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STOP

homophobic bullying

Did you ever feel unsafe, harassed, or socially isolated at school? At one point or another, nearly all of us did. Unfortunately, LGBTQ students are almost twice as likely to endure bullying—both at school and online. Research suggests that this takes a toll: Victims of anti-LGBTQ bullying earn lower grades, skip school more often, and are more likely to use drugs. Concerning mental health, a recent study found that over 40% of sexual minority students have seriously considered suicide and a 29% reported attempting suicide in the past year.

Teachers are in an ideal position to change these statistics, but they rarely step up at the moments that matter most. According to a national study conducted by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), 50% of teachers report that they have never taken steps to support LGBTQ student safety, even though the vast majority of teachers say it is their responsibility to ensure supportive learning environments for these students. With the right tools, teachers can stand up to homophobic bullying and help build safer, more inclusive schools.

The Creating-Bias Free Classrooms program uses live, improvisational theater to equip educators to build inclusive learning environments for students targeted by homophobia. Staffed by anti-bullying experts, this dynamic training workshop transports teachers into a realistic classroom laboratory—brought to life by trained high school student actors—in which teachers try out new anti-bullying strategies and build the confidence to create safer schools.

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