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Mental Health Promotion  
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## A Welcoming Environment for All: School Climate and GLBTQ Students

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## Combating Homophobia to Reduce LGBTQ Health Disparities

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## Youth Risk Behavior Survey

The YRBS, developed by CDC, is administered every two years in all middle and high schools.

In SY0809, the YRBS was completed by 2,145 HS students (an 84% response rate) and by 2,417 MS students (an 81% response rate).

The results are representative all of SFUSD students in middle schools (6 - 8) and high schools (9-12).



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### About the School Climate Survey:

- The survey was developed by SFUSD Student Support Services Department & ETR Associates.
  - Many of the questions on the survey were from the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), developed by WestEd for the California Department of Education (CDE) and used with permission.
  - The survey focused primarily on school safety issues.
- In SY0708, over **22,000** SFUSD students completed the anonymous survey.




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### Current Indicators School Safety & Violence

Data Sources:  
2009 MS & HS Youth Risk Behavior Surveys

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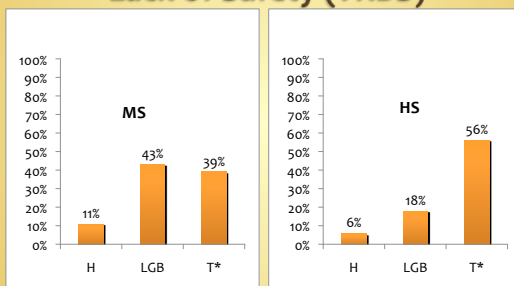
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### Skipping School due to Lack of Safety (YRBS)



\*Transgender data from 2008 SFUSD School Climate Survey

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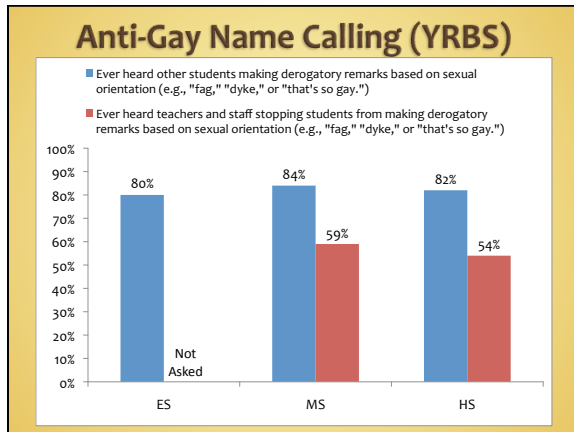
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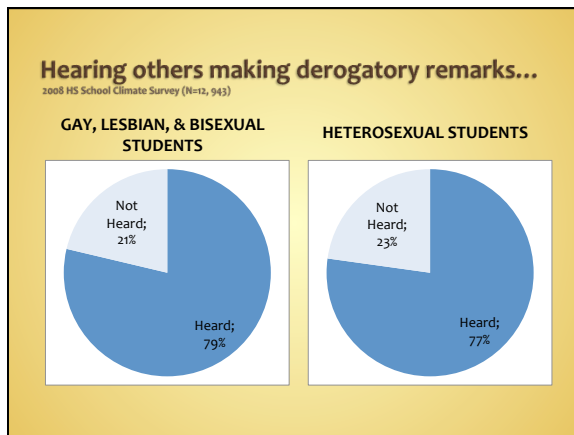
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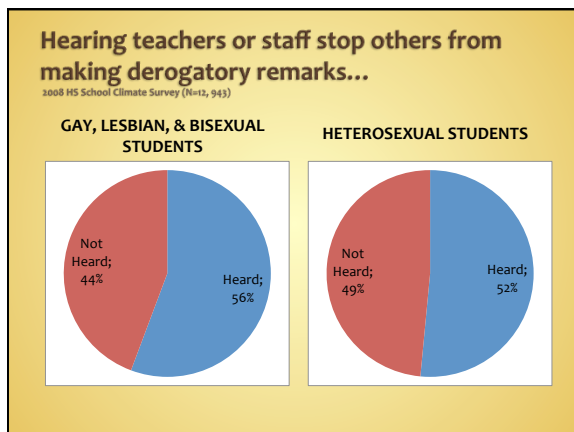
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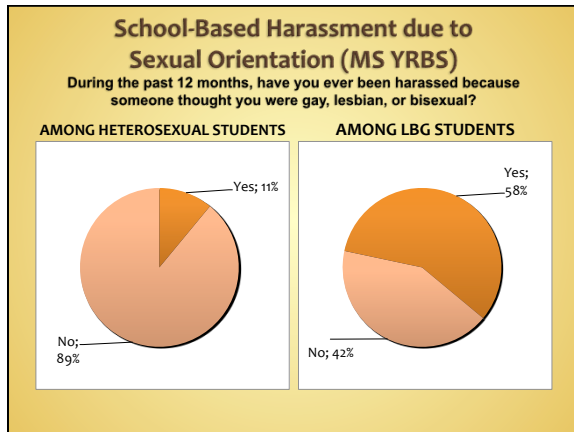
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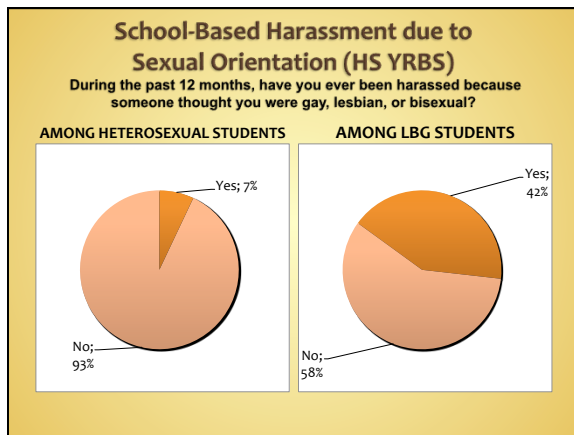
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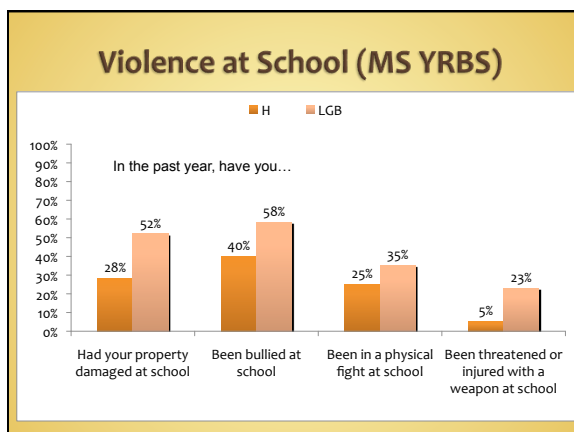
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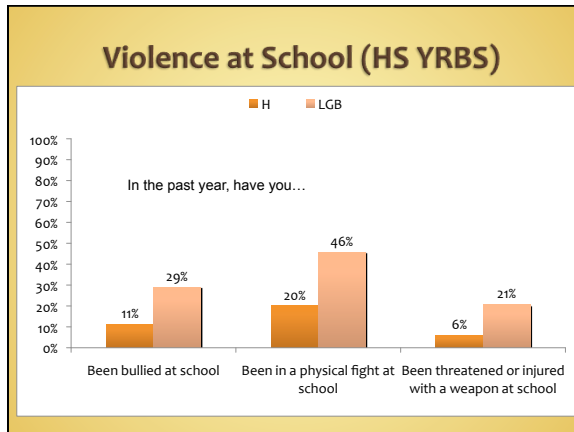
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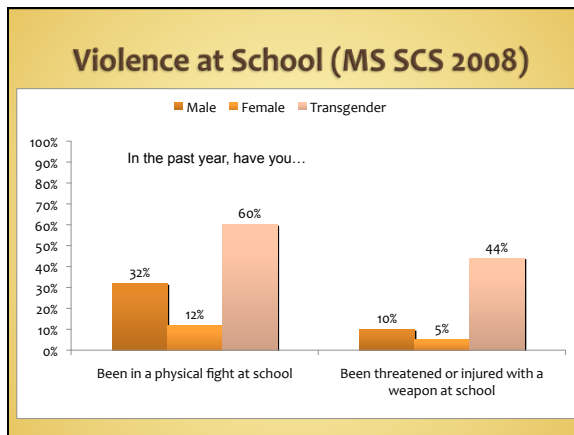
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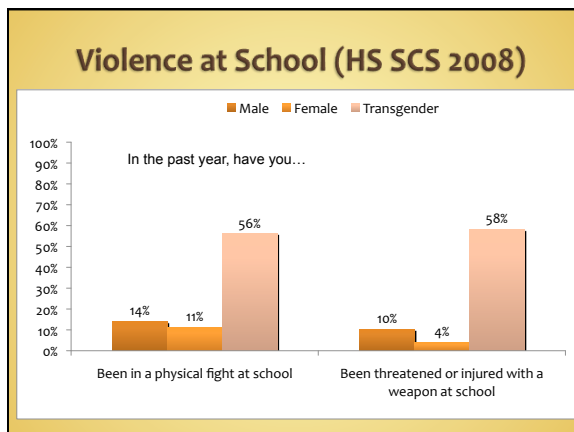
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## Current Indicators Tobacco Use

Data Sources:  
2009 MS & HS Youth Risk Behavior Surveys

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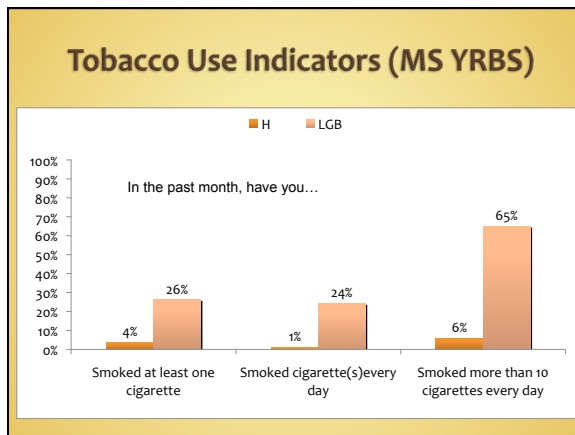
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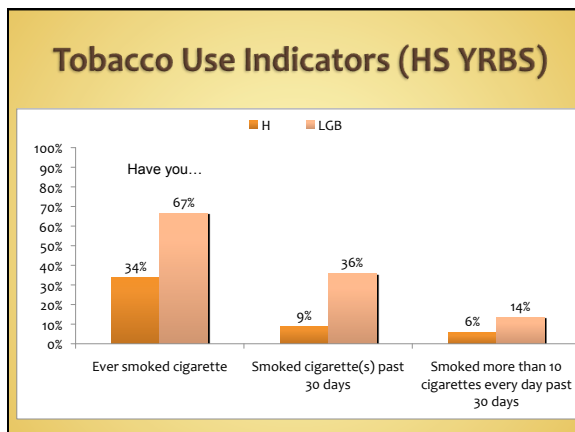
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## Current Indicators: Substance Abuse

Data Sources:  
2009 MS & HS Youth Risk Behavior Surveys  
2008 MS & HS SFUSD School Climate Survey

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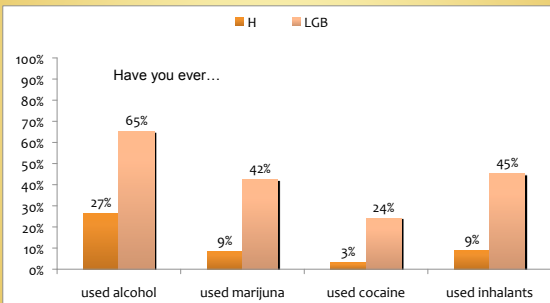
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### Substance Abuse Indicators (MS YRBS)




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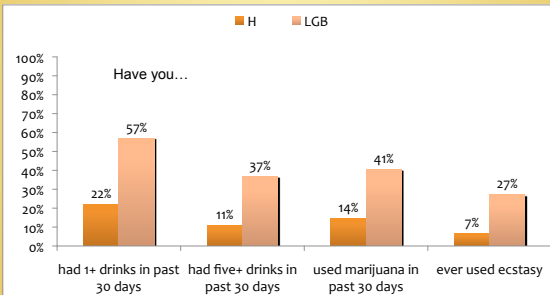
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### Substance Abuse Indicators (HS YRBS)




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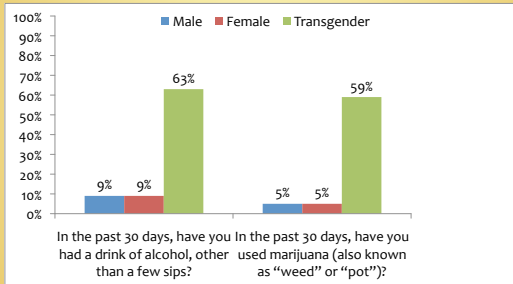
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### Substance Use (MS SCS)




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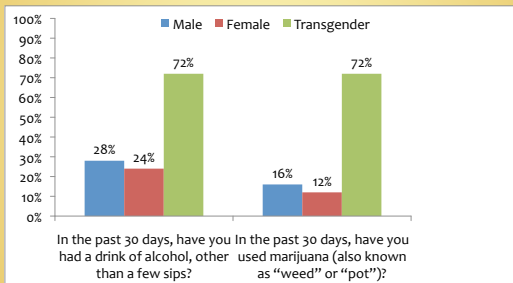
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### Substance Use (HS SCS)




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### Current Indicators: Sexual Risk Behavior

Data Sources:  
2009 MS & HS Youth Risk Behavior Surveys  
2007 HS Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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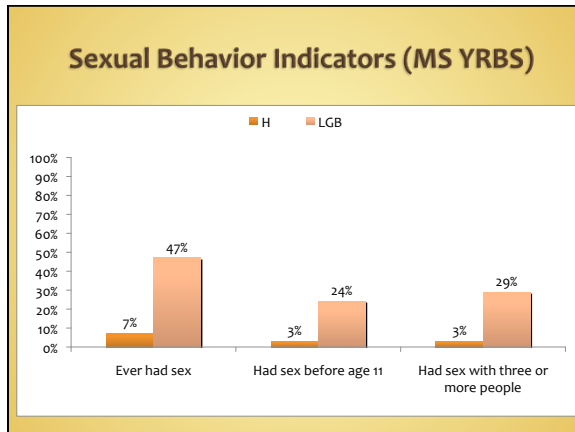
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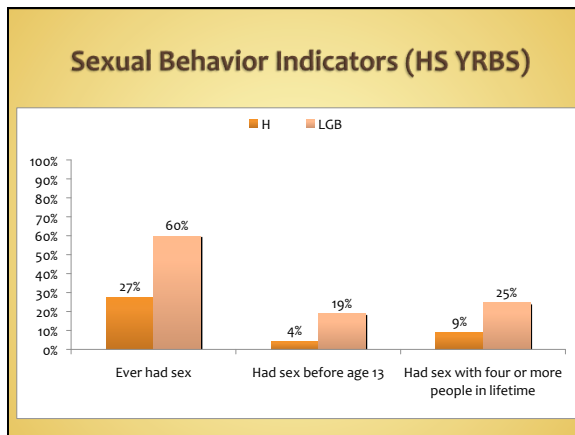
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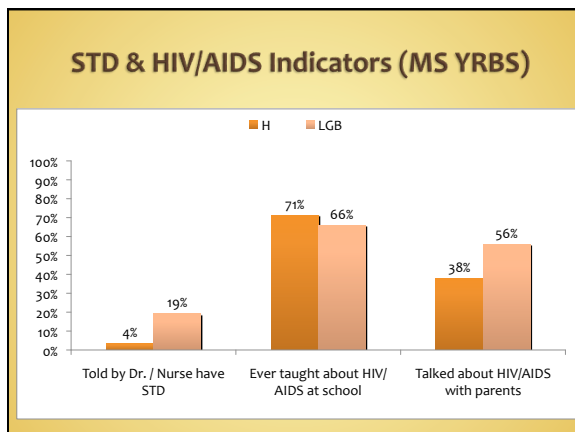
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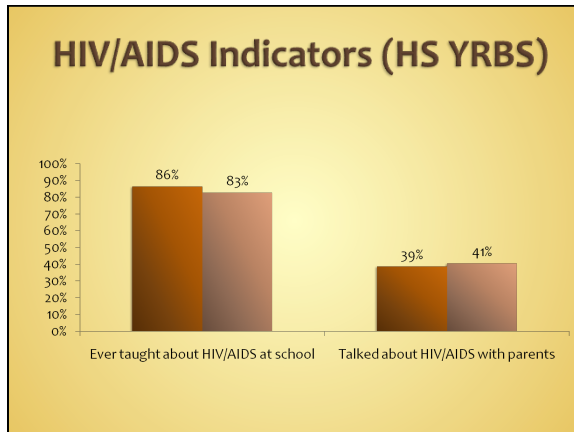
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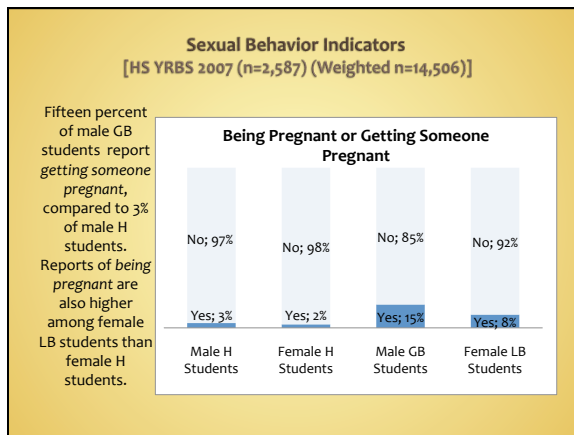
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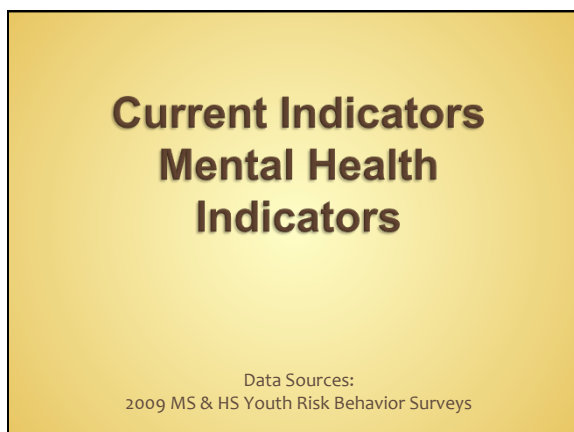
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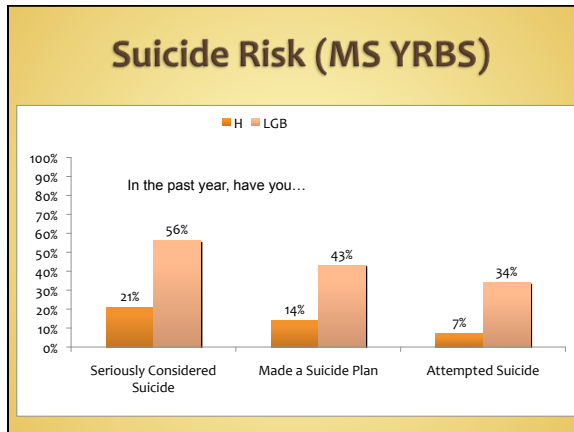
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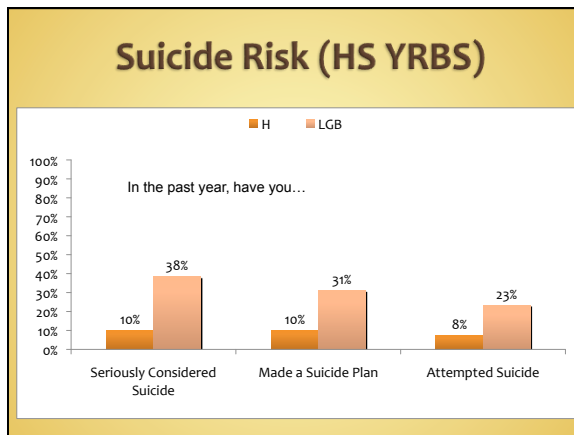
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# **A Welcoming Environment for All: School Climate and GLBTQ Students**

## **Resources**

### **Support Services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth**

San Francisco Unified School District

[healthiersf.org/LGBTQ/](http://healthiersf.org/LGBTQ/)

### **Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network**

[www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)

Resources include:

- National School Climate Survey
- Jump-Start Guide for Gay-Straight Alliances
- Days of Action
- No Name-Calling Week
- Day of Silence

### **Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)**

[www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)

***Welcoming Schools: A Guide to LGBT Inclusive Lessons and Resources on Family Diversity, Gender and Name-calling for Elementary Schools***

[www.welcomingschools.org](http://www.welcomingschools.org)

***Just The Facts About Sexual Orientation And Youth:  
A Primer For Principals, Educators, And School Personnel***

American Psychological Association

[www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources/just-the-facts.pdf](http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources/just-the-facts.pdf)

### **Respect for All Project Films**

[www.respectforall.org](http://www.respectforall.org)

A series of award-winning films aimed at K-12 educators, youth service providers, students, and families to promote diversity and anti-bias education. Films come with accompanying curriculum guides.

- Let's Get Real
- It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School
- It's Still Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School
- That's a Family
- Straightlaced: How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up