



State Spotlight: Michigan



SAFESCHOOLS
for LGBTQ Students

Key Program Partners

Program Pillars: mutual investment, trust, transparency, and the open sharing of resources to foster successful partnerships

Expanding Program Access Amidst a Pandemic: Michigan Department of Education LGBTQ+ Students Project

Pandemic Pivot: Prior to COVID, LGBTQ+ youth were already at disproportionate risk for persistent bullying, harassment and victimization. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, we shifted gears. We increased participant reach due to more accessible online formats. The online trainings reached a large number of school administrators who are system change facilitators.

Key WSCC Components:



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Reach of Training and TA

2020-21 school year

1827 total participants

from

368 intermediate and local districts

that collectively serve of Michigan students

68%



98%

of participants rated the **training** they attended as **great or excellent**

98% of

participants were **actively engaged** in the training they attended

Training and Technical Assistance Outcomes

“Since attending these trainings, our school has committed to further professional development for staff and started re-looking at policies to include more inclusive practices, making all students feel safe and supported...There is a monumental shift happening in how we support our LGBTQ+ students.”

– Participant

Key Partners: Michigan Departments of Education (MDE) and Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health, Roots of Change, Michigan School Health Coordinators Association

Funding Source: Michigan Health Endowment Fund, MDHHS, Eaton RESA, Genesee ISD

Results/Impact: Inclusive policies, curriculum, student clubs, student advocates, cross-disciplinary teams

Access training overview and recordings:

<https://bit.ly/MDELGBTQRecordings>

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