

Volunteering With Us



June, 2004, Seattle: A high school drama troupe (shown here) offers a public performance of the Laramie Project, followed by a Q&A time. The proceeds go to Safe Schools Coalition. Your drama class or choir or band could do the same!

"I live outside Washington State" Here are your options ...

1. Become a **"resource checker"** ... Donate a couple of hours a month helping to keep the resources listed on our web site current. If you are a school counselor, you might take responsibility for the counselors' page, for instance. If you are especially interested in intersex issues, you might take responsibility for that page. Or you might just keep our resources for your county, state, province or continent up-to-date! You choose the page you care most about and you check periodically to make sure the links and contact info are still current. You review books, videos, websites, etc. and recommend resources to add to (or delete from) your page. **Interested?** Contact Webspinner Gabi Clayton: webspinner@safeschoolscoalition.org
2. Become a **"fund-raiser"** ... Donate 20 hours on a one-time basis organizing a yard sale, a bake sale, a house party or a 5-K run/walk to raise funds to help the Coalition. Maybe the funds will be specifically to pay expenses to bring a Safe Schools Coalition training team to your town. Or maybe you just appreciate the Coalition's listserv, website, training, advocacy and print resources and you want to help us keep up that work! **Interested?** Contact Coalition Co-Chair Beth Reis: beth@safeschoolscoalition.org or (800) 325-6165 ext. 64970.
3. Become a **"speaker/trainer"** ... Donate about 30 hours in the next year to the speakers bureau. That includes attending a 6-hour training and then arranging, planning and co-facilitating at least three 1.5-2 hour workshops (with another volunteer and plenty of telephone/email support and coaching) using our *"Understanding and Addressing Anti-Gay Harassment and Violence in Schools"* or *"Understanding and Addressing Bias-*



Based Harassment and Violence in Schools” modules. We offer training on a Saturday 2-3 times a year, at various locations in Washington State, but would be glad to provide one elsewhere if you were able to (a) gather at least 12 other folks who want to volunteer, (b) cover travel and expenses for one trainer and (c) arrange a site.

Interested? Contact Speakers Bureau Manager Kari Kesler:

training@safeschoolscoalition.org

4. **Subscribe to the Coalition’s “news” listserve.** At least once every week or two, you will receive a “YOUR HELP NEEDED” message about what you can do to help ... from speaking to the media, to participating in a survey or research project, to data entry on behalf of a member organization. To subscribe, click here: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/listsab.asp#subscribe> and choose “NEWS”

“I live in Washington State, but outside of King County” Here are your options ...

1. Become a **“resource checker”** ... see item #1 on page 1
2. Become a **“fund-raiser”** ... see item #2 on page 1
3. Become a **“speaker/trainer”** ... see item #3 on page 1
4. **Subscribe to the Coalition’s “news” listserve** ... see item #4 above
5. Become an **“intervention specialist”** ... Probably the most important role the Safe Schools Coalition serves is to advocate on behalf of individual students and families and educators, when they are experiencing harassment or violence at school because they are -- or someone thinks they are -- gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. Donate one day per week to be “on-call” (check email and be available to a phone) and actually spend an average of 1-4 hours per month providing crisis support, problem-solving, referral and other creative support (contacting someone’s principal or superintendent with or for them; sitting with them while they make a police report; arranging a training through the Coalition’s speakers’ bureau). **QUALIFICATIONS:** B.A. in education, counseling, social work, or equivalent. Age 21+. Prefer experience working in schools, but that is negotiable.
Interested? Contact Intervention Team Chair Heidi Rettke-Bischoff: hrettkebischoff@hotmail.com or 206-849-5513

“I live in Seattle or King County” Here are your options ...

1. Become a **“resource checker”** ... see item #1 on page 1
2. Become a **“fund-raiser”** ... see item #2 on page 1
3. Become a **“speaker/trainer”** ... see item #3 on page 1
4. **Subscribe to the Coalition’s “news” listserve** ... see item #4 above
5. Become an **“intervention specialist”** ... see item #5 above
6. **Come to a Safe Schools Coalition meeting** where lots of needs for help are expressed and you can meet folks and ask questions. **Interested?** Click here for meeting times, locations and directions: http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/meet_who_when_where.html