

**2012 Safe Schools, Safe Communities:
State Superintendent's Conference on LGBT Youth
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The 2012 Safe Schools, Safe Communities: State Superintendent's Conference on LGBT Youth will be held **March 29th, 2012**, at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Union. This conference is a continuation of statewide collaborative efforts by Diverse and Resilient and Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) to address the safety and educational needs of Wisconsin's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in both school and in the community. This conference is being planned in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the UWM LGBT Resource Center. This year's conference theme will be ***“RETHINKING SAFETY: Understanding how we can make schools and communities safe for LGBT youth.”***

The conference seeks to bring together K-12 teachers, counselors, administrators, social workers, parents, middle and high school students, healthcare professionals, police officers, social service workers, youth workers, community leaders, and those who seek to support LGBT youth now and in the future to share and learn best practices in addressing the health and educational disparities faced by this population.

All workshops will be 75 minutes in length. While the primary conference audience is adults who work with and care about LGBT youth, the audience will include youth delegates from school and community groups. All workshops will be open to youth in attendance. There will be an additional youth-only track of workshops.

At this time, we are seeking presenters and topics for our 2012 conference. If you, your program or club, your school and/or district has a presentation or program they would be willing to share with their colleagues and youth leaders from across the state, **please complete this form and return it by January 26, 2012**, to:

**GSAFE
301 BEDFORD ST
MADISON, WI 53703
Email: lgbtconference@gsaforsafeschools.com
Fax: (608) 661-1360**

Presenters will be notified by February 10, 2012 as to the status of their proposal.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY!

DESCRIBE THE ISSUES IMPACTING LGBT YOUTH SAFETY YOU WISH TO ADDRESS. (Please limit to 100 words.)

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE IN ADDRESSING ISSUES FACING LGBT YOUTH. (Please limit to 200 words.)

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: _____

DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION: *(This presentation description should clearly describe the content of your presentation and be worded as you wish it to appear in the conference program. Please include any specific practical strategies attendees will take away from attending this session. Please limit to 3-5 sentences)*

INTENDED AUDIENCE: *(Please check ONLY those that apply.)*

- District/school administrators
- General educators
- General audience
- Community based
- Youth

Presentation Tracks: Presentations will be organized around specific issues/tracks that they address. There are four tracks: social justice, youth empowerment, school based initiatives, community based initiatives. Please indicate which track most appropriately aligns with your presentation.

Please check ONLY those that apply:

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Presentations that highlight and center the impact of social justice issues such as poverty, racism, anti-immigration policies, gender oppression, policing, dis/ability issues, etc. on LGBT youth and their safety in schools and communities. Presentations should highlight these issues as systemic and also discuss some interventions/solutions to the issues.

_____ **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT**

Presentations that highlight and center youth empowerment and innovative youth models for working with LGBTQ youth and allies to create safe schools and safe communities for LGBT youth. Presentations could include highlighting work, conferences and/or institutes the build youth leadership, know your rights trainings, best practices when working with LGBT youth, etc.

_____ **SCHOOL BASED INITIATIVE**

Presentations that highlight school approaches (within and/or across schools and districts) as part of building and/or maintaining safe schools for LGBT youth. Presentations should highlight diverse policies, skills and strategies for creating safe schools for LGBT youth—such as safe zone trainings, GSAs, safe schools campaigns. Presentations that are specific to administrators are encouraged.

_____ **COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVE**

Presentations that highlight community approaches to building and/or maintaining safe communities for LGBT youth. Presentations should highlight skills and strategies used such as: community groups that are safe spaces for LGBT youth, programming that build resiliency and reduces risk factors, grass roots organizing, etc.

SPEAKER EQUIPMENT:

LCD projectors, laptops, screens, a/v carts, extension cords, internet access, etc., will be provided as requested. To help us keep costs down, please list only a/v equipment you will need provided:

PRESENTATION HANDOUTS AND MATERIALS: We will print a limited number of handouts for each workshop. If your workshop is accepted you will need to submit no more than ten single-sided pages by Thursday, March 22nd. These and additional handouts, including copies of PowerPoint presentations, will be made available online to all conference attendees following the event.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Please note that all presenters are expected to register for the complete conference. Registration fees will be waived for up to three presenters per workshop.

KEY CONTACT PERSON:

Name: _____

Title: _____

School/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES, TITLES, AND CONTACT INFORMATION (ADDRESS, PHONE & EMAIL) FOR EACH PERSON WHO WILL BE PART OF THE PRESENTATION:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

School/Organization: _____

School/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMAIL: _____

**If there will be more than 3 presenters, please attach their contact information on a separate sheet.*