



ABCs of LGBTQ Youth

This one hour in-service training is offered at no cost to any Delaware middle or high school that wants to raise the “cultural competency” of its faculty and staff with respect to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth needs and services in our schools. Traditionally LGBTQ youth are at the highest risk for bullying. According to a Center for Disease Control study they are 64% more at risk for depression, suicide and substance abuse not because they are LGBTQ but because of the pressures of society.

- The one hour lecture presentation is divided into four sections:
- Overview of the need to support LGBTQ Youth based on three studies and the United Way of Delaware LGBTQ Youth initiative
- The ABCs of LGBTQ – A review of terms and definitions
- LGBTQ Issues of Delaware High School Students – 2013 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey for DE
- LGBTQ Behavioral Health Risks and what schools need to do to support LGBTQ youth
- Q&A session

At the end of the training, attendees will have an understanding of the terms that LGBTQ youth use today to define themselves; the behavioral health risks that LGBTQ youth face; an understanding of what the entire school needs to do to support LGBTQ Youth.

To arrange for this in-service training for your school please contact Tynetta Brown, Associate Director Health tbrown@uwde.org or 302.521.3772.

This in-service training is a collaborative effort with: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware, Children and Families First and the Adolescent Resource Center, Delaware Guidance Services, State of Delaware – The Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, United Way of Delaware PRIDE Council, University of Delaware Office of Equity & Inclusion