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Creating Affirming Learning Environments for LGBTQ+ Students

This three-session Professional Development workshop series supports Pre-K-12 teachers and school support staff in developing an understanding of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Queer (LGBTQ+) identities and how to create positive and affirming learning environments for all students by centering the needs of LGBTQ+ students. Participants will learn terminology, examine statistics about current school climates for LGBTQ+ students, use discussion to develop understanding of best practice for supporting LGBTQ+ students, begin lesson planning for the inclusion of LGBTQ+ themes across curricular areas, and understand the professional responsibility of educators to create affirming environments for LGBTQ+ students to access their education. During the three sessions, participants will have the opportunity to discuss and synthesize materials, analyze videos, and explore curricular entry points for LGBTQ+ inclusion. *Facilitator: AJ Jennings, M.Ed from the Illinois Safe Schools Alliance*

July 18th: LGBTQ+ 101: Foundations of Supporting LGBTQ+ Students - We will focus on terminology, understanding identity development, and professional responsibility for creating LGBTQ+ affirming school environments.

July 19th: Building Blocks of LGBTQ+ Affirming Classroom Environments - We will examine statistics of current experiences of LGBTQ+ students in school, structural barriers faced by LGBTQ+ students, and best practice for supporting common needs of LGBTQ+ students, and build our “tool-kit” for supporting LGBTQ+ youth.

July 20th: LGBTQ+ Inclusive Curriculum: Planning and Implementing Inclusive Curriculum - We will share curricular resources, lesson plans and strategies for meaningful LGBTQ+ inclusion in our classrooms.

Session Dates and Time*

7/18, 7/19, and 7/20/17

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**In order to receive any credit, participants must be in attendance for the entire series.*

Tuition

\$45 for each session - 3.5 ISBE PD Hours

\$125 for all 3 sessions - 10.5 ISBE PD Hours

Location

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