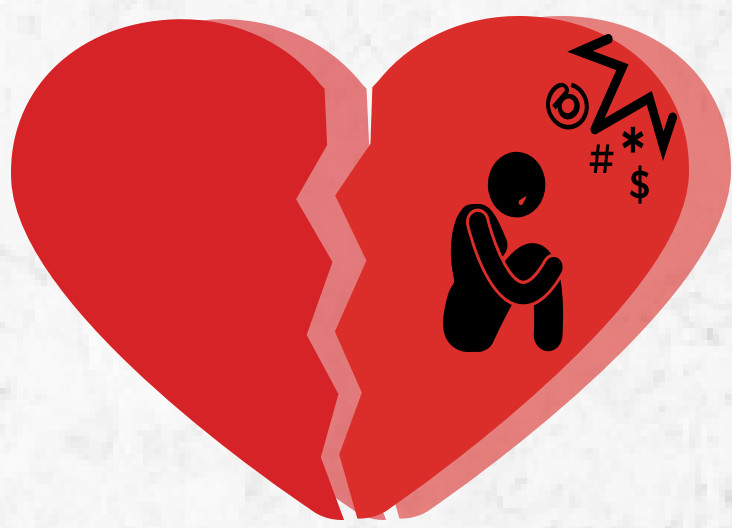




FOCUS ON LGBTQ+ YOUTH



An estimated 2 million youth between the ages 13-18 identify as LGBTQ+ which includes (but is not limited to) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer.



LGBTQ+ youth are disproportionately victimized by peers, more likely to miss school due to safety concerns, and are at greater risk for suicidality than heterosexual youth.



The majority of Arizona K-12 schools have not adopted LGBTQ-inclusive policies and are recognized as largely hostile towards LGBTQ+ students.



Implementation of LGBTQ+-inclusive policies is associated with less bullying of LGBTQ+ students, less student truancy, and higher achievement among transgender youth.

EXAMPLES OF LGBTQ- INCLUSIVE POLICIES + PRACTICES

- Anti-bullying policies centering LGBTQ+ youth
- All-gender restroom availability
- Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs)
- LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum
- Teacher trainings for supporting LGBTQ+ youth

WANT TO LEARN MORE? CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES FOR SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ YOUTH

- GLSEN
- The Trevor Project
- Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs)
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention - Youth Risk Behavior Survey

