## The Saving Lives Now Project (SLNP)



Amor Para Todos

## El Proyecto Salvando Vidas Ahora (SLNP)

- Goal of the SLNP: To reduce <u>mental health disparities</u>, improve wellness & strengthen social connections for LGBTQIA+ folks, especially youth.
- To make our schools and communities more gender and LGBTQIA+ inclusive, with an intersectional approach;
- **SLNP Objective:** For each school district/community to carry out all or some of the below projects. Along with each school/district and or community to have a point person to carry out the SLNP who can get support from APT.
- 5 projects under the SLNP:
  - 1). Gender/LGBTQIA+ inclusive, anti- bias & advocacy professional development trainings & consultations for schools/communities: via <u>Welcoming Schools</u> and or through other like trainings.
    - So folks & schools can have that foundation on how to teach LGBTQIA+ students and how to foster allies.
    - AB-493 Teachers: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning pupil resources and training bill: that schools with grades 7-12, provide teachers and certified employees LGBTQIA+/Gender trainings at least once every 2 years. Elementary schools are recommended to be in alignment with this bill as well.
    - 2021 CA Gov. Newsom, approved a final state budget that includes \$3 million for LGBTQ cultural competency training for public school teachers.
  - 2). <u>APT Student Clubs:</u> (similar to GSA's, though also different) in elementary schools and beyond.
    - APT, student led clubs, create a safe, welcome, respectful, supportive space for every student where they feel comfortable to be their true authentic self; while making new friends and fostering allies.
    - o Several age groups depending on each school's needs: K-2nd and 3rd-4th, 5th-6th.
    - There are APT Student Clubs throughout Sonoma County in elementary and junior high schools in:
      - The Old Adobe Union School District, Petaluma City School District, Rohnert Park Cotati Unified School District and the Santa Rosa Unified School District.
      - State bills that support the need and support for APT Student Clubs:
        - AB 34 Pupils bullying and harassment prevention information
        - AB 1767 Pupil Suicide Prevention Policies
        - The Federal Equal Access Act
- 3). All gender restroom signage for all single stall restrooms and the availability of All Gender Restrooms in schools and communities.

- 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth reported there was not an all gender restroom at their school.
- AB 1732 states that all single stall restrooms in CA, have to have all gender signage.
  This legislation is from 2016. The bill came into effect in 2017. Though, a great majority of single stall restrooms do not have signage and are not in compliance.
- AB 760 requires each school district, county office of education, and charter school to provide at least one all-gender restroom for pupil use at each of its schoolsites. The bill would requires the all-gender restroom to:
  - Have appropriate signage identifying the bathroom facility as being open to all genders.
  - Is unlocked, unobstructed, and easily accessible by any pupil without requesting access from teachers, faculty, or school staff.
  - Is stocked with menstrual products.
- APT wants all schools & businesses in town and beyond to be in compliance with all restroom laws.
  - APT has created custom intersectional all gender restroom signage.
- 4). School district adoption of a gender & LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Sex Health Education curriculum in compliance with the <u>California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA)</u>.
  - There is legislation (CHYA) to have Puberty Education to be gender & LGBTQIA+ inclusive; the majority of schools are not in compliance with this.
  - APT is working with school districts to adopt a gender/ LGBTQIA+ inclusive Puberty Education curriculum that is in compliance with CHYA and state standards.
  - State funded <u>website</u> to help schools be in compliance with CHYA.
  - 5). School district adoption of a general TK-12th grade gender/LGBTQIA+ inclusive curriculum.
    - CA Ed code <u>233.5</u>, which is under the Hate Violence Prevention Act (more detailed definitions in alignment with what a hate crime is and can be, <u>here</u>) and other CA laws such as the <u>FAIR Act</u> state that CA schools should be teaching about gender and the LGBTQIA+ community in schools. <u>AB 1078 Instructional Materials and Curriculum: Diversity</u> (Safe Place to Learn Act): requires that all schools have an accurate and inclusive curriculum, along with ensuring that complaints can be made straight to the state superintendent of public instruction if an inclusive curriculum is being banned. APT also has been in touch with the SFUSD who already have implemented a general gender/LGBTQIA+ curriculum in their elementary schools and we plan to advocate this with other local school districts too.
  - To be a point person email: <a href="mailto:amorparatodosapt@gmail.com">amorparatodosapt@gmail.com</a>
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