

What We Need To Do



Don't assume all the youths you work with are heterosexual

Change your heterosexist language on and off the job

Hang signs of support in your office space

Ask questions of knowledgeable people about the issue

Address negative attitudes at work and off the job

Refer your clients to other professionals if more able to assist

Use the language the right way and as much as possible

Be aware of your own attitudes, and biases, and try to change them

Know the resources nationally and in your community

Offer support, empathy, warmth, consideration to all youth

Appreciate more the differences in all of us

Advocate consistently on behalf of your LGBTQ clients and friends

Be a model of more embracing attitudes for others

Acknowledge well-known gay persons

Break the silence-and be a safe place for LGBTQ youth to BE

Never forget Matthew Shepard....