

Los Angeles Unified School District

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Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Guide 2013-2014

LAUSD Resources:

PROJECT 10 - LAUSD

Project 10 was founded in 1984 with the mission of providing a safe school environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth. LGBT support and resources are available and provided for students, parents and educators.

Project 10 responds to, and investigates allegations of LGBT bullying, discrimination/harassment and provides legal and compliance training for District employees on the rights of our LGBT students. In addition, Project 10 provides support for our Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) clubs and produces LGBT educational events for students, educators and parents to raise LGBT awareness and visibility throughout the District.

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stephen.jimenez@lausd.net

Vixente Medrano, Project 10 Specialist – (213) 241-0644
vixente.medrano@lausd.net

Equal Opportunity Section/LAUSD

The Equal Opportunity Section (EOS) responds to and investigates allegations of employee-to-employee harassment and discrimination.

Contact: Cheryl Broussard, Supervising Investigator – (213) 241-7685
cheryl.broussard@lausd.net

Rafiqua McLeod, Investigator – (213) 241-2906
rafiqua.mcleod@lausd.net

HIV/AIDS Prevention Unit/LAUSD

www.aidspreventionlausd.com

The Los Angeles Board of Education approved the development of programs to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. Since 1987, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided funds to develop age-appropriate lessons for students, to train teachers in strategies for preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and other diseases that may be transmitted sexually (STDs), and for the prevention of teenage pregnancy.

Contacts: Timothy Kordic, Teacher Advisor – (213) 241-3519
timothy.kordic@lausd.net

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Human Relations Diversity and Equity Office

The Human Relations Diversity and Equity Office offers support services and professional development in the areas of bully prevention, crisis intervention, mediation, threat assessments and LGBT issues regarding homophobia reduction, acceptance and tolerance.

Contacts: Judy Chiasson, Program Coordinator – (213) 241-5626
judy.chiasson@lausd.net

Holly Priebe-Diaz, Intervention Coordinator – (213) 241-5636
holly.priebe-diaz@lausd.net

Out Adolescents Staying In School (OASIS) - Central High School/LAUSD

OASIS is a continuation school which provides a safe learning environment for at-risk youth, English language learners, special education students, and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender and questioning students.

Contacts: Main Line – (213) 745-1901, Janet Seary, Principal – jseary@lausd.net

School Mental Health/LAUSD

School Mental Health provides mental health services for students and their families with the goal of helping students access the instructional program for academic success.

Contact: Main Line – (213) 241-3841, Pia Escudero, Director, pia.escudero@lausd.net

School Police/LAUSD

www.lasped.com

School Police will respond to and investigate allegations of hate-motivated incidents.

Contact: Main Line – (213) 625-6631

Suicide Prevention/LAUSD

The Suicide Prevention Unit (SPU) is part of the School Mental Health Crisis Counseling and Intervention Services. SPU conducts professional development, trainings and consultation for District crisis teams, school site crisis teams and student health personnel on suicide intervention/prevention. In addition, acts as a referral service for suicide prevention.

Contact: Ailleth Tom, Coordinator – (213)-241-2174
ailleth.tom@lausd.net

Elena Jimenez, Organization Facilitator – (213) 241-3516
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Isabel Vaquero, Psychiatric Social Worker – (213)-241-1259
isabel.vaquero@lausd.net

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LGBT Community Resources:

Asian Pacific Islanders (API) Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays (PFLAG)

www.pflag.gapsn.org

Support for LGBT persons and friends and family members of LGBT persons. This non-profit offers confidential email and telephone support on coming out issues and religious issues.

Contacts: Harold and Ellen Kemeya, Facilitators – (818) 368-2008
api-pflag@gapsn.org

Beth Chayim Chadashim

www.bcc-la.org

Educational services, programs and special events for LGBT youth and their families.

Contact: Felicia Park-Rogers, Executive Director – (323) 931-7023 ext. 203
tempdirector@bcc-la.org

Bienestar Human Services; Sabores Youth Program

www.bienestar.org

Bienestar provides support services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate for the Latino community. These support serves are as follows: social events for LGBT youth, peer support groups, HIV/STD testing, mental health services, and programs and services for HIV positive individuals.

Contacts: Sylvia Valerio, Center Supervisor (East LA) – (323) 727-7896
svalerio@bienestar.org

Sylvia Valerio, Center Supervisor (El Monte) - (626) 444-9453
svalerio@bienestar.org

Roberto Gomez, Center Supervisor (South LA) – (323) 752-3100
rgomez@bienestar.org

Jorge Diaz, Center Supervisor (Hollywood) (323) 660-9680
jdiaz@bienestar.org

California Safe Schools Coalition (CSSC)

www.casafeschools.org

The CSSC is a statewide partnership of organizations and individuals dedicated to eliminating LGBT discrimination/harassment in California schools.

Contacts: Kelly Anthony, Director
kelly@casafeschools.org

Meghan Elliot, Outreach and Communications Coordinator
meghan@casafeschools.org

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Children's Hospital – Transgender Harm Reduction Project

www.childrenshospitala.org

Social services and social activities for transgender and inter-sexed youth ages 12-26. Individual, family and substance abuse counseling.

Contact: Bamby Salcedo, Project Coordinator – (323) 669-2390 ext. 5983
bsalcedo@chla.usc.edu

Children's Hospital – Division of Adolescent Medicine (Boyler Room)

www.childrenshospitala.org

Free support group for young men ages 16-24. This service is created to provide young men with a safe and supportive environment to explore their feelings and other mental health issues.

Contact: Jerry Saslow, M.A., Facilitator – (323) 361-3931
jsaslow@chla.usc.edu

Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE)

losangeles@colage.org or www.colage.org

COLAGE is a national movement of children, youth, and adults with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer (LGBTQ) parent/s. We build community and work toward social justice through youth empowerment, leadership development, education, and advocacy.

Contact: **Robin Marquis**- National Program Director (855) 4-COLAGE ext. 1
robin@colage.org

COLORS: LGBTQ Youth Counseling and Community Center

www.colorsyouth.org

COLORS LGBTQ Youth Counseling and Community Center is a safe and confidential space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, or label-free youth, 24 and under and their allies. COLORS offers **FREE** mental health support for individuals, couples, groups and families and provides **FREE** social and creative activities, community building and educational support.

Contact: Main Line – (213) 417-3420 info@colorsyouth.org

Cassie Najarian, Program Coordinator - (818) 404-8175
cassie@colorsyouth.org

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Community Helpline Hotline

www.helplineyouthcounseling.org

Community Helpline Hotline is a volunteer peer-to-peer listening and referral service for LGBT individuals in need or in crisis. Volunteers are trained to provide support in regards to sexual orientation issues, gender related issues and depression and suicide.

Toll-Free Hotline: 1 (877) 541-2525

Contact: Colleen Sass, Program Coordinator – (310) 793-1415 or (310) 245-5016
chelpine@yahoo.com

C.I.T.Yx1 Youth Group

webmail@cityx1.com

Social activities and peer to peer counseling for LGBT youth.

Contact: Carlos Sosa, Executive Director – (310) 712-3918
webmail@cityx1.com

Covenant House California

www.covenanthouse.ca.org

Covenant House California offers a **live-in facility** for LGBT homeless youth (**18-24 years old**). Services provided are short and long term housing, meals, health and medical services, mental health services, substance abuse counseling, recreation and education and employment opportunities.

Contact: Jesus Siordia, Director – (323) 461-3131 ext. 222
jfsiordia@covca.org

Family Equality Council

www.familyequality.org

The Family Equality Council is a national organization that works to advance the well being of LGBT parents and their families through mutual support and community collaboration.

Contact: Main Line – (617) 502-8700
info@familyequality.org

Friends of Project 10 Inc.

www.project10.org

Friends of Project 10 (Friends P10) provide LGBT assistance and support for youth and members of the community. Friends P10 interacts closely with various school districts, LGBT nonprofits, legal departments and public entities to ensure the safety of LGBT youth. In addition, Friends P10 produces and coordinates the annual Models of Pride Scholarship Awards.

Contact: Gail Rolf, Education Director – (626) 577-4553
Friendofproject10@hotmail.com

Virginia Uribe, Director and Founder – (626) 577-4553
project10@hotmail.com

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Gay and Lesbian Armenian Society (GALAS)

www.gayandlesbianarmenians.com

The Gay and Lesbian Armenian Society (GALAS) offers a safe and supportive environment for LGBT Armenians to empower ones emotional, spiritual, cultural and professional growth. In addition, GALAS provides academic scholarships for eligible high school seniors and college students and offers psychotherapy sessions.

Contact: Main Line – (310) 203-1587
galas@galasla.org

Pol Atteu, President
galas@galasla.org

Gay and Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN)

www.glsen.org

GLSEN, or the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for ALL students. Established in 1995, GLSEN sponsors the *National Day of Silence* and *No Name Calling Week*.

Contact: GLSEN National Headquarters – (212) 727-0135
glsen@glsen.org

Gays and Lesbians Initiating Dialogue for Equality (GLIDE)

www.socal-glide.org

GLIDE is a volunteer's speaker's bureau which has provided services for the Los Angeles Unified School District and other school districts in California for the past fifteen years. All workshops and trainings are facilitated by adult volunteers who share their personal stories of LGBT harassment and discrimination, when they were in school, with students and teachers. The goal is to create a safe school climate for LGBT students and to reduce homophobia.

Contact: Judy Chiasson, Director – (310) 358-5165
info@socal-glide.org

Gay-Straight Alliance Network

www.gsanetwork.org

The Gay-Straight Alliance Network is a youth leadership organization that connects school-based Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) to each other and community resources. Through peer support, leadership development, and training, the GSA Network supports young people in creating safe learning environments in schools, educating the community about homophobia, gender identity and sexual orientation issues, and fighting discrimination, harassment and violence in schools.

Contact: Ariel Bustamante, Program Coordinator
ariel@gsanetwork.org

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Hate Crime Awareness Long Beach

www.hatecrimeawareness.org

Geoff Maddox is the founder of Hate Crime Awareness Long Beach. He regularly visits schools to speak with students about hate crimes, myths associated with hate crimes, acceptance and differences in others and his personal experiences working with victims of hate crimes. This service is **FREE**.

Contact: Geoff Maddox, Founder
Geoff@hatecrimeawareness.org

Hate Crime Hotline: (562) 433-8595

L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center - Family Services Program

familyservices@lagaycenter.org

The Family Services Program (FSP) provides support, education, advocacy and an array of social programming to prospective, expecting and existing LGBT parents and their children. Services also include a resource library of books, literature and DVDs on LGBT related issues for students K-12.

Contact: Amanda Litwin, Family Services Manager – (323)-860-3661
alitwin@lagaycenter.org

L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center – The Youth Center on Highland

www.lagaycenter.org

The Youth Center on Highland offers a **non live-in facility** for LGBT homeless youth (**14-24 years old**). Services include meals, clothing, laundry and shower facilities, support groups, case management and free GED preparation.

Contact: Andrew Mentejo, Program Supervisor – (323) 860-2280
amentejo@lagaycenter.org

California Youth Crisis Line – (800) 843-5200

National Runaway Switchboard – (800) 555-1212

L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center – McDonald / Wright Building

www.lagaycenter.org

The Gay and Lesbian Center, in the McDonald/Wright Building, offers the following support services for LGBT persons: drug and alcohol counseling, mental health counseling, HIV/AIDS medical care, HIV and STD testing, STD treatment, lesbian health services and legal services.

Contact: Main Line – (323) 993-7583
healthservices@lagaycenter.org

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L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center – The Village at Ed Gould Plaza

www.lagaycenter.org

The Village at Ed Gould Plaza offers the following support services programs and facilities for LGBT persons: computer/internet center, volunteer services, senior services, preventive health and health education, HIV prevention, education programs, drug prevention programs and self-enrichment courses. The Village also hosts theatrical, musical, cultural and art events.

Contact: Main Line – (323) 860-7302

L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center - Project SPIN

www.lagaycenter.org

Project SPIN (Suicide Prevention Intervention Now) is a coalition of LGBT organizations, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), and community members working together to provide LGBTQ support for youth who are bullied or suicidal. Our mission is to create safe schools for LGBTQ youth through direct intervention and by providing educational support, resources and training for youth and LAUSD employees on LGBTQ issues regarding bullying, suicide, legal rights and intervention/prevention strategies.

Contact: Sara Train, Project SPIN Coordinator – (323) 993-7661
strain@lagaycenter.org

L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center – Transgender Services

www.lagaycenter.org

The Gay and Lesbian Center offers free services for the transgender community. Services include support groups, counseling, peer-to-peer led drop-in groups and legal services. Programs and events include the Transgender Economic Empowerment Project and Trans-Unity Pride.

Contact: Main Line – (323) 993 – 7583

L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center – Transitional Living Program

www.lagaycenter.org

The Gay and Lesbian Center offers a **live-in facility** for LGBT homeless youth (**18-24 years old**). Services provided are short and long term housing, meals, health and medical services, mental health services, substance abuse counseling, recreation and education and employment opportunities.

Contact: Main Line – (323) 993 – 7583 youthservices@lagaycenter.org

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Lifeworks – The Village at Ed Gould Plaza

www.lifeworksmentoring.org

Lifeworks offers support services, resources, social activities and a mentoring program for LGBT youth ages 14-24. Lifeworks also produce and coordinate **Models of Pride** and the **LGBT Youth Scholarship Awards**. In addition, Lifeworks provides classroom space for **Opportunities for Learning Charter School** to create a safe and supportive learning environment for LGBT youth ages 12-18. Main Line: (323) 860-7373

Contacts: Michael Ferrera, Director – ext. 7387, mferrera@lagaycenter.org

- Karamo Brown, Mentoring Coordinator – ext. 7391, kbrown@lagaycenter.org
- Keisha Knowles, Youth Development – ext. 7328, kknowles@lagaycenter.org
- Kevin McCloskey, Programs Director – ext. 7323, kmccloskey@lagaycenter.org
- Jen Olson, Departmental Assistant – ext. 7349, jolson@lagaycenter.org
- Jessica Weissbuch, Transitions Coor.– ext. 7334, jweissbuch@lagaycenter.org
- Sofia Smith, Program Coordinador – ext.7388, ssmith@lagaycenter.org

Los Angeles Gender Center

www.lagendercenter.com

The Los Angeles Gender Center provides services for children, adolescents and adults in the areas of sexual orientation, gender identity and transgender issues. The Child and Adolescent Support Team works to promote acceptance and diminishing stigmatization that makes way for healthy emotional development.

Contacts: Main Line - (310) 475-8880

Email: staff@lagendercenter.com

Metropolitan Community Church in the Valley

www.mccinthevalley.com

The Metropolitan Community Church in the Valley is a non-denominational organization which offers a **FREE** space to all individuals and nonprofits for the sole purpose of providing social, recreational, educational and mental health services for the benefit of LGBT youth.

Contact: Main Line - (818) 762-1133

Reverend Robert 'Bob' Goss
revbobshoregoss@sbcglobal.net

Minority AIDS Project

www.map-usa.org

Free HIV education, testing and treatment. Free mental health counseling available for individuals and families. Support groups for LGBT youth ages 13-24, HIV positive individuals, substance abuse issues and women of color.

Contacts: Victor McKamie, Executive Director – (323)936-4949 ext. 121, vmchamie@map-usa.org

Carolyn Martin, Program Manager – (323)936-4949 ext. 112, cmartin@map-usa.org

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Mpowerment Project of AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA)

www.apla.org

Free HIV education, LGBT support groups for youth ages 13-24, peer to peer counseling and social activities. Free bus passes and tokens available for participating youth.

Contacts: Donta Morrison, Program Coordinator – (323) 329-9910
dmorrison@apla.org

My Friend's Place

www.myfriendsplace.org

My Friend's Place is a **non-live in facility** which offers a safe and supportive environment for youth (**12-25 years old**) and their children. Services are as follows: meals, clothing, showers, hygiene supplies, clinical, educational and employment support and referrals, and social and life skills.

Contact: Main Line - (323) 908-0011 or 1-888-YOUTH-50
Heather Carmichael, Executive Director – (323) 908-0011 ext. 106

One Archives Gallery and Museum

www.onearchives.org

The ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives houses the world's largest research library on LGBT heritage, honors the past, celebrates the present, and enriches the future of all LGBT people. ONE is dedicated to collecting, preserving, documenting, studying, and communicating LGBT history, challenges, and aspirations. Admission is free.

Contacts: Main Line – (213) 741-0094
askone@onearchives.org
Joseph Hawkins, President – (213) 741-0094
hawkinsjoseph@sbcglobal.net
Michael C. Oliveira, Project Archivist – (213) 741-0094
mikeo@onearchives.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

www.pflagla.org

www.pflagpasadena.org

Support for LGBT persons and friends and family members of LGBT persons. PFLAG conducts presentations from family members of LGBT persons for students, parents and the community.

Contacts: Steve Krantz, Director, Southern Pacific Region – 818-625-2174, stevek@bipedinfo.com
Patti Loitz, President, Pasadena PFLAG – (626) 797-1732, pflagpasadena@hotmail.org

- Elvira Diaz-Sanchez, Facilitator (English/Spanish) for Pasadena – (626) 497-8387
- Mariette Sawchuk, Board Member, PFLAG – (310) 474-2815
- Judy Peterson, President, Long Beach PFLAG – (562) 773-9801
- Jim Snelling, President, Palos Verdes PFLAG – (310) 831-2967
- Dave McEachern, President, Santa Clarita PFLAG – (661) 254-2177
- Patti Martin, President of the Simi Valley PFLAG – (805) 304-8370

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Reach LA

www.reach.la

The Reach LA programs serve LGBT youth in the greater Metropolitan Los Angeles area. The programs are as follows: HIV prevention education, sexual and reproductive health for women of color, LGBT youth issues and youth leadership and public policy.

Contacts: Martha Chono-Helsley, Executive Director – (213) 622-1650 ext.100, reachla@earthlink.net

- Michelle Horton, Counselor Supervisor – ext.102
- Norma Barajas, Young Women’s Health Programs – ext 101
- Sean “Milan” Harris, Social Enterprise Program – Ext.103

South Bay Gay and Lesbian Center

www.southbaycenter.org

The South Bay Gay and Lesbian Center is an all volunteer organization which provides social events and activities for LGBTQ youth (14-24), women, men and couples. The mission of the South Bay Center is to provide a focal point for the members of the LGBT community in the South Bay for education, social interaction, personal growth, and political power, and to foster public understanding of our community. Main Line: (310) 328-6550

Contact: Dottie Wine, President, dwine@southbaycenter.org

Scott Houston, Director, shouston@southbaycenter.org

Straight Spouse Network

www.straightspouse.org

The Straight Spouse Network is a worldwide organization of current/former heterosexual spouses/partners of LGBT mates and mixed-orientation couples. Members provide personal, confidential support and resource information to spouses, couples, and families.

Contact: Main Line – (201) 825-7763
Director - dir@straightspouse.org
Founder – founder@straightspouse.org

TEENLINE

www.teenlineonline.org

TEENLINE is a crisis intervention service which offers a Crisis Line, Suicide Youth Panel, LGBT Youth Panel, Youth Listening Line and presentations for students, teachers, parents and community.

Contact: Main Line – (310) 855-4673

Daniela Covell, Outreach Coordinator (310) 423-1602, daniela@teenlineonline.org

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The Pop Luck Club

www.popluckclub.org

The Pop Luck Club is a Los Angeles based organization of gay dads that is the largest known gay fathers' organization in the world, with hundreds of families and continued strong growth. Its mission is to advance the well-being of gay prospective parents, gay parents and their children through mutual support, community collaboration, and public understanding.

Contact: Main Line – 323-854-0656, plcinfo@popluckclub.org

Transgender Support & Counseling

Klara Firestone is a certified therapist whose primary client base is transgender youth and adults. She provides counseling support on a sliding scale.

Contact: Klara Firestone - (310) 413-0470, kfire413@aol.com

Transgender Support & Resources

Erika Ervin is a community activist who offers referrals for support and resources for transgender youth, parents of transgender youth, educators and LGBT support providers.

Contact: Erika Ervin, erika_e_soaring@yahoo.com

Transgender Support Services for Parents of Gender Variant Children

This free confidential support group is for parents, guardians and caregivers of children who identify as **gender variant** (behaviors consistent with opposite gender peers), **gender non-conforming** (not conforming to stereotypical gender behavior and roles) and **transgender children** (male or female identity opposite from biological sex).

A play group for the children is provided as an opportunity for the children to have healthy physical activity and engage with other gender variant youth. This is facilitated by a fitness instructor.

The support group meets on the first Sunday of every month, from 3:30 – 5:00pm.

Contact: Dawn Berg, Facilitator – (323) 822-2822, dawnashbrook@yahoo.com

TransYouth Families and Allies (TYFA)

www.imatyfa.org

TYFA empowers children and their families by partnering with educators, service providers and communities, to develop supportive environments in which gender may be expressed and respected. TYFA services are as follows: **support** for parents, services providers and educators; **education** programs, seminars and workshops; **advocacy** regarding curriculum, policy and social equality; **resources** (web-based, printed, telephone).

Contact: Main Line - 1-888-462-8932 (Toll Free), info@imatyfa.org

Kim Pearson, Executive Director – (928) 302-1171 or (928) 486-7824
kimp@imatyfa.org

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The Trevor Project

www.TheTrevorProject.org

The Trevor Project operates the only nationwide, 24 hour suicide prevention helpline for gay and questioning youth. The Trevor Project saves lives through its **free and confidential** helpline.

Contact: Main Line – (866) 4UTREVOR

Phoenix Schneider, MSW – (310) 271-8845 ext. 228
phoenix.schneider@TheTrevorProject.org

The Wall Las Memorias

www.thewallasmemorias.org

Information, education, support groups and activities for LGBT persons. HIV prevention, education and counseling.

Contacts: Richard Zaldivar, President & Founder – (323) 257-1056 ext. 27
rzaldivar@thewallasmemorias.org

Jessica Perez, Community Organizer – (323) 257-1056 ext. 25
jperez@thewallasmemorias.org

The Village Family Services

www.thevillagefs.org

Project Q

The Village Family Services, located at 6801 Coldwater Canyon, North Hollywood, 91605, provides support services for LGBTQA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning and allies) youth. Led by specially trained staff who are sensitive to the unique challenges faced by sexual minority youth, Project Q is designed for LGBTQA youth, ages 14-20, to create a safer space for all youth in the San Fernando Valley.

Our LGBTQA Youth Peer Group gathers on a weekly basis for empowerment, outreach and peer support. The group meets every Thursday from 4:30pm to 6pm at the Drop-In Center. Registration is not required; you are welcome to just show up!

Contact: Dave Reynolds, Assistant Director – (818) 755-8789
dreynolds@thevillagefs.org