

# Confronting Bullying Through Music

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## Bullying Statistics

**Statistics from PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)** evidence the challenge that exists in schools in supporting GLBT students.

- 97% of all high school students hear anti-gay slurs daily. The average student hears 25 such slurs a day.
- 40% of GLBT students have never seen anyone intervene in anti-gay harassment.
- GLBT youth are five times more likely to skip school because they are feeling unsafe en route to or at school; 18% of GLBT students skip school at least once a month.
- One out of four youth that comes out to his/her parents is kicked out of the home.

### National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs 2010 study:

- Last year in Minnesota, there was a 64% increase in the number of violent incidents against GLBT individuals, and a 138% increase in the number of violent incidents against GLBT students.
- In Minnesota, 14% of GLBT students reported being physically assaulted.

### Other Studies of Note

- A study of 4,000 students in Massachusetts revealed that while 10% of heterosexual students had attempted suicide, 40% of GLBT students reported attempting suicide.
- Pew Research Center reports that there is a high correlation between knowing someone who is gay, and supporting fair treatment of gay and lesbian people. People who did not know someone who was gay were more likely to be opposed to equality for gay citizens, and more likely to oppose allowing gay people to work in schools. Pew's May 2007 report concludes that "**familiarity is closely linked to tolerance.**"

## Anti-LGBTQ Bullying Resources

PFLAG Safe Schools	<a href="http://community.pflag.org/page.aspx?pid=1011">http://community.pflag.org/page.aspx?pid=1011</a>
Day of Silence	<a href="http://www.dayofsilence.org">www.dayofsilence.org</a>
School Climate Reports	<a href="http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/research/index.html?state=&amp;type=antibullying">www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/research/index.html?state=&amp;type=antibullying</a>
No Name Calling Week	<a href="http://www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/home.html">www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/home.html</a>
Think B4 You Speak	<a href="http://www.thinkb4youspeak.com/ForEducators/?state=&amp;type=antibullying">www.thinkb4youspeak.com/ForEducators/?state=&amp;type=antibullying</a>
PFLAG Cyber Bullying	<a href="http://community.pflag.org/page.aspx?pid=1025">http://community.pflag.org/page.aspx?pid=1025</a>
Ready Set Respect	<a href="http://www.glsen.org/readysetrepect.html?">http://www.glsen.org/readysetrepect.html?</a>
Safe Space Kit	<a href="http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/library/record/1641.html?state=&amp;type=antibullying">www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/library/record/1641.html?state=&amp;type=antibullying</a>

## General Bullying Resources

Pacer Center	<a href="http://www.pacer.org/bullying/?gclid=CJbTj8XMvLACFbFa7AodyiEtrA">www.pacer.org/bullying/?gclid=CJbTj8XMvLACFbFa7AodyiEtrA</a>
Teaching Tolerance	<a href="http://www.tolerance.org">www.tolerance.org</a>

## General LGBTQ Resources

- Family Equality Council [www.familyequality.org](http://www.familyequality.org)  
Human Rights Campaign [www.hrc.org/youth#.T9DhVNVSR2A](http://www.hrc.org/youth#.T9DhVNVSR2A)  
GLSEN [www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/home/index.html](http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/home/index.html)  
It Gets Better [www.itgetsbetter.org/](http://www.itgetsbetter.org/)  
PFLAG <http://community.pflag.org/Page.aspx?pid=194&srcid=-2>  
Trevor Project [www.thetrevorproject.org/](http://www.thetrevorproject.org/)  
**National Gay and Lesbian Task Force** [www.thetaskforce.org/issues/youth](http://www.thetaskforce.org/issues/youth)

## Anti-Bullying Film Resources

- That's So Gay <http://dreamsofhope.org/media> - LGBT Youth Performance DVD  
Let's Get Real <http://groundspark.org/our-films-and-campaigns/lets-get-real>  
Film with Curriculum Guide  
That's a Family <http://groundspark.org/our-films-and-campaigns/thatfamily>  
Film with Teacher Guide  
Straight Laced: How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up  
<http://groundspark.org/our-films-and-campaigns/straightlaced>  
Film with Curriculum Guide

## Minnesota Resources

- OutFront MN <http://www.outfront.org/home>  
Out for Equity [http://outforequity.spps.org/local\\_2.html](http://outforequity.spps.org/local_2.html) (St. Paul Public Schools)  
Out4Good <http://equitydiversity.mpls.k12.mn.us/out4good> (Minneapolis Public School)

## Additional links of interest

- Stop Bullying.gov <http://www.stopbullying.gov/>  
Make it Better Project <http://www.makeitbetterproject.org/about>

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One Voice Mixed Chorus unites gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) people and straight allies to build community and create social change by raising our voices in song. As the largest GLBT chorus in North America, One Voice is known for its musical excellence, diverse programming, and deep commitment to community outreach. The 100 singing members range from ages 17 to 75, and the "Fifth Section" boasts more than 50 non-singing volunteers.

Whether performing in schools, at community events, or on stage for marquee concerts, One Voice inspires transformation through passionate, creative and surprising performances. The award-winning chorus, under the direction of Artistic Director Jane Ramseyer Miller, has performed for thousands of people throughout the Twin Cities, Greater Minnesota and beyond.