

LGBTQ YOUTH

Equity Challenge
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QUEER YOUTH EXPERIENCE

76%

of LGBTQ Youth in Iowa have
been harassed or assaulted in
the past year



1 IN 4

LGBTQ students of color
missed at least one day of
school due to not feeling
safe

40%

of all homeless youth identify
as LGBTQ. Many are homeless
due to rejection at home or
rejection in the foster care
system



40%

of LGBTQ youth have seriously
considered suicide in 2020. This
number increases when LGBTQ
youth of color are asked

JOIN THE FIGHT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

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EQUITY CHALLENGES

To support LGBTQ youth



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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Join the movement by going to www.iowasafeschools.org and signing up for the Spirit Awards on October 22nd. This is a great opportunity to learn more and help support this work.

2

EDUCATE YOURSELF

Go to www.safeschoolsacademy.org and sign up for an online class. You can even become a Certified School Culture Advocate and receive recognition for your educational efforts.



3

START A GSA

Gay-Straight Alliances or Gender-Sexuality Alliances (GSAs) are life saving student organizations in schools. They are 100% student led and student initiated. If you know a student who is interested in starting a GSA, connect with us at www.iowasafeschools.org



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EXAMINE YOUR POLICIES

What are the policies and practices at your organization? Iowa Safe Schools provides workplace training for staff and administration on creating welcoming environments. By creating safe spaces in work places, LGBTQ youth will have a path to future careers. For more information go to www.iowasafeschools.org

