

Supporting LGBT Youth: Their Journey in Our Schools

Monday, October 5, 2015

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

CASCIAC | 30 Realty Drive | Cheshire



Register online at: <http://casci.ac/1331>

In this rapidly changing landscape, how your district or your school supports its LGBT youth says a lot about your approach to meeting the needs of all of your students. Have you thought about ensuring support of your LGBT students in all areas of student life: on athletic fields, in classrooms, in afterschool clubs, in restrooms, regarding parental engagement, and, of course school climate? This workshop will help you to better understand how legal and policy changes in these areas should be addressed.

9:00 – 9:05 am | Welcome

Presenter: **Michelle Pincince**, Connecticut Project Director, Anti-Defamation League's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute

9:05 – 9:45 am | National Perspective: Situations That Have Arisen Around LGBT Issues

This session will provide some national statistics from the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) on LGBT students' experiences in high school physical education and athletics; some specific policy and best practice recommendations for school athletic administrators and coaches to make these school activities inclusive and respectful for LGBT students; and available resources for them.

Presenter: **Pat Griffin**, Founding Director, Changing the Game

10:35 am – 12:00 pm | Panel Discussion

The panel will discuss issues faced by districts from a variety of speakers: a school attorney, district and school leaders, a student and our keynote speakers.

Panelists: **Patrice A. McCarthy**, Deputy Director and General Counsel, CABE
Hamlet Hernandez, Superintendent, Branford Public Schools
Principal TBD
Student TBD
Pat Griffin, Founding Director, Changing the Game
Michelle Pincince, Director of ADL Connecticut's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute

9:45 - 9:55 am | Break

9:55 – 10:35 am | Tips for Creating an LGBT-inclusive School Climate

LGBT students are verbally and physically harassed at school at a rate twice that of non-LGBT youth. This session will provide ideas for how to support LGBT students and create a safe and welcoming school climate for all.

Moderators: **Karissa Niehoff**, Executive Director, CAS
Robert Rader, Executive Director, CABE

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Who Should Attend

Board Members | Superintendents | Assistant Superintendents | Principals | Assistant Principals | Teachers

By Attending, You Will Learn About:

Appropriate support of LGBT students | Legal and policy implications

