population of bigots would dwindle at a rapid rate." (*Parent, Professional*)

Berzon. Betty. SETTING THEM STRAIGHT. 1996.

Whether you're facing religious intolerance, a relative's insensitivity, or outright hostility, this empowering book will show you ways to respond, how to take control of your feelings and how to direct the outcome of the encounter. This book offers strategies for using the

power of the truth about yourself to confront homophobia and discrimination. (*Parent Professional*)

Bono, Chastity. FAMILY OUTING. 1999. ISBN: 0-316-11596-7.

This is an eloquent account of the pain that young gay and lesbian people experience, tells how love and courage can lead them and their families to overcome homophobia. (*Parent*)
Borhek, Mary V.; COMING OUT TO PARENTS; 1993. ISBN: 0-8298-0957-0.

Outstanding and enlightening, this book is a practical guide with concrete strategies to help queer youth and their parents understand the "coming out experience. Provides suggestions on how and when to come out, what reactions to expect and how to deal with the awkwardness that may follow. (*Secondary, Parent, Professional*)

Casper, Virginia and SchuJtz, Steven, B.; GAY PARENTS, STRAIGHT SCHOOLS: BUILDING COMMUNICATION AND TRUST. 1999. ISBN: 0-8077-3824-7.

This book addresses the specific educational realities and needs of lesbian and gay-headed families. The many issues investigated include why gayness is seen by some as a threat, communication between LG parent and school staff, homophobia at home and school, curriculum planning that includes LG parents, gender and gender role and role models, and connecting children's and parent's experiences with school activities. There are many insights from the perspective of educators, administrators, students and parents, as well as useful strategies/guidelines to promote the best education for any students. (*Professional*)

DeGeneres, Betty. LOVE, ELLEN. 1999. ISBN: 0-688-16274-6.

Insightful, universally touching and uncommonly wise, Love, Ellen is a story of friendship between mother and daughter and a lesson in understanding for all parents and their children. Betty DeGeneres is the first non-gay spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out Project. (*Parent, Professional*)

Derman-Sparks, Louise: ANTI-BIAS CURRICULUM - TOOLS FOR EMPOWERING YOUNG CHILDREN. 1989. ISBN: 0-935-989-20-X.

Children develop biases against people who are different from them at a young age. They know that privilege and power are connected to these differences. They learn by observing the spoken and unspoken messages about being different in our schools and communities. This practical book shows adults how to stand up for what's right and how to empower young children (pre-school and early primary) to do so as well. This excellent resource provides background information, sets goals and guidelines, outlines effective activities, and provides a thorough literature review of children's books curriculum materials and adult books. (*Professional*)

Dew, Robb Forman. THE FAMILY HEART. 1994. ISBN: 0-345-39408-9.

A powerful book that chronicles the struggles of a family to come to terms with their son's homosexuality and their subsequent "coming out" within their own community as parents of a gay child. Empathic and eloquent. A must-read for a family or parent. (*Adult, Parent*)

GLSEN - CT (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network of Connecticut) and Planned Parenthood of Connecticut. TACKLING GAY* ISSUES IN SCHOOLS. 1998.

This comprehensive manual tackles a panoply of issues around "gay" students and is similar to GALE-BCs "Challenging Homophobia in Schools" manual in some ways. It includes substantial readings on background issues, curriculum and staff development activities, teaching suggestions and extracurricular activities and resources. Order directly from GLSEN-CT, 10 Cannon Ridge Drive, Watertown, CT 06795-2445. TEL: (203) 332-1480. Email: glsen@aol.com

Harbeck, K. (ed); COMING OUT OF THE CLASSROOM CLOSET: GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND CURRICULA; 1992; ISBN: 1-56023-013-4.

Ten articles outline a variety of lesbian/gay issues in education: teacher's attitudes, small alternate schools, closeted teachers, mental health issues, HIV education, and images of gays/lesbians in health/sexuality textbooks. This book offers much insight, along with practical ideas, but the writing is somewhat dry. (*Professional*)

Jennings, Kevin; ONE TEACHER IN TEN. 1994 ISBN 1-55583-263-6;

Lesbian and gay educators from across the USA in rural and urban communities tell the poignant and heartfelt stories of coming out in their schools classrooms and communities. A must-read for all the teachers, straight and gay, to understand the power and hurt of the classroom closet. (*Professional*)

Kissen, Rita M.; THE LAST CLOSET: THE REAL LIVES OF LESBIAN AND GAY TEACHERS. 1996; ISBN 0-435-07005-3.

Written by heterosexual ally Kissen, who is an Associate Professor of Education, this book tells the stories of over 100 lesbian and gay educators as they struggle for dignity in the face of homophobia. In a moving and superbly documented book, Kissen shows the reader the reality of the lives of this diverse group of dedicated professionals who are caught between their desire for authenticity and their need for safety, and who often pay an immense personal price because they so desperately want to make life better for the next generation. Includes descriptions of daily life in the classroom and common problems and issues, and suggests survival strategies for lesbian and gay educators, and advice for heterosexual parents, teachers and administrators. (*Parent, Professional*)

Macgillivray, Ian K. Ph.D.. GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCES: A HANDBOOK FOR STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND PARENTS. (forthcoming, Haworth Press). Information on gay-straight alliances, starting a GSA in your school, information for teachers and counselors on how to work with GSAs, guidelines for principals and superintendents on GSAs and the law. Help for school boards on understanding the opposition and working with parents, assistance for parents in supporting their child, and resources on sexual orientation, gender identity development, LGBT issues in schools, and the 1984 Federal Equal Access Act. www.IanMacgillivray.com

McDougall, Bryce (ed). MY CHILD IS GAY: HOW PARENTS REACT WHEN THEY HEAR THE NEWS. 1998; ISBN 1-86448658B9;

This book is a compilation of letters written by parents of gay and lesbian children to help other parents come to terms with their feelings, and to help gay men and lesbians who are contemplating sharing the truth. The parents talk about how they dealt with the many emotions they experienced - anger, embarrassment, guilt and confusion. Together these letters reaffirm the regenerative power of love and allow those with first-hand experience to outline the important steps on the road to understanding. (*Parent*)

Rafkin, Louise (ed); DIFFERENT DAUGHTERS: A BOOK BY MOTHERS OF LESBIANS; 2001; ISBN 1-57344-127-9.

Thirty mothers of lesbians come together, trace their journeys towards acceptance of their daughters. Facing their fears and confusion, prejudice and misunderstandings, they speak honestly and bravely about the difficulties and joys of living with their different daughters. (*Parent*)

Remafedi, G. (ed); DEATH BY DENIAL; 1994; ISBN 0-55583-260-1.

Teenagers struggling with sexual orientation issues are three times more likely than other teens to commit suicide! Eight researchers examine different aspects of G/L youth suicide, including risk factors, suicidal behavior, violence, and the Massachusetts Governors Commission on Gay and lesbian Youth. (*Professional*) DIP

Schneider, Margaret; *Pride and Prejudice-Working with Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth*; 1997; ISBN 0-921708-18-1.

This comprehensive book is a must-read for all counselors, teachers, doctors and therapists working with LGB youth. It provides an in-depth analysis of the counseling strategies for working with these adolescents. Includes case studies, coming out issues, risk reduction strategies, statistics, and information on concrete, practical ways for teachers to make schools inclusive and welcoming. This Canadian book is based upon many highly successful models being used with LGB youth in Toronto. (*Professional*)

Thomson, Barbara J. WORDS CAN HURT YOU, BEGINNING A PROGRAM OF ANTI-BIAS EDUCATION. 1993; ISBN 0-201-45502-1.

This teacher's resource has forty-nine lesson plans that deal with difference, stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination. Based on the premise that if we understood what a pluralistic society was, everyone would enjoy equal access to opportunities, with no one favored or limited by their gender, ethnic background or their skin color. The first half of the book explains how to set up a bias-free classroom, and how to involve the whole school, parents and the community. (*Professional*)

Toronto Board of Education. SAFELY OUT: ACTIVITIES TO CHALLENGE HOMOPHOBIA IN SCHOOLS. 1997.

This manual was produced by the Toronto Board of Education's Equity Studies Centre and the group TEACH (Teens Educating And Confronting Homophobia). It includes substantial background information, varied suggestions for integrating gay/lesbian issues into the curriculum (mostly secondary), and models of implementation. (*Student conferences, staff in-service, and Community involvement*)

Unks, G. (ed); The Gay Teen; 1995; ISBN 0-415-91095-1.

A well-documented anthology of articles relating to educational practice and theory regarding LGB adolescents. Different authors look at terminology and name-calling, the role of counselors, the needs of LGB athletes, LGB teens in literature, social development and sexual identity, visibility, youth politics, in-school and out-of-school LGB youth groups, special schools, curriculum change, and identity dilemma for black gay youth. (*Professional*)

Warren, A. and Wiedenkiller, J.; EVERYBODY'S DOING IT. HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR TEENAGER'S SEX LIFE (AND HELP THEM SURVIVE IT TOO); 1993; ISBN 0-14-017151-7.

Written by a husband and wife who are themselves the parents of teenagers, this "survival guide" for parents will help them understand and come to terms with their teenagers and all of their complexities around sexual issues and sexual behavior. Provides strategies for effective communication in order to help teenagers protect themselves against pregnancy, disease and exploitation. Very good advice to parents of gay sons and lesbian daughters. (*Parent*)

Videos

“De Colores”—a 28-minute bilingual documentary about how Latino families are replacing the deep roots of homophobia with the even deeper roots of love and tolerance. Through moving personal stories we learn about how families are breaking cultural barriers and how love always prevails. Available through UnlearningHomophobia.com or borrow from Boulder County Public Health.

“Coming to Terms”—Alone in his college dorm room, a young man struggles with his family’s reaction when he is pressured into coming out to them over the telephone. Damian sinks into depression as he realizes that both he and his family have an arduous journey ahead if they are to heal old wounds and come to terms with his sexuality. This film demonstrates how denial and blame can damage relationships. An excellent video for youth, counselors and families. Available through <http://catalog.frameline.org>

“The Experiment: Gay and Straight”—5 gay and 5 straight people of varied race and age agree to live together for a week to deal with their attitudes about sexual orientation; it’s a sort of reality show with a purpose—to see how people’s attitudes can change if they get to really know someone who is gay. A 90-minute documentary from Fox Chicago. Obtain a personal copy for \$5.00 by writing to Mark Saxenmeyer, Executive Producer, WLFD, 204 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601.

“If She Grows Up Gay”—“If She Grows Up Gay” presents an intimate portrait of a nineteen-year-old Black mother, her partner (a woman) and her young daughter. The mother—radiant, unforgettable, and wise beyond her years—shares her experiences as a teenage parent, and her adjustment into a lesbian relationship and new parenting situation for her child. Made during a period when the face of the gay community was primarily white and male, “If She Grows Up Gay” brings unprecedented visibility to one of the underrepresented voices from our past. Available through <http://catalog.frameline.org>

“Just Call Me Kade”—Kade Farlow Collins is a sixteen year old FTM (female to male transgendered person) residing in Tucson, Arizona. Kade’s parents maintain a supportive and nurturing relationship to Kade regarding the many challenges facing their teenage child. However, it hasn’t always been easy. As Kade’s body began to transform during puberty, Kade became nearly suicidal. Realizing the issue was more complex than Kade being a tomboy or a lesbian, the family searched for information. Through a local support group and the internet, Kade’s mother found books and other resources pertaining to transgenderism. Kade and his family agreed to have their lives documented in order to bring awareness to the subject.

Just Call Me Kade begins during Halloween weekend, 1999. Kade (then “Kate”) was fourteen years old and beginning the initial stages of transition. Kate and family share their concerns, and all embark upon the path toward Kate’s new identity as “Kade.” *Just Call Me Kade* concludes during St. Patrick’s Day weekend, 2001, and Kade, having legally changed his names, is well into testosterone therapy. Friends and family candidly express their feelings about the transition, the changes in Kade and the impact on everyone involved.

Available through <http://catalog.frameline.org>

“Out Loud”—In nine installments, gay and lesbian teens discuss their hopes, fears, challenges, and achievements. Made by youth and for youth, Out Loud examines some of the most pressing challenges facing young queers. Through a variety of moving testimonials, teens talk about balancing the need for acceptance with maintaining their individuality. Humor and intense personal moments make Out Loud an excellent discussion starter. Available through <http://catalog.frameline.org>

“Queer Geography: Mapping Our Identities”—Co-produced by two high school students, *Queer Geography* is a short documentary which explores the lives of four queer youth, ages 16-20. The video examines sexual orientation, coming out, family life and dealing with being “out” in school.

Its protagonists are not “role models” armed with grand accomplishments designed to illicit sympathy, and intended to compensate for their sexuality. The lives of the youth in this video are complicated by a multitude of oppressions, namely racism and a juvenile justice system with the potential to keep young people in a cycle of incarceration.

Queer Geography also addresses how community organizations play a role in the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth today. It stresses the important of adult and institutional support and how this support may help combat alienation and violence faced by gay youth. In addition, *Queer Geography* identified the presence of homophobia and heterosexism in our society and its statistical and personal effects on the lives of queer youth. Grade levels 7-12. Available through <http://catalog.frameline.org>

“Tomboy”—a girl’s determination to follow her own hoop dreams makes her a college basketball star and the publisher of the first ever women-in-sports magazine. Using personal narrative, still photography and stop animation, Tomboy is an imaginative autobiographical account of an African American tomboy’s journey to success and self-acceptance. Available through <http://catalog.frameline.org/>