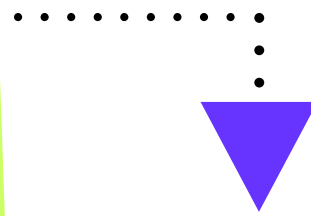
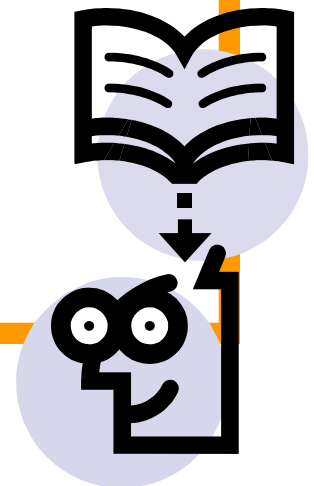


Oregon Safe Schools and
Communities Coalition
Presents



The 7th Annual Oregon Safe Schools Training

October 24th & 25th, 2008
at Portland State University



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Come and learn strategies for educating communities about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning issues by:

- increasing your knowledge about LGBTQ issues and resources
- identifying effective ways for youth adults to work together
- networking with teams from other Oregon communities
- developing a project to address the health and safety needs of LGBTQ youth

What is the Oregon Safe Schools Training?

At this two-day training, you will learn about how to make your school and community a safer place for gay, straight, bisexual, lesbian, and trans people and their allies. The goal is to inspire you with new ideas and connect you with the resources you need to make a difference in your school.

The training will give many ideas and support for how to start a project to make a difference in your school or community. Plus, any group that submits a report on the progress of its project is eligible to receive a \$150 award!

Whether you want to start a new GLBTQ group at your school, get new ideas and support for your GSA (Gay Straight Alliance), or develop a specific project, the Safe Schools Training is the place for you.

Who can come to the training?

This is a training supporting efforts (such as Gay-Straight Alliances) that promote school safety for ALL students. You do not need to identify as GLBTQ or be “out” in order to participate or make a difference in your community.

Participants register as teams (usually from specific schools or organizations – contact us if you are having trouble finding others in your area to join up with). Each team should ideally include three-to-five people, with a minimum of one adult and one youth.

Teams from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply, especially younger students, students of color, trans teens, and students in small towns and rural areas.

Where and when is the 2008 training taking place?

The 2008 Oregon Safe Schools Training will take place October 24th & 25th at Portland State University (PSU) in downtown Portland, in the Smith Memorial Student Union (SMSU). The address is 1825 SW Broadway; the building is on Broadway between SW Montgomery and Harrison. Visit <http://www.pdx.edu/campus.html> for more complete directions about how to get to PSU.

How much does the conference cost?

The cost of the training is \$50 for your entire team to participate. The \$50 fee covers conference admission, training materials, and meals for all the members of your group. Checks should be written out to OSSCC, and are due in person at time of group check-in at the conference.

We have partnered with the Portland PFLAG Chapter to provide home-stays for those who cannot afford motel/hotel expense. If you know you will need assistance securing lodgings, please contact us as soon as possible so we can make arrangements in a timely manner.

Limited scholarships are available to help with transportation costs for teams traveling the greatest distance.

Remember! If you send the OSSCC a report by May 1 on the progress of the project your team developed at the Training, your team will receive \$150!

How do we sign up?

To download the application and necessary forms, visit www.oregonsafeschools.org. Completed applications can be sent by FAX to 503-228-6522 Attn: Joyce or mailed to:
OSSCC
PO Box 80604
Portland, Oregon 97280

Applications must be postmarked or faxed in by October 6. Receiving your application on time helps us to organize conference logistics, and we cannot guarantee special meals or additional housing for late applications. We will contact you after we receive your application.

About OSSCC

The Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition (OSSCC) seeks to create safe schools and communities where every family can belong, every educator can teach, and every child can learn regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. The OSSCC believes that all youth deserve to feel safe and welcome in our schools and communities.

Because LGBTQ youth often feel invisible, they can be at a higher risk for discrimination, harassment, and even suicide because of negative attitudes in many communities. We want to work with you to make sure all schools are safe for all students.

Who do I contact for more information?

If you have questions about the conference, please contact Joyce Liljeholm at jiljeholm@gmail.com or 503-232-4556

Final Checklist:

- Download forms from www.oregonsafeschools.org
- Have each participant complete an agreement form, a liability release, and a photo release
- Mail or fax in completed forms by October 6
- Bring your group's \$50 check payable to OSSCC with you to the conference
- Contact Joyce Liljeholm at jiljeholm@gmail.com or 503-232-4556 with any questions

***Thank you for your concern and the work you do on behalf of LGBTQ youth!
Please let people know about the Training and other activities in your area!***

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Adult Advisor Agreement Form

All adult advisors must complete this form and provide their signature in order for them and their group to participate in the Oregon Safe Schools Training.

Adult Advisor Info		
Name	Phone	Email
Address		
Food Restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free <input type="checkbox"/> Other Allergy _____		
Lodging/Home-stay Needs <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Only <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only <input type="checkbox"/> Both Days		
Medical/Accessibility Needs (allergies, wheelchair access, interpreter, etc.)		
School/Organization Info		
Name	Phone	Email
Address		# of Youth to Attend
Conduct Agreement		
<p>_____ (Name of advisor) will be attending the Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition Training and will be held responsible for the group of youth from _____ (Name of school/organization).</p> <p>The undersigned advisor agrees to follow OSSCC rules for the Training, including respect for other participants and the facilities, no alcohol or other drugs, and no smoking in the building.</p> <p>The undersigned advisor agrees to be the chaperone/adult supervisor for the youth participant(s) who are representing the school/organization at the OSSCC Training. Chaperoning duties include travel to and from the Training and supervising the youth participant(s) during all Training activities and during evening/free time.</p> <p>The undersigned acknowledges that OSSCC and Portland State University do not have any additional obligations in this regard, nor will they be held liable for damages.</p>		
Confirmation		
Signature		Date

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Youth Participant Agreement Form

All youth participants must complete this form and provide their signature in order to participate in the Oregon Safe Schools Training.

Student Info		
Name (first & last)	Phone	Email
Age	Ethnicity (optional)	Gender (optional)
School/Group Traveling With		Grade
Food Restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free <input type="checkbox"/> Other Allergy _____		
Lodging/Home-stay Needs <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Only <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only <input type="checkbox"/> Both Days		
Medical/Accessibility Needs (allergies, wheelchair access, interpreter, etc.) 		
Conduct Agreement		
In order to minimize the risks involved I, _____ (print name), as a participant, agree to follow the rules and procedures of the Oregon Safe Schools Conference. I will not possess or consume alcohol or other drugs (other than those prescribed by my doctor, in prescribed amounts) immediately before or during an OSSCC activity, nor will I engage in disruptive or unsafe behavior that could endanger myself, staff, or other participants.		
Confirmation		
Youth Signature	Date	
Advisor Signature	Date	

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Assumption of Risk and Release From Liability

I, _____ (print parent/guardian's name), understand that the participation of _____ (print youth's name) in Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition (OSSCC) sponsored activities, transportation to and from such sponsored activities, and use of OSSCC provided recreational and other equipment may be dangerous and may involve hazardous conditions, both obvious and latent. I give the leaders permission to obtain medical treatment for my child/foster child if needed.

I hereby waive all claims arising from my child/foster child's participation, whether caused by negligence, perceived or real breach of contract, or otherwise, which I may ever have against OSSCC, Portland State University, its successors and assignees, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and their heirs, executors, and administrators.

My waiver of claims and assumptions of liability applies to myself, and any other agents, successors, assignees, heirs, executors, or administrators I may have.

Guardian Signature: _____

Relationship to Youth: _____

Date: _____

Contact Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

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Photographic Image Release Form

Note: this form is completely optional and voluntary. You are not required to sign this release in order to participate in the conference.

I hereby consent and authorize the use and reproduction by Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition, and its affiliates, of any and all photographic images which Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition and its affiliates have taken of me, negative or positive, for any purpose whatsoever, without further compensation to me. All negatives and positives together with prints shall constitute the property of Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition solely and completely.

Full Name (printed): _____

School/Group Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's full name (if participant under 18): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____