

CREATING SAFETY FOR GLBTQ YOUTH

Tuesday, September 25, 2011
Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Would you like to improve your school or agency's ability to support and nurture young people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender?

Please join us at this interactive workshop, sponsored by New Beginnings HIV Prevention Program, Outright Lewiston/Auburn, and the Maine Dept. of Education. The training is designed for staff of *educational and community-based programs* that serve out-of-home or at-risk youth.

Eighty-six percent of gay and transgender youth report being verbally harassed at school and 22 percent have been physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. While gay and transgender youth comprise only about 5 to 10 percent of the total youth population, they make up at least 20 percent, and by some estimates as much as 40 percent of the homeless youth population, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Training objectives: This is an introductory training for staff who have had limited previous training, or who wish to update their skills. Participants in this interactive workshop will gain knowledge and skills in:

- ▶ Creating a safe and welcoming environment for GLBTQ youth
- ▶ Understanding terminology
- ▶ The coming out process
- ▶ Dealing with homophobia

Trainers: Jody Pierce-Glover and Jack Waite from New Beginnings; and Penny Sargent from Outright L/A. Jody and Jack have completed the training-of-trainers program of the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), a national organization promoting safe schools and communities for all youth.

The workshop is free of charge and lunch will be provided. This training qualifies for **.7 CEU** from the University of Maine [7 contact hours]. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come basis. Please return this form to Mary Ruchinkas, New Beginnings, 436 Main St., Lewiston, ME 04240. You can fax it to New Beginnings at 795-4080, or email your registration info to: info@newbeginmaine.org.

Please share this announcement with your colleagues. Thanks.



Name: _____
Agency/School: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Zip: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Fax:** _____
Position: _____ **Email:** _____
Special Needs (dietary or other): _____

Registration deadline: Thursday September 20th, 2012
You will receive a confirmation notice with directions and more details.
Questions?? Call Mary at 795-4077 or Jody at 795-6048 ext. 217