
What You Need to Know About the Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health (MOASH)

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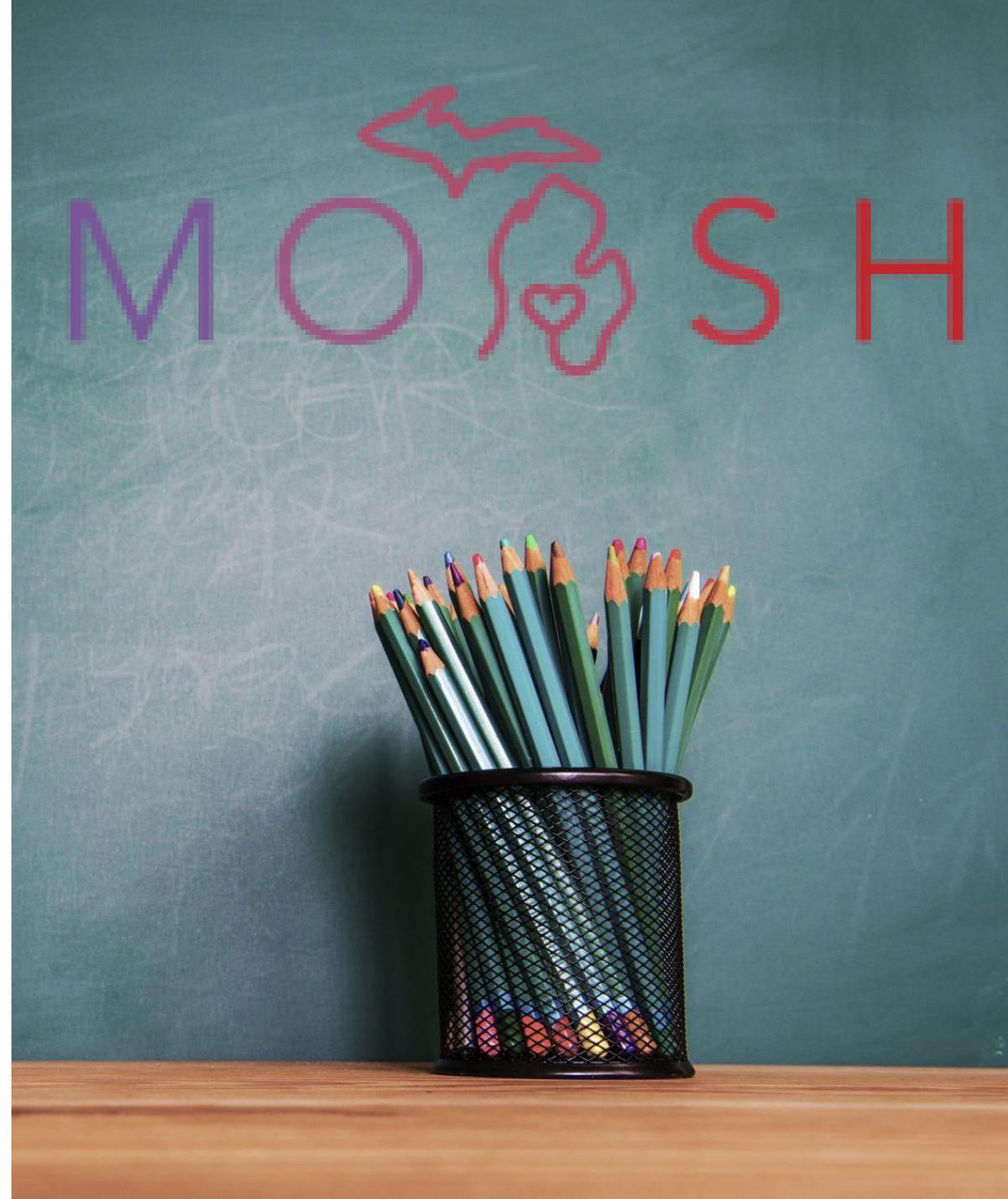


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Who is MOASH?

- [Non-profit](#) with public funding started in 2008 by statewide leaders from MDHHS, MDE, and others.
- **Mission:** “Provider of sex ed as well as youth programming. They “mobilize youth voices, engage community partners, and inform decision-makers to advance sexual health, identities, and rights.”
- **Vision:** “MOASH envisions a society that respects and celebrates youth identities, advocacy, and informed choices.”

Identity

=

Sexuality

MOASH SPEAK

What does MOASH promote?

- The conviction that children are inherently sexual beings from birth
- That children have an unfettered right to sexual expression, exploration, and experiences
- Therefore, they advocate for the SEXUAL RIGHTS OF CHILDREN, often at the expense of parental involvement, parental rights, and the wellbeing of children

Matthew 18:6 - the words of Jesus:

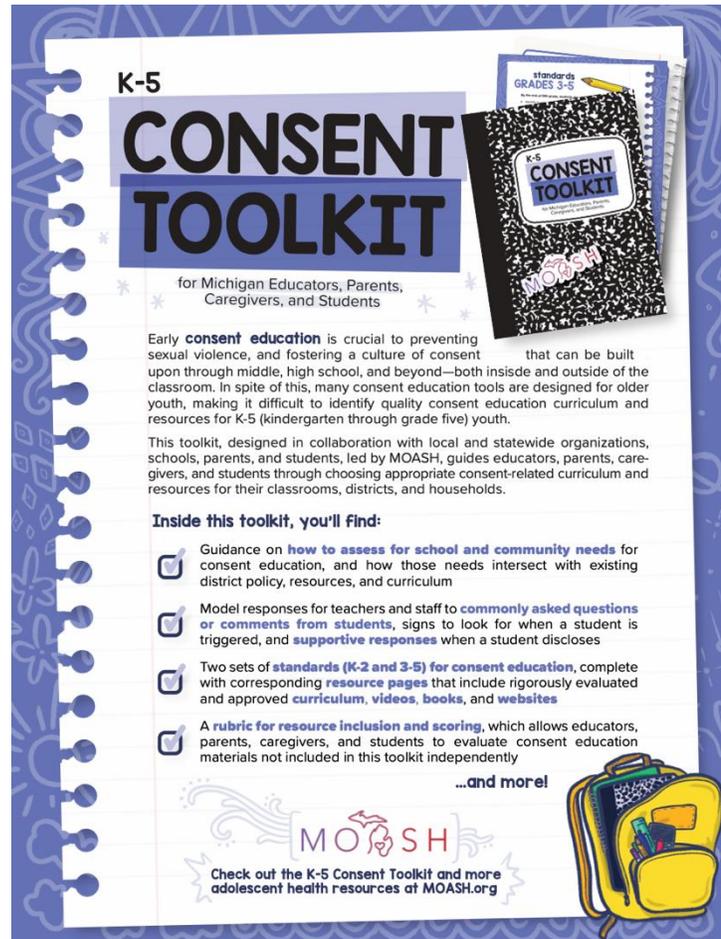
"If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

“Our
Young
People”

MINDSET

Radical Sexualization of Children w/o Parental Knowledge

- Sexualizing children in an extraordinarily unhealthy way, not mentally or emotionally ready, increasing the risk that those children will be victimized
- Children are more apt to experiment and explore sexually and even think it is normal and acceptable for adult pedophiles to sexually interact with them
- Toolkits give children agency over the parents
- Refers to “supportive” adults rather than parents
- Cross-gender mutilation, hormones, counseling, & more



In 2022, MOASH pioneered a
“K-5 Consent Tool Kit”

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Guide to Gender Affirming Care in Michigan

Your rights in Michigan, resources, and a directory to find
trusted gender affirming care.

LGBTQ+ Affirming Programing

- Building a Movement for Michigan (BAMM) Pride (An LGBTQIA+ Youth Summit) <https://www.moash.org/events-and-trainings/bamm-pride-summit>
- Supporting, Uplifting, and Reinforcing Gender-Expansive Experiences (SURGE) a conference for mental health professionals <https://www.moash.org/surge>
- Counseling Sessions – 12 visits without parental consent if over 14 ([MCL 330.1707](#))
- [Gag orders](#) on counselors

BAMM PRIDE
AN LGBTQIA+
YOUTH-SUMMIT



SURGE

a conference for mental health professionals committed to affirming LGBTQIA+ youth, with an emphasis on gender-expansive youth

Sample Sessions

- Impact of Individual and Collective Queer Trauma on Relationship Development and Maintenance
- Leveling the Playing Field: Supporting Trans, Non-Binary, and Gender-Expansive Student-Athletes in Schools
- Supporting LGBTQ+ Students in Schools: Best Practices Amidst a Challenging Landscape
- Beyond the Chart: Centering the Lived Experiences of Trans Youth in Healthcare

Minor Access to Abortion

- [Refers to “supportive” adults rather than parents](#)
- Called for the repeal of the parental consent for abortion line and set up a website to aid with judicial bypasses
- Co-authored [In Harm’s Way: How Michigan’s Forced Parental Consent for Abortion Law Hurts Young People](#) with the ACLU and Human Rights Watch.
- Supports unrestricted, safe, and affordable [abortion access for adolescents](#).

I can't get parental consent. Who do I ask for judicial bypass?

- First, call an abortion provider (preferably the one you will schedule the abortion with) and tell them you are pregnant, are a minor, you can't get a parental consent from at least one parent, and are seeking a judicial bypass. They can assist with next steps. Visit abortionfinder.org to find an abortion provider.
- Next, you can review the Michigan court website for information, steps, and forms you need to complete: bit.ly/MIcourtJB. You can ask the court to appoint an attorney or guardian to help you before or after filing the petition, for free.
- For more free legal help and advocacy support, check out reprolegalhelpline.org or call 844-868-2812.



In Harm's Way

How Michigan's Forced Parental Consent for Abortion Law Hurts Young People



A Rebuttal to the Leftist Report, [In Harm's Way](#). — Exposing the Flaws in Research, Law, and Logic Behind the Call to Repeal Michigan's Parental Consent Statute

MOASH Advances a Radical Culture of Death

Beyond Birth:

An Overview of the Range of Doula Care



Doulas are trained support people who walk with someone through major life transitions. We've focused on birth doulas over this series to highlight the specific training MOASH held, but we want to also provide an overview of the many different types of doulas.

Doula care is about trust, presence, and affirmation. Each of these types of doulas holds sacred space and care for those they are working with.

if when how

April 10th | 4:30p - 7:30p

UofM Ann Arbor

Breaking Down Barriers: Young People's Access to Abortion in Michigan

Join If/When/How for a panel and networking event!

!! Register by 5p TODAY !!

Natasha, MOASH's Culture and Advocacy Officer, will be a panelist at this event!



Postpartum Doulas: Support after birth (i.e. healing, infant care, and mental health)

Birth Doulas: Labor support (grounding, advocacy, and comfort)

Full-Spectrum Doulas: Care across the entire reproductive journey (from preconception to abortion to miscarriage to parenting)

Bereavement Doulas: Support through pregnancy loss, stillbirth, or infant death



Abortion Doulas: Support before, during, and after abortion (i.e. emotional, physical, logistical, and sometimes even spiritual)

Gender Doulas: Walk with trans, non-binary, and questioning folks through gender transitions (i.e. name/pronoun shifts, HRT, surgery prep, and identity support)

Disability Doulas: Uplift disabled people through new diagnoses or changes in access



End-of-Life (or "Death") Doulas: Hold space for people (of all ages) navigating death, grief, or legacy-making

Menopause Doulas: Support people navigating perimenopause and menopause with education, emotional care, and advocacy (i.e. understanding their symptoms, exploring options like HRT or lifestyle changes, and processing identity shifts or grief that may arise)

How does MOASH Influence Schools?

- Exclusive Teen Outreach Program teacher trainers
- Pushing for radical “comprehensive sexual education” in schools
- Youth Advisory Councils
- Sex Ed advisory Boards



MDE LGBTQ+ Students Project 2025-26 Offerings List

About Our Professional Development Opportunities

LGBTQ+ students are still at disproportionate risk for persistent bullying, harassment, and victimization. In response to requests from school districts across Michigan, The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) LGBTQ+ Students Project created a suite of online professional development workshops to build the capacity of school staff to provide a safe, supportive and inclusive culture and climate where all students can thrive.

The Project will once again host virtual professional development opportunities for the 2025-26 school year. Workshops (unless otherwise noted) are 2 hours long and involve small and large group activities and discussions. Participants who attend a full live professional development session will be eligible to receive State Continuing Education Clock Hours—SCECHs (1.75 hours) and Social Work CEUs (2 hours). **Capacity for these workshops is limited, so register only if you plan to attend the full live session.** You should receive a registration confirmation or waitlist email in the week before the training.

Spring 2026 Professional Development Offerings

- **Laying the Foundation: Understanding the Identities and Experiences of LGBTQ+ Students in Michigan**

Thursday, January 29, 2026 | 8-10 AM | [Register Here](#)
This session will include the use of interactive breakout groups.

Did you know that one in four students in Michigan Public High Schools identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or questioning (LGBTQ+)? Having a foundational understanding of who LGBTQ+ students are and what they are experiencing in Michigan schools is critical to supporting their health, wellbeing, and academic achievement. In this interactive workshop, participants will discuss key identities related to sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and accompanying terms. We will also seek to understand their daily lived experiences by examining Michigan-specific and national data. This workshop will help provide a foundational understanding for school personnel who want to support LGBTQ+ students and their families.

- **Stay Current: Legal and Policy Issues Pertaining to LGBTQ+ Students and School Staff**

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 | 8-10 AM | [Register Here](#)
This session will be a webinar, and will involve the use of zoom's Q+A features.

School administrators, school board members and other educators need to stay abreast of the latest federal and state laws and policies pertaining to supporting LGBTQ+ students in schools, to support students and families and avoid lawsuits. This can be a challenging task, especially given the changing legal and policy landscape. In this interactive workshop, we will review legal requirements, the State Board of Education's statement and guidance on supporting LGBTQ+ students, as well as inclusive policies and practices. Participants will leave with strategies for advancing policies and procedures in their local district. A foundational understanding of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression is recommended, but not required.

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Have you met the Sex Education Collaborative? We are...

- 👤 Sex educators and trainers
- 📄 Curriculum designers
- 👥 Policy experts
- 📍 Local and national organizations
- 👏 Ready to help YOU advance #SexEdForAll in your community!

Learn more at SexEducationCollaborative.org

Digital illustrations of people created by [Liberal Jane Illustration](#) for MOASH

SEX ED FOR ALL
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#SexEdForAll

Sex education is not controversial. The overwhelming majority of Americans (including medical experts, parents, and young people) support sex education.

Despite the loud but small opposition, parents overwhelmingly support comprehensive sex education in schools. 88% of parents support sex education in high school, and 84% of parents support sex education in middle school.

Major medical organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association, support sex education as essential public health policy.

39% of states' sex education policies are ranked better than Michigan's.*

SEX EDUCATION PROMOTES

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Youth Rights for Sexual Health Services in Michigan

In Michigan, minors (young people under 18) have privacy and access rights related to their sexual and reproductive health!

First State of \$3k for MI

In 2023, YAC members represented 29 counties!



In 2023, MOASH paid \$86,904 to entice kids to participate in their community programs

How is MOASH Funded?

- Federal & State Funds ([2.366 Million in 2025](#))
- Grants and Private Donations
- Title X Money
- PREP Money > TPIP Programs > Local Programs
- 2017: First "Foundation Grant" from the Open Society (George Soros)

Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended September 30, 2025

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Expenditures	Payments to Subrecipients
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
<i>Passed through Michigan Department of Health and Human Services</i>				
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	E20230759	\$ 101,350	-
COVID-19 Affordable Care Act (ACA) Personal Responsibility Education Program	93.092	E20231472	75,995	-
Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program	93.297	E20231473, E20230759	1,974,338	1,053,728
Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs	93.136	5 ASTWH200090-04-00	214,513	-
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			<u>2,366,196</u>	<u>1,053,728</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARD EXPENDITURES			\$ <u>2,366,196</u>	<u>1,053,728</u>

The Federal **Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)**
provides grants

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
provides programing consistent with the PREP's goals

Taking Pride in Prevention (TPIP)
implements the required programming

- Approximately **\$3.4 million** awarded annually
- Program meant to **"educate adolescents on both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and STIs"**
- **77%** of TPIP programing is done in schools using various curriculum programs including
 - **Teen Outreach Program (TOP)**
 - **Making Proud Choices!**
 - **Michigan Model - Health and Responsible Relationships**
- County Boards of Commissioners approve TPIP grants from their local public health departments in order to administer the programing in the public schools.
- TOP will be integrated into **required Health classes** at some schools.
- Many public health departments also administer School Wellness Programs whereby the nurses can collaborate closely with the Health Education team allowing for **"warm referrals" for reproductive healthcare.**
- In 2023, the legislature repealed MCL 388.1766 which required schools to have a discipline policy for teachers who aid or assist students with obtaining an abortion.

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Radical pro-abortion, pro-LGBTQ, anti-parental rights org. who co-authored the 2024 report, **"In Harm's Way: How Michigan's Forced Parental Consent for Abortion Hurts Young People."**

- **Will train all TOP program facilitators** per an agreement between MOASH and MDHHS
- TPIP programs are required to have a Youth Advisory Council (YAC). MOASH, Planned Parenthood and various others recruit and train youth to be part of their YACs.
- Letters were sent to MDHHS from the Administration for Children and Family (ACF) requesting removal of gender identity in program materials.
- A.G. Nessel, along with the A.G.s from several other states **filed a lawsuit** against the Trump Administration **over removal of gender materials.**
- An Oregon judge placed an injunction on the Administration and thus the objectionable materials in the **TOP facilitator manual and Making Proud Choices! Curriculum are still being used.**

MOASH in Your Community

- Luring kids as young as 13 to participate in their training programs
- Michigan Youth Racial Equity Council (MY REC)- youth-led project where people between the ages of 13-24 are paid to receive the education, support, opportunities, and resources necessary to become “leaders” and “advocates” addressing important issues related to racial justice, sexual health education and services, and reproductive justice. **Members must identify as a person of color (BIPOC), be between the ages of 13-24, and live within the state of MI.**
- Paid over \$86,000 in 2023 alone to children to entice them to attend programs

Virtual

\$500 Stipend

Apps Close 5/31

Project Glimmer

Empowerment Academy

A Leadership Program Taught by Skilled Trainers and Peer Mentors



#BMHW24

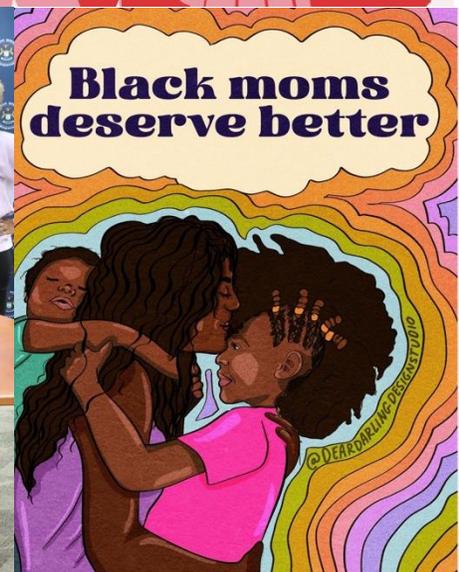
The #BMHW24 theme is "Our Bodies STILL Belong to Us: Reproductive Justice NOW!", which aims to highlight the widespread restrictions on abortion care access coupled with rising cases of criminalization due to pregnancy loss that continue to widen the gaps of adverse maternal and birth outcomes in the U.S.

Our Bodies STILL Belong to Us!

Black birth MATTERS!

Repro Justice NOW!

Black parents deserve to THRIVE. not worry if they'll survive



MOASH in Your Community

- Michigan Youth Voice (MY VOICE) Michigan youth ages 16-21 involved in various youth advocacy who receive training on a variety of sexual health topics, undergo leadership development, gain communication skills, work on advocacy efforts to inform the services, programs, and materials created for youth by MOASH and other community partners.





MOASH in Your Community

- Michigan Coalition on Adolescent Sexual Health (MiCASH) is a statewide group of professionals from a variety of different fields concerned about adolescent sexual health, including HIV/AIDS, STDs, family planning, domestic and sexual violence, youth development, LGBTQ+ youth, and other related issues. MiCASH members meet several times a year in various locations around the state, with meetings hosted by MOASH. The mission of MiCASH is to share information, network, collaborate, and support continuous learning that ultimately empowers youth with knowledge and skills to make informed decisions impacting their sexual health and relationships.

Other MOASH Programs

- **SASH Clubs** ([Students Against Sexual Harassment](#)): MOASH supports local district clubs, which go far beyond discouraging sexual violence with politicized topics like “Supporting LGBTQ Students,” “Misogyny & Male Supremacy: It’s Not Just a Joke,” “Activism Basics: How to Advocate, Influence, Communicate, and Organize”
- **GSA Clubs**- formerly known as Gay-Straight Alliances, “Genders & Sexualities Alliances” predate MOASH, but MOASH is arguable the biggest proponent for GSAs and partners with the MDE and regional ISDs to facilitate GSA growth at the district level. These are incredibly damaging to children, as documented in [Art Club](#).
- **LiFT** ([Linking Families & Teens](#))- “a free 6-hour community retreat designed for **young people** (ages 13–24) **and their supportive adults**”... to “ensure you have the tools to be clear on what **your values** are and how you can maintain them in your home.” Three events are planned for Spring 2026 in Jackson, Macomb, & Whitmore Lake.
- “Train the Trainer Programs”- See the full [13 page list here](#).

What's up with GSAs?

What is a GSA?

(Gay-Straight Alliance, Gender & Sexuality Alliance, Queer Straight Alliance, Sexuality and Gender Alliance, etc.)

A student-driven club for LGBTQ+ students & allies that plays a huge role in making schools safer and more supportive!

Email info@moash.org if you have questions, need support, or would like to register your GSA

What do GSAs do?

GSAs can do lots of stuff!

- > Be a safer space for students to get support
- > Be a social space to make friends & hang out
- > Advocate through educating & working to improve school climate

You can have speakers, plan events, coordinate school campaigns, participate in awareness days like Day of Silence, and more

How do I start one?

- 01 Find an adult advisor (teacher or counselor) & get approval from administration
- 02 Choose a room and consistent day & time - most GSAs meet weekly
- 03 Do outreach so students come! (School announcements, flyers, social media)
- 04 Register your GSA at GSA Network & GLSEN to get free stuff

GSAs around Lansing will have events together too!

You have a legal right to start a GSA!

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Overcoming Evil with Good: What You Can do

————— *“Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good” ~ Romans 12:21*

- **Engage your local School Board:** /attend meetings; consider running for school board; apply to be on the sex ed advisory board; get to know school board members and have conversations with them; look for MOASH stickers in the school.
- **Engage your County Commission & City Council:** Attend meetings, build relationships, and look for grants and public health programs involving MOASH
- **Contact your State Legislators:** Ask them to adopt policy that prohibits MDHHS or any state agencies or departments from giving grants, contracts, or any public funds to organizations that promote cross-gender services for children or that undermine the natural fundamental right of parents to direct and control the care and upbringing of their children as it pertains to sexual and mental health.
- **Contact your Federal Legislators:** Ask them to defund MOASH through policy that prohibits MDHHS and other state recipients from giving federal funds to organizations that promote cross-gender services for children or that undermine the natural fundamental right of parents to direct and control the care and upbringing of their children as it pertains to sexual and mental health.
- **Vote** for candidates who best share your values. Personnel is policy.
- **Tell two or more friends and get them to join you!**