



## **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth Statistics**

- *97% of all students report regularly hearing homophobic remarks from peers*
- *28% of LGBTQ high school students drop out of school because of harassment*
- *26% of LGBTQ youth are forced to leave home during their high school years*
- *LGBTQ youth are 2-3 times more likely to attempt suicide than other young people*
- *LGBTQ youth may comprise up to 30% of completed suicides annually*
- *LGBTQ youth are 4-5 times more likely to experience severe depression*
- *68% of gay males use alcohol, 44% use other drugs*
- *83% of lesbians use alcohol, 56% use other drugs*
- *20% of all persons with AIDS are 20-29 years old, many were probably infected as teenagers*
- *25% of LGBTQ youth live on the street*
- *53% of students report hearing homophobic comments made by school staff*
- *66.7% of LGBT youth were threatened/injured with a weapon at school in the past year*
- *The typical HS student hears an anti-gay slur 25.5 times in a day*
- *80% of teachers report negative attitudes toward gay/lesbian people*
- *52% of teachers report they would feel uncomfortable working with an openly gay/lesbian colleague*
- *77% of teachers would not encourage a class discussion on homosexuality*
- *Two thirds of guidance counselors harbor negative feelings toward gay and lesbian people*
- *Less than 20% of guidance counselors consider themselves “highly competent” in serving gay and lesbian youth*
- *Teachers fail to intervene in 97% of incidents involving anti-gay slurs at school*
- *78% of administrators say they know of no LGBT students in their schools, yet 94% of them claim they feel their schools are safe places for these young people*

***Statistics gathered from: Case Western Reserve University; GLSEN; Safe Schools Coalition; Advocates for Youth, Trevor Project***