

# Resources for Counseling Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Questioning/Queer Students & GLBTQ College Admission Counseling Professionals

## GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### **Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network**

<http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/home/index.html>

GLSEN, or the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for ALL students. GLSEN strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

### **Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**

<http://www.pflag.org/>

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

### **Safe Schools Coalition**

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/safe.html>

The mission of The Safe Schools Coalition: An international public-private partnership in support of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth is to help schools - at home and all over the world - become safe places where every family can belong, where every educator can teach, and where every child can learn, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

### **Gay-Straight Alliance Network**

<http://www.gsanetwork.org/>

The network is a youth leadership organization that connects school-based Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) to each other and to community resources. The GSA Network supports young people in starting, strengthening and sustaining a GSA to create safe school environments, educate the school community, and fighting discrimination, harassment and violence in schools.

### **Human Rights Campaign**

<http://www.hrc.org/>

The Human Rights Campaign represents a grassroots force of more than 700,000 members and supporters nationwide. As the largest national gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization, HRC envisions an America where GLBT people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

### **Equality Forum**

<http://www.equalityforum.com/index.cfm>

Equality Forum is a national nonprofit and 501(c)(3) GLBT organization headquartered in Philadelphia. Equality Forum undertakes high impact initiatives, produces documentary films, highlights GLBT history and presents annually the largest national and international GLBT civil rights forum.

## **SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

### **American Psychological Association**

<http://www.apa.org/topics/orientation.html>

This provides answers to your questions about sexual orientation and homosexuality. The page provides basic questions and answers for the novice to sexual orientation issues.

### **The Trevor Project**

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/home1.aspx>

The Trevor Project operates the only nationwide, around-the-clock suicide prevention helpline for gay and questioning youth. Every day, The Trevor Project saves lives through its free and confidential helpline, its website and its educational services.

### **OutProud.org**

<http://www.outproud.org/>

OutProud, The National Coalition for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Youth, serves the needs of these young men and women by providing advocacy, information, resources and support. Our goal is to help queer youth become happy, successful, confident and vital gay, lesbian and bisexual adults.

We provide outreach and support to queer teens just coming to terms with their sexual orientation and

to those contemplating coming out. We let them know they're not alone by helping them find local sources of friendship and support.

### **Matthew Shepard Foundation**

<http://www.matthewshepard.org/site/PageServer>

The mission of the Matthew Shepard Foundation is to support diversity programs in education and to help youth organizations establish environments where young people can feel safe and be themselves. The goal is to erase hate.

## **PRINT/ON-LINE MATERIAL RESOURCES**

### **The Advocate**

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

A national magazine dedicated to GLBT issues.

### **Out**

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

A national magazine dedicated to GLBT issues.

### **The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students (2006)**

\* This listing does not indicate WACAC's endorsement of this guide book.

[http://www.advocate.com/issue\\_story\\_ektid35308.asp](http://www.advocate.com/issue_story_ektid35308.asp)

### **The New Gay Teenager (2005)**

<http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog/SAVNEW.html?show=catalogcopy>

This book offers insight into today's "gay youth." This book is a must read for anyone committed to working with students struggling with their identities or students who have completely accepted their sexual identity and are living positive lives.

### **Posters Promoting A Safe Welcoming Environment**

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/RG-posters.html>