

2020 GSA Conference Workshops

Presenters and Descriptions - DRAFT 12/18/19

1. Trans and Non-binary Panel

Trans role models from the community will share their experiences, offer encouragement and answer questions from the audience.

Panel participants include: Patti Jones, GLYS of WNY, Harper Bishop, PUSH Buffalo (Need more reps and confirm for both locations), possibly GLYS Volunteer.
Need one or two more people, if possible.

Both

2. CREAM

This education program focuses on the wide range of sexual health options and practical health concerns of being sexually active such as sexual hygiene information, and empowerment tools around one's sexual interests and activities.

Presenters: Pride Center of WNY and Evergreen Health Services (Contact: Cyndie Viet Phi Huynh) *Both Locations Needs: laptop, PowerPoint projector*

3. PATCH for Teens: Peer-to-Peer

Facilitated by trained teen educators, PATCH (Providers and Teens Communicating for Health), will focus on skills for youth to help manage their own health and well-being issue. It will be an interactive workshop focusing on the 3 R's – Relationships, Rights and Responsibility. Participants will be provided a HOPE Buffalo Referral Guide which can direct them or their friends to receive the best quality, teen-friendly care in Buffalo.

Presenters: PATCH for Teens Youth Educators *Both Locations Needs: PowerPoint access and room for activities*

4. Collaborative Pride Poetry with Just Buffalo Writing Center

During this interactive workshop, JBWC staff, students, and volunteers will share some of their favorite poems about what it means to navigate the world queer and questioning. Then, with a little extra inspiration from each other, we'll write our own poems and read them out loud. With your permission, poems written during this workshop may be selected to be handed out at the next Pride Parade!

Presenters: Robin Jordan, and members of the Just Buffalo Writing Center *Bflo for sure, not sure of second date yet*

5. Expressing Yourself: Teen Reality Theater

Similar to last year

Presenters: Teen Reality Theater, Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York *Buffalo, maybe both Needs PowerPoint & tabling*

6. Being Healthy Through Volleyball/Basketball

Same as last year. For youth and advisors.

Presenters: Katie Anna, Varsity Gay League *Buffalo*

7. LOL: Leaving Our Legacy

Same as last year

LOL Youth Peer Educators, Sue Donovan advisor *Bflo*

8. Safer Sex for Queer & Trans Bodies

This workshop will provide an overview of safer sex strategies for LGBTQ+ youth/ young people. It will explore sexual/ reproductive health disparities among LGBTQ+ folks and explain why inclusive and affirming sex education is vital. It will also provide information on how to reduce the risk of HIV, STIs, and unplanned pregnancy through barrier use, and other interventions such as PrEP/PEP.

Sara Weinstein, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator, Native American Community Services

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9. The Queerness of God

The role of religion is important in many people's lives, but is used by some against the LGBTQ community. This workshop will be led by Rev. Matt Lincoln, a pastor who is also the dad of two transgender young adults.

Presenter: Rev. Matt Lincoln

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10. Gender Transition in the Workplace

Have you thought about how to go about gender transitioning in the workplace? This workshop for youth and advisors will help prepare you for what to expect both legally, medical leave expectations, and building a support system to help you through this crucial process.

Presenters: T(egan) Gorman and Natalie Terhaar, National Grid

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11. Linking Teens to Community Resources: **A workshop for Advisors**

This comprehensive training on linkages and referrals to teen health facilities will provide you with information throughout the City of Buffalo using the HOPE Buffalo guide.

Presenter: Taylor Winter, Erie County Dept. of Health

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12. Bi-Sexuality Workshop

Description TBD

Presenter: Joe O'Donnell, GLYS of WNY

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13. DASA workshop

Same as last year

Presenter: Mel LeMay, GLYS of WNY

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14. Expressing Yourself Through Painting

Same as last year

Presenter: Arrie Moore, artist

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15. Meditation Workshop

Description: TBD

Presenter: Robert Roush, GLYS of WNY

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16. Public Service Announcements from the Peer Educators

Description: Our Peer Educators will show videos of Public Service Announcements, PSAs, that were written and preformed by the Peer Educators. These short videos relate to sexual health, mental health, and other topics relevant to youth in the community. After each video there will be a discussion.

Presenters: PEEPs; Jasmine Hernandez, Nasir Johns, Brennan Jaquith, and Crystal Hernandez, Native American Community Services

17. MOCHA Center, David Sell

TBD

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18. A Time for Sharing Ideas: Advisor Discussion

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19. Be An Ally and Advocate for All

Galina Swords, GLYS DIC Coordinator

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20. Finding an LGBT friendly College

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21. Drag and More

The Imperial Court of Buffalo

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