

CARE, RESPECT & LOVE

What foster parents, social workers & caregivers need to know in order to treat lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth with the care, respect, and love that every child deserves

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Putting Pride into Practice Project is a grant funded program created to implement Assembly Bill 458 (AB458), the Foster Care Non-Discrimination Act. This law became effective January 1, 2004 and prohibits discrimination in the California foster care system on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status. The law mandates initial and ongoing training for all group home administrators, foster parents, and department licensing personnel.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth in care often experience rejection and hostility by caregivers which usually results in feelings of low self-worth, substance abuse, high-risk behaviors, and self-harm. Even if foster parents desire to be supportive of LGBTQ youth, many lack the skills necessary to discuss sexual and gender identity, leaving the subject unaddressed under a code of don't ask, don't tell. Like all children, LGBTQ youth look to those who are charged with their care for guidance, acceptance, and love in order to lead happy, healthy, and productive lives.

This workshop will offer social workers, foster parents, and other caregivers an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the issues facing LGBTQ foster youth, plus the necessary skills to treat them with the care, respect, and love that all children deserve.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Introduction of LGBTQ issues
- Definition of terms
- Feelings of attraction
- Development of gender identity
- Impact of silence
- Case studies
- Overview of existing initiatives and resources

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