

IOWA PRIDE NETWORK

how to have a successful College GSA

Support/Resources:

- Create a diverse college library, including books, magazines, and VHS/DVD's
- Start a discussion group (*Topics: Adoption/Parenting, Gay Marriage, Coming-Out, Religion, Civil Rights*)
- Provide resources to group members and college
- Host guest speakers on LGBTQA issues (*Issues: LGBT Health, "What is Gender Identity?", Gay/Lesbian adoption, Gay Marriage*)

Social/Services:

- "Bring a Friend" Night
- Community service or outreach (*Examples: "Campus Clean-up Day", Food Drive, Mentoring program*)
- Host a weekly or monthly Coffee House
- *Advertise this event around campus to give LGBTQA-interested people a safe space*
- Movie Night
- *Sponsor (or co-sponsor) a movie night with LGBT-themes*
- Host a "Lavender Graduation"
- *Host of a graduation party/ceremony for LGBTQA students*

Education/Advocacy:

- "Safe Space" Campaign
- *Award faculty, staff, and administrators with "Safe Space" stickers or magnets*
- National Day of Silence (*See more informational materials on www.dayofsilence.org or www.glsen.org*)
- Document incidents of homophobia (Download Incident Report Form [Here](#))
- *Present documented incidents of homophobia (anti-LGBT slurs, attacks, etc.) to the administration*
- Diversity Day or Awareness Day
- Write letters to the editor (local paper and school paper)
- Meet with local/regional/statewide elected officials about LGBT issues
- *Talk to elected officials about passing non-discrimination laws, policies, and other LGBT issues*
- Advocate for including sexual orientation/gender identity in your college's Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policies
- Advocate for Domestic Partner Benefits for college faculty and staff

Network with region/state LGBT groups with the Iowa Pride Network College Coalition:

Networking with other LGBT groups in your region and in the state offers resource and idea sharing and the opportunity to collaborate on activities, events, and speakers. Contact Iowa Pride Network (info@iowapridenetwork.org) for ways that we can help you network!

- Create a **Mission Statement**
- Host a **Website** with information about events, meetings, etc.
- **Advertise** broadly across campus and **co-sponsor** events with other campus organizations
- Organize **sub-groups** to address different needs within the greater-LGBTQA community
- Attend statewide or regional **conferences** on LGBTQA issues
- Help local and/or regional high schools start **Gay-Straight Alliances**
- Help with other **LGBTQA events** and **initiatives** on the statewide or regional level