

Strategies for LGBTQ Educational Advocacy

1. Learn from your LGBTQ youth the issues he/she faces in the school environment.
2. Discuss with your LGBTQ youth issues around safety in the school.
3. Work with your LGBTQ youth to identify one adult within the school that will be an ally.
4. Partner with LGBTQ youth to join supportive school and community groups and organizations.
5. Take advantage of opportunities to educate school staff about the challenges faced by LGBTQ youth.
6. Help LGBTQ youth get access to supportive information, resources, and peer supports.
7. Be prepared to advocate for LGBTQ youth as you may be the only person with the legal right to do so.
8. Advocate for policies and protocols that ensure the safety of LGBTQ youth in schools.
9. Continue to gain competencies in working with LGBTQ youth.
10. Help train young people to advocate for themselves.

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