



## LGBTQ PARENTAL RESOURCES

School districts across America are implementing curriculums and sponsoring student club organizations in partnership with the LGBTQ+ agenda. This movement affects students from Pre-K through 12th grade. Preschools are hosting Drag Queen Story Hour while middle school and high school students participate in various Pride celebrations (e.g. “Pride Week”). This resource helps parents fight back against the immoral programs adopted by education administrations.

### WHAT IS LGBTQ?

LGBTQ is an abbreviation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning. More letters or a (+) sign may be used to indicate additional community members on a sexual identity spectrum. Under the Key Terms and Concepts found at \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> it states: “Currently, there is no universally-accepted acronym for the community or communities of youth who are not heterosexual and/or express their gender in diverse ways.”

### WHAT IS DRAG QUEEN STORY HOUR (DQSH)?

According to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>, the group was started in 2015 by Michelle Tea, Julian Delgado Lopera, Virgie Tovar, and RADAR Productions. The first drag queen reading events were held in public libraries in San Francisco. DQSH grew into a global network of independently managed and funded local organizations.

- DQSH Mission Statement: “[DQSH] celebrates reading through the glamorous art of drag. Our chapter network creates diverse, accessible, and culturally-inclusive family programming where kids can express their authentic selves and become bright lights of change in their communities.”
- DQSH Vision Statement: “We envision a world where kids can learn from the LGBTQ+ herstories and experiences to love themselves, celebrate the fabulous diversity in their communities, and stand up for what they believe in and each other.”

### WHAT IS Q SPACE?

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> does not host a formal website but utilizes various platforms and web pages. For example, the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> is available via Google Drive while the chat forum \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> has its own URL address. Q Space uses social media to host chapter profiles and locations.



When researching Q Space online, \_\_\_\_\_ is the landing page for information with an address listed in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. According to one chapter's Facebook page, Q Space is "*a not-for-profit 501c4 organization and social community of support for LGBTQ+ people.*" \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> is an online chat forum for LGBTQ teens.

Q Space clubs exist on high school campuses across the United States to expand LGBTQ initiatives. All student-led clubs, including Q Space, are chartered (formally established in writing) and sponsored by at least one district employee. Under the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>—which prohibits federally-funded schools from discriminating against student-led meetings—Q Space is a "lawful" means of hosting drag queen shows and other non-educational gatherings on school grounds.

### WHAT IS GSA NETWORK?

GSA officially stands for \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> (GSA). However, GSA clubs and organizations on high school campuses are usually chartered as *Gay Straight Alliance*. The history of GSA Network says: "*Founded in San Francisco in 1998, GSA Network emerged as a youth-driven organization connecting LGBTQ youth and school-based GSA clubs through peer support, leadership development, and community organizing and advocacy.*"

- GSA's "Vision of Liberation" statement: "*GSA Network is working to strengthen the national movement-building capacity at the intersection of LGBTQ+ youth organizing and racial and gender justice in schools, and develop the next generation of LGBTQ+ leaders...*"

GSA's "Strategy" focuses on grassroots, youth-led groups trained to advocate for LGBTQ policies often under the guise of preventing "bullying," "harassment," and "violence" while promoting "justice," "equity," "inclusion," and "diversity." GSA Network is partnered with more than 4,000 clubs across America. GSA chapters also include student-led campaigns through \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup>. Under the Equal Access Act, GSA clubs are a "lawful" means of hosting non-educational gatherings on school grounds.

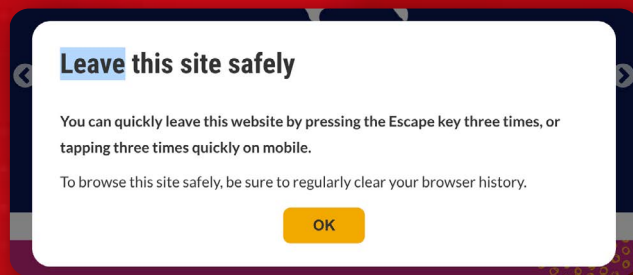
### WHAT IS GLSEN?

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> is an abbreviation for Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network. GLSEN supports GSA clubs and other LGBTQ-centered celebrations on school campuses. GLSEN's networking has 43 chapters in over 30 states. Their programs include \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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According to the GLSEN “About Us” page: *“As GLSEN was founded by a group of teachers in 1990, we knew that educators play key roles in creating affirming learning environments for LGBTQ youth...We author developmentally appropriate resources for educators to use throughout their school community...We advise on, advocate for, and research comprehensive policies designed to protect LGBTQ students as well as students of marginalized identities.”*

When navigating to the GLSEN website, a pop-up alerts visitors to a “quick exit” feature. By hitting the ESC button three times, you can immediately close the webpage. This feature can easily be used by minors who don’t want parents to know they’ve visited the site.

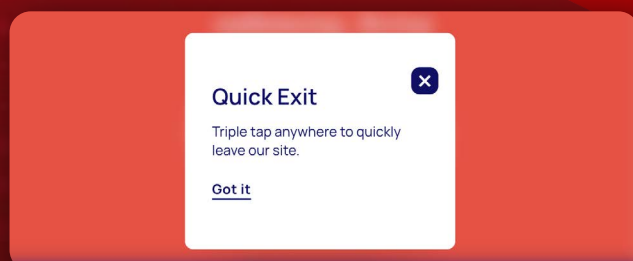


## WHAT IS THE TREVOR PROJECT?

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>10</sup> is often quoted as an authoritative source for LGBTQ youth statistics including suicide rates, depression, and gender dysphoria. The Project’s mission is to “*end suicide among LGBTQ young people.*” Without parental consent, the Trevor Project offers 24/7 gender and sexuality information, counseling, and emotional support via text or instant messaging through the organization’s website.

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>11</sup> is the Project’s online community for LGBTQ youth aged 13 to 24. TrevorSpace is a “members-only safe space” that utilizes moderators and artificial intelligence to ensure discreet and affirming communication. A verified email address and some personal information (e.g. birthday) are required to access virtual clubs and chat rooms.

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## WHAT IS GENDER AFFIRMING CARE?

“Gender-affirming care” and “transgender health care” are terms that mask the barbaric LGBTQ medical practices of sex reassignment. The following is not an exhaustive list of remedies and treatments that “gender specialists” may recommend for children suffering from gender identity and sexual identity issues (note: risks and side effects are **not** exhaustive).

<b>MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY</b>	<b>COMMON TERMINOLOGY</b>	<b>TREATMENT AND SIDE EFFECTS</b>
	<b>Cross-sex hormones</b>	<p><b>Treatment:</b> testosterone for females; estrogen for males</p> <p><b>Side Effects:</b> blood clots; heart problems; weight gain; infertility; high blood pressure; type 2 diabetes; stroke</p> <p>Source: _____ _____ _____</p>
	<b>Puberty blockers (chemical castration drugs; sterilization drugs)</b>	<p><b>Treatment:</b> suppression or delay of natural pubescent changes in the body</p> <p><b>Side Effects:</b> weight gain; hot flashes; headaches; bone growth and density; infertility.</p> <p>_____ (brand name: “Lupron”/generic name: “Leuprolide”) is often prescribed to eligible teens as part of a sexual transition health plan. The drug is primarily used to treat prostate and ovarian cancer. It’s also prescribed in prisons to castrate sex offenders.</p> <p>Source: _____ _____ _____</p>



<b>MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY</b>	<b>COMMON TERMINOLOGY</b>	<b>TREATMENT AND SIDE EFFECTS</b>
Gender-affirming surgeries	Sex change surgeries	<p><b>Top Surgery:</b> double mastectomy and reconstruction of chest skin to appear masculine</p> <p><b>Side Effects:</b> swelling and blood clots; fluid buildup beneath the skin; infection; hematoma; loss of nipple and areola; anesthesia risks; permanent bodily disfigurement</p> <p>Source: _____ _____</p> <p><b>Bottom Surgery:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vaginoplasty: vaginal construction by removing the penis and testes and using tissues from the penis to construct a vagina, clitoris, and labia</li><li>• Phalloplasty: penis construction by reconstructing the urethra and using vaginal tissue (or tissue from other body parts) to construct a penis (some females may undergo hysterectomy)</li></ul> <p><b>Side Effects:</b> acute bleeding; granulation tissue, urinary tract infections (<i>UTI</i>); permanent bodily disfigurement; surgical site infections; loss of libido; sterilization; infertility; immune system complications</p> <p>Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• _____ _____</li><li>• _____ _____ _____ _____ _____</li><li>• _____ _____</li></ul>



<b>MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY</b>	<b>COMMON TERMINOLOGY</b>	<b>TREATMENT AND SIDE EFFECTS</b>
	<b>Chest binding</b>	<p><b>Treatment:</b> Compression of the breast or chest tissue to appear flat</p> <p><b>Side Effects:</b> chest pain; scarring; overheating; shortness of breath; fluid build up in the lungs; broken ribs; back pain; heart attack in some cases</p> <p>Source: _____ _____</p>
	<b>Tucking</b>	<p><b>Treatment:</b> Flattening male genitalia by forcing the penis and scrotum back between the legs</p> <p><b>Side Effects:</b> urinary tract infections (<i>UTI</i>), twisting, inflammation, and restricted blood flow to the testicles</p> <p>Source: _____ _____ _____</p>

## ***WHAT IF MY CHILD WANTS TO TRANSITION OR DETRANSITION?***

There are steps parents and families can take to intervene in their child's sexual/gender identity changes and transition. Minors should always consult a trusted adult or a law enforcement officer if these issues are serious, or if a child has been violated in any way. The following is not an exhaustive list of common sense recommendations:

### **1 BE AWARE:**

- Know your child's physical, emotional, and mental health state
- Monitor your child's online activity
- Get to know your child's friends and their friends' families

### **2 TALK:**

- Be the first to talk to your child about sex, gender, puberty, and any identity concerns
- Encourage your child to not keep secrets from parents or trusted adults
- Have age-appropriate conversations with no topics "off limits"

### **3 SHOW INTEREST:**

- Make an investment in your child by giving them appropriate amounts of your time and attention
- Help your child problem-solve issues

### **4 GET INVOLVED:**

Play a role in your child's academic and recreational activities. Consider the following:

- Attend district school board meetings
- Research and understand district policies
- Review curriculums and assist students with homework assignments
- Volunteer for school activities and clubs
- Support student-led programs



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## ***PARENTAL RIGHTS:***

Know your rights as a parent in your state and school district \_\_\_\_\_.

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## ***COUNSELING:***

Find a trusted mental health professional who will help your child and family navigate difficult times.

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## ***COMMUNITY:***

Start and/or join a community of like-minded parents who can offer help and support.