

MN School OUTreach Coalition E-News

October 2011

**Out Next Meeting is:
Tuesday, October 4th / 5-6:30 pm**

Coalition members please bring brochures or flyers for your program for the MnSOC resource table at the annual Education Minnesota Conference in October.

At the November 1st meeting Johanna Eager will do a mini training of the Welcoming Schools Curriculum.

If you are a member organization representation from your organization at the monthly meetings can provide connection, opportunities and resources.

www.mnschooloutreach.org

**Monthly coalition meetings take place at:
Where: The Family Partnership's Community Room
4123 East Lake Street – Minneapolis – 55406**

MN School OUTreach Coalition Vision Statement

Who we are: We are a coalition of Minnesota students, educators, families, community members, and organizations working within the broad context of schools to address the issues of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.

Our mission: To create healthy learning environments that are inclusive, supportive, and safe, and where sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions are respected.

We pursue: We pursue our mission through advocacy, education, and community building.

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- **SOY Open House – September 24, 2011**
- **Education Minnesota Conference**
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MnSOC 2011 – 2012 school year Meeting Schedule

- November 1st
- December 1st (World AIDS Day)
- January 5th
- February 2nd
- March 1st
- April 5th
- May 3rd
- June 7th
- July (no meeting)
- August 2nd (2012-1013 school year kick off)

Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month – 5-6:30pm
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MnSOC Member Information – PLEASE READ AND RESPOND AS NEEDED!

Hello MNSOC Members,

I have been working on a Member Information sheet to be passed out at events and conferences.

Using organization's websites, I took mission statements and about us sections to comprise a mini bio on what your organization does. You can view it here
http://mnschooloutreach.org/attachments/MNSOC_Member_Info.pdf

Please read over the page, and let me know if
1) you want your bio changed or
2) different contact info listed.

Please email me any corrections at Daniel.Robb@spps.org

Thanks Danny for doing this!

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Trans Youth Support Network Survey “YouthVoice2011”

We welcome Gender Female, Male & TransGender Youth ages 14 – 17 in participation with YouthVoice2011 Survey.

Please visit <http://www.SurveyMonkey.com/s/YouthVoice2011> to complete the survey! YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

Thank You, Katie Burgess, Executive Director, Trans Youth Support Network (TYSN)

GLSEN Back to School Guide

Please visit this site to view the GLSEN Back to School Guide

http://www.glsen.org/binary-data/GLSEN_ATTACHMENTS/file/000/001/1885-1.pdf

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10 Tips for Parents of GLBT Students

Please visit this site to view 10 steps for Parents of GLBT Students

http://www.education.com/reference/article/Ref_Ten_Tips_Parents_Gay/

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MTV Casting Call: LGBT Teen/Young Adults

I'm a Casting associate at MTV Networks currently working on a new special that will feature LGBT youth across the U.S. This is a chance for LGBT youth stories to be heard by a huge audience of their peers!

Through my research, I found your organization online and am hoping that you can help me get the word out about this great opportunity to the youth in your area. We're targeting LGBT youth who appear to be 15-25 years old and are comfortable sharing their story on-camera.

Please view the flyer here! It would be GREAT if your organization could flier in your area (think high schools, college campuses, coffee shops, etc.). Also, posting the following blurb on your website or forwarding this email to other relevant organizations or people that you know would be helpful as well. Please email or call me with any questions. Thanks in advance for your assistance... and keep up the great work that you do!

Best, Carly Stipek, Casting Associate, MTV Networks, 212-767-8620

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Mark Your Calendar

SOY Grand Opening – September 24, 2011

Hello Family, Friends, Constituents & Community Members,
Please join us in celebrating our NEW office space and honor our SOY Ambassador, Francois Vang!
Additionally, we'll be hosting open community conversation on the current transition of SOY as well as discussing SOY's 2012 Future. Your voice is important and appreciated!

Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 2pm-6pm

NEW SOY Office (955 University Ave. W. #215, St. Paul, MN 55104)

*FREE Parking is available in the lot behind the building as well as along the front of the building on University Ave. W.

Agenda:

- 2:00pm** Meet & Greet with Refreshments
- 3:00pm** Acknowledgements from SOY & SOY Ambassador
- 4:00pm** What's next for SOY & Open Forum
- 6:00pm** Close

Please see attached Flyer

Thank you and hope to see you all there!
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Education Minnesota Conference – October 20 – 21st

The Minnesota School OUTreach Coalition will be at the Education Minnesota Conference October 20 & 21st
Come to the September meeting to see how to get involved.

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A Place at the Table – October 23- 26

Randy Roberts Potts, grandson of televangelist Oral Roberts.

View the Flyer here

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PFLAG Conference: Call for Proposals

Dear colleagues of the MNSOC,

I have been so impressed by the level of commitment and activism by EACH one of you to provide a safer and more welcoming learning environment in our Minnesota schools. To that end, I would personally like to invite you to consider being a presenter at the PFLAG-MN conference to be held at Hamline University on Friday, January 20, 2012. I KNOW there is so MUCH we could learn from each other, and this is a really exciting opportunity for us to come together in community to make our state a more informed and active place for GLBTQ people in our schools.

Please feel free to contact me at jkahle@blakeschool.org regarding any questions you might have regarding this conference. Jamie Nabozny is our keynote speaker, and the plenary session will also feature an hour-long youth panel which will address issues of queer youth and their allies in schools. Thanks for considering this request! And, please, consider your contribution as a presenter!

[View the Flyer](#) [View the RFP](#)

Over and OUT.

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MnSOC Member Organizations

- aMaze – www.amazeworks.org
- Annex Teen Clinic – www.annexteenclinic.org
- Avalon Charter School – www.avalonschool.org
- The Birds and Bees Project of Prochoice Resources – www.birdsandbees.org
- Brooklyn Center Junior/High School Health Resource Center – www.brookcntr.k12.mn.us
- Color CoordinATIOn - www.colorcoordination.org
- District 202 - www.dist202.org
- East Central MN PFLAG, Mora, MN
- Face to Face Health and Counseling Service - www.face2face.org
- Family Tree Clinic – www.familytreeclinic.org
- First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)/Open Table
- GLBT KIDS of The Family Partnership – www.thefamilypartnership.org/GLBT_Kids/index.html
- GLBTQ Online High School – www.glbtqonlinehighschool.com
- Join the Impact Twin Cities
- Keewaydin Middle School – Minneapolis, MN
- Metropolitan State University – GLBT Support Services: <http://www.metrostate.edu/studentaff/glb.html>
- MN Department of Education HIV/STI Prevention Program
- MN GLBTA Campus Alliance - www.mncampusalliance.org
- MN Online High School – www.mnohs.org
- MN Transgender Health Coalition - www.mntranshealth.org

- Out 4 Good – GLBT support services of the Minneapolis Public Schools: <http://sss.mpls.k12.mn.us/Out4Good.html>
- Outfront Minnesota – www.outfront.org
- Outward Spiral Theatre Company: www.outwardspiral.org
- PFLAG – Twin Cities – www.pflagtc.org
- Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC) - www.pcytc-mpls.org
- Point Northwest - www.ymcatwincities.org
- Project Legos, Inc. - www.projectlegos.org
- Rainbow Families – www.rainbowfamilies.org
- Rainbow Health Initiative - www.rainbowhealth.org
- Rainbow Rumpus - www.rainbowrumpus.org
- RARE Productions - www.rareproductionsmpls.com
- St. Cloud State- GLBT Services – www.stcloudstate.edu/glbtc
- Shades of Yellow
- 2 Stories PLC
- Together for Youth – Duluth - <http://www.togetherforyouth.org/>
- Trans Youth Support Network – TYSN - www.transyouth.org
- Transgender Commission at the University of Minnesota - www.glbta.umn.edu/trans
- University of Minnesota – Duluth – GLBT Services – www.d.umn.edu/mlrc/glbtc
- Welcoming Schools
- West Suburban Teen Clinic
- Woodbury High School – Gay Straight Alliance

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How does my organization become a member organization?

Organizational membership in MNSOC requires that your organization:

- Attend MnSOC meetings
- Review MnSOC’s vision statement and sign the MnSOC member organization form
 - To receive a member organization form, please email Leigh Combs at lcombs@thefamilypartnership.org.

You also are encouraged to:

- Participate in our Advocacy, Communications, and Education workgroups
- Provide financial and/or in-kind support for our work. We also invite new ideas and initiatives

Individuals are also welcome to participate in our coalition.

Benefits of membership include:

- Information sharing
- Networking opportunities
- Collaborating on outreach activities
- Including your organizations name on MnSOC materials (*when MnSOC issues a major policy position or public statement, we contact each member organization for individual signatures.*)

Our Email Newsletter

The MnSOC E-news comes out monthly and features news, events, and meeting minutes from the MN School OUTreach Coalition, as well as other news and events related to LGBTQ education issues in Minnesota. We hope you've found this edition of the MNSOC E-news informative. If someone has forwarded this edition to you, we invite you to subscribe yourself by sending a message with any subject line to MnSOC-news-subscribe@npogroups.org. To cancel, send a message with any subject line to MnSOC-news-unsubscribe@npogroups.org.

We also distribute the MNSOC Q-Youth News which comes out as needed and features events for youth. To subscribe to the Q-Youth News, send a message with any subject line to MnSOC-qyouth-news-subscribe@npogroups.org.

If you're interested in a more national perspective on LGBTQ school issues, including job listings, current research and resources, we recommend visiting www.safeschoolscoalition.org and subscribing to their e-newsletter.

How do I submit an article or event for the newsletter?

If you have a *school related* article or event that you would like to submit, please send an email to MnSOC-news@thefamilypartnership.org by the 1st of each month with the subject line: **Submission for newsletter**.

Questions about MnSOC?

Call our toll-free statewide phone line: 877-452-8543 or contact us at mnsoc@mnschooloutreach.org.

This newsletter is compiled by The Family Partnership, a member organization of MnSOC.