



## Cultivating Respect: Stopping Bullying to Create Safer Schools

### Session Description:

For many years, news reports have been filled with the tragic stories of young people being bullied and harassed in schools, and the terrible consequences many of them face when no one willingly speaks up. In this learning session, participants will learn about key research on bullying, cyberbullying, and harassment and discover accessible and tangible ways to be a part of the solution on personal, family, and institutional levels.

### Content Overview:

Once considered to be a common rite of passage, the effects of bullying and harassment have been devastating for young people who identify as LGBTQ+ (and those who are perceived to be) in the US. Leveraging PFLAG's 50 years of experience as the nation's original ally organization, this session will:

- Learn about the paramount importance of having comprehensive, enumerated anti-bullying policies that expand our understanding of bullying and harassment beyond the classroom
- Review recent examples of bullying and harassment in US schools to illustrate the profound impact anti-LGBTQ+ bias can have on young people
- Offer key facts and related data about bullying and harassment that provide participants the context they need to discuss these issues with educators and school personnel
- Discuss the ways to start cultivating respect at home, in schools, and at the district level and how to get involved locally in safe schools efforts

<b>Session Length:</b>	90 minutes (in-person or hybrid), 60 minutes (online only)
<b>Target Audience:</b>	General audience, no prior knowledge of LGBTQ+ issues required
<b>Participant Materials:</b>	<i>Cultivating Respect: Safe Schools for ALL</i> , online resource page
<b>Additional Information:</b>	<p>The state laws featured in this learning session can be customized based on the location of the company hosting the event</p> <p>A cross-network version of this workshop designed to highlight intersections and inspire collaborative efforts is available</p> <p>PFLAG is a non-partisan, 501(c)3 organization</p>

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