

RESOURCES FOR LGBT YOUTH BEING BULLIED AND THEIR PARENTS

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1) "TeenSpace 211" Helpline:

TeenSpace 211 Website: <http://teenspace211.org>

A student can either:

A) dial 211, and say they're a teenager and need help (including with being bullied). He or she will then be connected with "TeenSpace 211" where someone will speak with them, or

B) dial 954 567-8336 (TEEN) - direct line to TeenSpace 211.

TeenSpace211 is for teens who are experiencing problems and do not know where else to turn or just want a place of their own to share their concerns and be heard. TeenSpace understands it is not easy being a teen today. We understand that your problems are real and important. Here, every teen is treated with respect, and every issue as important. Whether you are having problems at school, at home, experiencing feelings of depression or suicide, 2-1-1 cares and wants to help. There is help available any time of the day, any day of the week, and it is only a message or phone call away. When you contact 2-1-1 you will be speaking to our counselors who are friendly, non-judgmental, and empathetic. Call us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year at 2-1-1 or 954-567-8336(TEEN).

TeenSpace also provides adults with support, information, and resources. Adults should call either 2-1-1 OR 954 537-0211.

Descriptive News Article:

www.nbcmiami.com/news/local-beat/Broward-Reaches-Out-to-Gay-Teens-105000339.html

2) Safe Schools South Florida

(I'm told this is the same organization as the organization called "Safe To Be Me")

website: www.safeschoolssouthflorida.org

email: safe@safeschoolssouthflorida.org

phone: Broward: 954 771-4799

Miami/Dade: 305 576-2126

Mission Statement:

"Safe Schools South Florida's mission is to create safer schools where all students can learn and thrive, regardless of real or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, their own or that of their parents."

Description:

Safe Schools South Florida is the only organization in South Florida comprised of professional educators committed to training education professionals to recognize and intervene in harassment and bullying of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) students and the children of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) parents. For more than 15 years, Safe Schools South Florida, under the direction of co-founder and executive director, Robert Loupo, has:

- *Empowered students through leadership trainings and conferences.*
- *Trained educators to recognize and intervene in anti-sexual minority bullying.*
- *Educated parents and the public through a LGBT speakers bureau.*
- *Monitored our successes and refined our programs to be sure they are helping us achieve our mission.*

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3) Gay Straight Alliances (GSA)
(Listed in www.safeschoolssouthflorida.org)

BROWARD COUNTY

Charles W. Flanagan High
Mary Moran
754-323-0650

College Academy @
BCC Central
Mr. Andrew Dutka
954-201-6577

Coconut Creek High
Cheri Cummings
754-322-0350

Coral Glades High
Cheryl Theodoroff
754-322-1250

Coral Springs High
Jacqelene Horniker

754-322-0500

Cypress Bay High
Dr. Declan Lyons
754-322-0350

Everglades High
Mr. Robert Doyle
754-323-0500

Fort Lauderdale S. High
Cyd Sterling
754-322-1100

Hallandale High
n/a
754-323-0900

Hollywood Hills High
Mrs. Shoafs
754-323-1050

J.P. Taravella High
Ms. Barbara Manwell
754-322-2300

McArthur High
Ms. Allison Tucker
754-322-1200

McFatter Tech High
n/a
754-321-5700

Miramar High
Dr. Allison Rice
754-323-1350

Monarch High
n/a
754-322-1400

Northeast High
Mr. Patrick Berkeley
754-322-1550

Nova High
Ms. Christine Campbell
& Mr. David Manset
754-323-1650

Pine Crest
Mr. Ari Worthman
954-492-4187

Piper High
Mr. Herbert Kawesch
754-322-1700

Plantation High
Sarah Zambrano
754-322-1850

Pompano Beach High
Mr. Steven Horton
754-322-2000

South Plantation High
Mr. Phil Beasley
754-323-1950

Western Senior High
Mr. Robert Abels
754- 323-2400

4) The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)

website: www.glsen.org

MISSION:

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

We believe that such an atmosphere engenders a positive sense of self, which is the basis of educational achievement and personal growth. Since homophobia

and heterosexism undermine a healthy school climate, we work to educate teachers, students and the public at large about the damaging effects these forces have on youth and adults alike. We recognize that forces such as racism and sexism have similarly adverse impacts on communities and we support schools in seeking to redress all such inequities.

GLSEN seeks to develop school climates where difference is valued for the positive contribution it makes in creating a more vibrant and diverse community. We welcome as members any and all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression or occupation, who are committed to seeing this philosophy realized in K-12 schools.

5) The Pride Center at Equality Park (Gay & Lesbian Community Center)

2040 N. Dixie Hwy
Wilton Manors, FL 33305
954 463-9005

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