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ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR RI TEACHERS

Creating a Safe School Climate for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students.



- *Open to all Rhode Island Teachers*
- *No Registration Fee!*
- *Earn 30 Contact Hours upon successful completion!*
- *Flexible schedule... no need to log in at any specific times*
- *All learning modules and assignments take place on-line.*
- *Must have computer with Internet access (preferably high-speed) and MS Word*
- *Other software can be downloaded for free (e.g. Adobe Reader & Flash Player)*
- *Must complete weekly assignments & participate actively in online discussions*

Course Overview

This course is on LGBTQ issues and how to effectively and supportively respond to LGBTQ students.

To ensure a safe learning environment for LGBTQ students, teachers must not only be knowledgeable about the issues and their implications, but must also be able to model appropriate behavior, and teach students the skills they need to recognize and address inappropriate behavior.

Course Facilitator

Annie Silvia - Senior Consultant, JSI and former HIV/Sexuality Specialist at the RI Department of Education.

Course Goal

Participants will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to create a safe school climate and to implement effective strategies to address issues related to LGBTQ youth in schools.

Course Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Define biological sex, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation.
- Describe the cultural environment of your school/state using data on youth risks.
- Describe homophobia and transphobia, and how they impact students' experiences and behavior
- Describe the impact bullying has on students and the school environment.
- Describe the challenges LGBTQ youth face when "coming out".
- List ways to support students and colleagues
- Describe ways in which LGBTQ people are generally made invisible.
- Implement changes to make a more inclusive classroom.
- Create a lesson plan for building an inclusive learning experience.
- Learn strategies for enhancing comfort level when teaching lessons that involve LGBTQ issues.

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