DCPS is working to make our schools safe and inclusive for our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) students, staff, and families.

Research shows that the way families respond to LGBTQ youth can affect their health and mental health outcomes and decision making later in life. This guide provides many of the community and national resources available to families. By working together, we can help to ensure that all students not only feel supported, but develop into the healthy, happy young adults they all have the potential to become.

DCPS has a responsibility to ensure that every one of our students feels safe, accepted, and nurtured and that all of our staff work in a safe and inclusive environment.

Through ongoing staff trainings, a commitment to the school-based liaison program, and community engagement, DCPS will continue to lead the way in creating safe, inclusive, and welcoming schools.

For more information, please contact:
Office of Youth Engagement
Phone: (202) 442-5065
Email: dcps.lgbtq@dc.gov

Or visit:
http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/LGBTQ

www.facebook.com/DCPS.lgbtq

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUESTIONING RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES
Adoptions Together
900 Varnum Street NE
Washington, DC 20017
(202) 526-4802
www.adoptiontogether.org

Adoptions Together provides equal services to straight, gay and lesbian couples as well as singles looking to adopt. Counseling, support groups, and more information on LGBTQ adoption is available on their website.

Advocates for Youth
2000 M Street NW, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 419-3420
www.advocatesforyouth.org

Child-parent communication initiative to help parents communicate effectively with children and teens about sexual health. Advocates offers training, workshops and online resources for organizations, youth and families.

Children’s National Medical Center
Gender and Sexuality Program
111 Michigan Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20010
(202) 476-5758
gender@childrensnational.org

Children’s offers gender and sexuality programs for families with LGBTQ children. Information on support groups for parents and children, as well as community education programming is available online.

La Clinica del Pueblo
2831 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009-4607
(202) 462-4788
www.LCDP.org

La Clinica provides a range of family health services including HIV testing and treatments. There is also a Youth Center which focuses on the needs of Latino LGBTQ youth in the DC area.

Adoptions Together
The Family Acceptance Project
http://familyproject.sfsu.edu
Initiative that uses research and culturally based approaches towards solving LGBTQ youth issues in context of their families in hopes of educating and promoting acceptance of children, regardless of sexual orientation.

Family Equality Council
(202) 331-5015
www.familyequality.org
Family Equality Council connects, supports, and represents the one million LGBTQ parents in this country and the two million children they are raising.

GLSEN
Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network
www.glsen.org
GLSEN is an educational organization dedicated to the creation of safer school environments. GLSEN works to educate the public on LGBTQ issues and the importance of diversity. Their website offers tools for students and supporters—gay and straight.

Metro TeenAIDS
651 Pennsylvania Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20003
(202) 543-8246
www.metroteenaids.com

Metro TeenAIDS offers a welcoming environment for young people and their families to get facts, counseling and resources. MTA has clinical services as well as education on LGBTQ issues and concerns.

PFLAG
National Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
DC Chapter: www.pflagdc.org
National organization for education, advocacy and support for families and friends of LGBT persons. Chapters are available in all states.

Don’t forget to walk with DCPS in the Capital Pride Parade each June!