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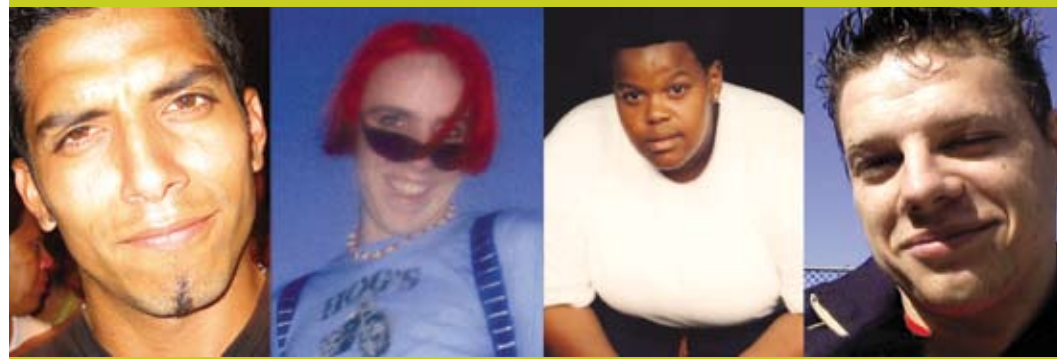
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Foster Youth Tell Their Stories

A Tool for Training Care Providers on Working Effectively with LGBTQ Youth

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“My therapist, foster parents, and social worker all rewarded me for acting feminine.

I felt like no one let me be how I wanted to be.”

Kevin felt like a boy his whole life, although everyone else continually pressured him to be “normal” and act like a girl. He struggled to please the world around him, but was still teased at school for being different. His response to this harassment landed him in the backseat of a cop car. It wasn’t until one person took the time to listen to him and see his strengths that he got a new take on his life, and eventually was free to become the person he is today.

The DVD:

The ten short digital stories included on **Breaking the Silence** are powerful tales of both the successes and failures of the foster care system for a group of former foster youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ). Over the course of a four-day workshop at the Center for Digital Storytelling in Berkeley, California, ten youth shared their stories and learned to edit them into moving, heartfelt (and sometimes heartbreaking) personal videos. Through these youths’ thoughtful, honest, and insightful words and images, we hear directly not only about their experiences in care, but also what they think we, as advocates and providers, can do to better support LGBTQ youth in the future.

THE DIGITAL STORYTELLING WORKSHOP WAS ORGANIZED BY:
The Y.O.U.T.H. (Youth Offering Unique Tangible Help) Training Project of San Francisco State’s Bay Area Academy. www.sfsu.edu/~bayacad

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THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS—YOUTH PROJECT has been advocating for LGBTQ youth in schools, foster care, juvenile justice settings, and the mental health system since 1993. The Project provides direct, free legal information to youth, legal advocates, and activists through a toll-free line; advocates for policies that protect and support LGBTQ youth in these different arenas; and litigates cases that are creating new legal protections for youth in schools, foster care, juvenile justice, and other settings.

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