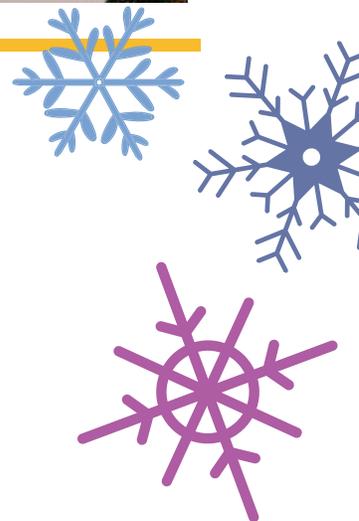




## Dear Students, Educators, and GLSEN Washington Supporters

This month is Black History Month, which begins with Black Lives Matter Week of Action in Schools. As we all return to virtual or in-person classrooms for the semester, GLSEN Washington encourages you to check out the Black Lives Matter in Schools website to find ways to participate, and to further engage with racial justice in the classroom. We are also excited to fill you in on several upcoming events, including our spring conference, and to invite you to stop by our newly expanded office hours for both students and educators. Have a great February!



FEBRUARY 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 • National School Counseling Week Begins	2	3 • National Girls & Women in Sports Day	4	5 • National School Counseling Week Ends	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 • Aromantic Awareness Week Begins	17	18	19	20
21	22 • Aromantic Awareness Week Ends	23	24	25	26	27
28	<b>All Month!</b> • Black History Month					

*We are here to support you!*

*Connect with us on social media or through phone or email!*



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# Virtual GSA

Washington Students! Starting this month, we will be hosting our virtual, statewide GSA EVERY Wednesday!

Join us at 4:00pm over Zoom to help us create a community to connect, learn and grow!

Register at:

<https://airtable.com/shr1TvAjlChdgYNuy>



We are replacing our previous Educator Check Ins with new opportunities for clock hours and support! Check out our upcoming GLSEN Professional Development Series and weekly Office Hours!

## Professional Development

### Creating Safer Spaces Workshop

We will be offering clock hours again, beginning the last week of February! Stay tuned to our social media and emails to find out more details!

Drop in for our newly offered Office Hours! Educators (and students!) are welcome to join our Education and Outreach Coordinators for one-on-one meetings and consultations!

**Mon**

**3:30-4:30**

**Wed**

**7:00-8:00am**

**Thurs**

**12:00-1:00**

**MARCH**  
**27**

## LGBTQ+ Youth Leadership Conference

Spend a day with us (virtually!) as we power through topics related to the lives of LGBTQ+ students. Students and educators are invited to our 16th annual LGBTQ+ Youth Leadership Conference! Registration opens later this month and we encourage you to sign up early to get special sneak peeks into our workshops, development, and team!

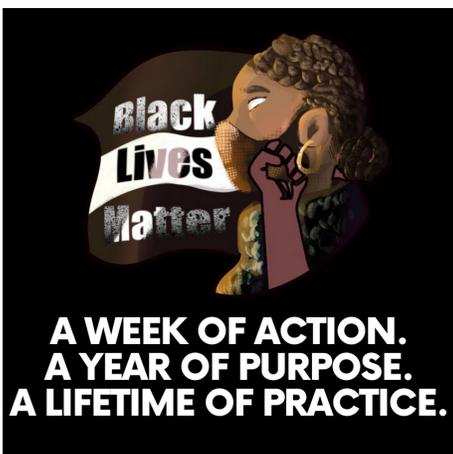
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Antiracist & Pro-Trans Makeup

LGBTQ+ Inclusive Sex Ed

Restorative Justice

**BLM at School**



The Black Lives Matter at School movement aims "to spark an ongoing movement of critical reflection and honest conversation and impactful actions in school communities for people of all ages to engage with issues of racial justice."

Learn more at

<https://www.blacklivesmatteratschool.com/>

# Restorative Justice

**Restorative justice means building a community that grows through struggle by focusing on the actions causing interpersonal conflict and how to repair the relationships impacted.**



## When conflict occurs, ask:

*What happened?*

*Who was affected or impacted?*

*What can be done to make things right?*

*What will keep things right?*

*How can others support you?*

Creating a safe space in your classroom is a great way to begin to facilitate the restorative process!

## instead of...

a school rule is broken; a student is blamed for causing an issue; the student is punished by the book

with restorative practices, students have interpersonal issues; educators identify need for accountability; all parties are involved in finding a resolution and working towards better future outcomes

Tuesday  
Feb 9th

## Equal Rights Washington Lobby Day

On Tuesday, February 9th, please join Equal Rights Washington for their first ever virtual legislative Lobby Day. This event is an opportunity for LGBTQ advocates from across the State to participate in having their voices heard without the barrier of travel.

Together, we will speak with state legislators about issues of importance to the LGBTQ community, including many bills supporting police accountability and equitable access to healthcare. You will also have the opportunity to connect with other activists and supporters who believe in a Washington where all people, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression, are safe and treated with respect and dignity.



**Register**



## State Snapshot

Valuable experiences of Washington LGBTQ students have been summarized with data collected from GLSEN's 2019 National School Climate Survey. With the much-anticipated release of the Washington State Snapshot, we are better able to fight for our students by understanding what they are experiencing.

nine in ten  
students  
heard anti-lgbtq  
slurs at school

A third of transgender  
students were prevented  
from using their chosen  
name

more than  
1/4 students  
were prevented from using the  
bathroom or locker room that  
most aligns with their gender

[Click here to read the full State Snapshot for more information.](#)

# Rainbow Library

We are very excited to invite you to take part in GLSEN Washington's Rainbow Library Summit, which will take place in early April (exact date TBA). The Summit will include readings and interviews with LGBTQ+ authors of works for youth, as well as participation from local writers/artists. We are actively looking for Washington State high school students who might be interested in leading author conversations or other activities, so if that is you, please reach out to [dani@glsenwa.org](mailto:dani@glsenwa.org)!



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*If you have any questions or need any resources, please send us an email ([mail@glsenwa.org](mailto:mail@glsenwa.org)) or contact us on social media (@glsenwa on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#)). We'll get back to you soon.*

*If you would like to make a donation to GLSEN Washington to help our programming, you can go to [www.glsenwashington.org](http://www.glsenwashington.org).  
Thanks for your continued support!*

