

Santa Cruz County Resource List of Organizations that Support Schools, LGBTQ Students and their Families

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Hotline Help for Students and Families (24 hours a day)

- [National Suicide Hotline](#) - **1-800-273-8255**
- [The Trevor Project](#) (Helpline for LGBTQ youth and families) - **1-866-488-7386**
- [Crisis Text Line](#) - **Text 741741** for any crisis support
- [Transgender LifeLine](#) - **1-877-565-8860**
- Medical or other emergencies - call **911**.

For Principals, Counselors, Health Professionals, and Teachers

- [Diversity Center](#) - LGBT youth support groups and meetups
- [Santa Cruz Safe Schools Project](#) - Support for schools, administrators, teachers, students and families regarding safer and more inclusive school climate.
- [Queer Youth Task Force](#) - LGBT Youth council, queer youth leadership awards, adult ally program, and youth summits
- [Trans Family Support Service](#) - Transgender family support - youth and families
- [Triangle Speakers](#) - Adult panels to provide the shared experiences of LGBT people with classrooms, schools and other organizations. A program of the Diversity Center.
- [Encompass Mental Health](#) - Mental health, homeless and foster youth support
- [Salud Para La Gente Mental Health](#) - Wellness and mental health support for youth and families (South county)
- Santa Cruz County [Health Services](#) - Mental health, sexual health, addiction, HIV and other services for youth and families in Santa Cruz County (Offices in Santa Cruz and Watsonville)
- [Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance](#) - Mental health services for youth and families in Watsonville
- [PFLAG Santa Cruz County](#) - Support for families of LGBTQ youth
- [Gender Spectrum](#) - Understanding gender and professional learning resources
- [Human Rights Campaign](#) - Anti-bullying and [list of resources](#) for supporting LGBTQ youth and families

For Students

- [About Coming Out](#) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC)
- [Diversity Center Youth Programs](#) - Youth support groups and other fun activities for SC County youth

- [Queer Youth Leadership Awards](#) - Annual awards celebration of LGBTQ youth and allies in Santa Cruz County. Nominate someone today.
- [Queer Youth Task Force](#) - Works with LGBTQ youth to improve the quality of all LGBTQ youth in the county. Join the Youth Council, become an intern or share a presentation at the annual summit.
- [Santa Cruz Safe Schools Project](#) - Works with schools to make all schools more safe and welcoming for LGBTQ youth. Address any equity or harassment issues in schools to the SSP.

For Families and Community

- [Diversity Center](#) - LGBT youth events, education, support groups and meetups
- [Encompass Mental Health](#) - Mental health, homeless and foster youth support
- [PFLAG](#) - Support for families of LGBTQ youth
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- [Trans Family Support Services](#) - Transgender family support - youth and families
- [Out in our Faith](#) - Interfaith churches working to make all places of worship safe and inclusive

State and National LGBT Organizations

- [Campus Pride College Index](#) - Identifies LGBT friendly college campuses
- [Gender Spectrum](#) - Provides research, reports and professional learning for adults about gender and transgender student support systems
- [Our Family Coalition](#) - Advances equity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) families with children through support, education, and advocacy.
- [GSA Network](#) - Empowers and trains queer, trans and allied youth leaders to advocate, organize, and mobilize an intersectional movement for safer schools and healthier communities. Sponsors yearly YES Conference for youth.
- [Human Rights Campaign](#) - Anti-bullying and [list of resources](#) for supporting LGBTQ youth and families
- [GLSEN](#) - Promoting safe and inclusive spaces in K-12 schools
- [GLAAD](#) - Media support and advocacy for LGBT people in media
- [National Bisexual Resource Center](#)
- [National Center for Transgender Equality](#)
- [National Center for Lesbian Rights](#)
- [ACLU LGBT Rights](#) - For legal questions

(Admin use only - not on SSP Website) Locations of Resource Lists

Santa Cruz County Office of Education [Student Support Services Resource Directory](http://www.santacruzcoe.org/student-services/school-safety-emergency-resources/supporting-the-safety-of-lgbtq-students-and-families/)
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Santa Cruz [Diversity Center Youth Programs](#)

Santa Cruz [Queer Youth Task Force](#)

Santa Cruz [Queer Youth Leadership Awards](#) (Nominate someone! or Read about past nominees)