

## Justice in Action -- Convening for LGBTQ+ Youth -- Interested Voices WANTED!

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**What?** Along with Lambda Legal, we are planning a forum in 2019 focused specifically on the needs of LGBTQ+ youth. *LGBTQ+ Youth – What They Need Now* will provide a forum for LGBTQ+ youth from across the country to share with policy makers, funders, and corporate influencers what they need to be healthy and successful in 2019 and beyond.

**Why?** LGBTQ+ youth in the United States live, in many ways, in a different and better world – more and more positive representation in media, expanding bans on so-called conversion therapy, and unprecedented access to information among other areas of progress.

Simultaneously, though, our current federal administration is actively damaging LGBTQ+ youth through attempts to erase their identity and promoting discrimination and a heightened rural/urban divide in terms of public and political support. And LGBTQ+ youth still have disproportionately negative health outcomes compared to non-LGBTQ peers and are over-represented in child welfare and juvenile justice systems. More conversation and movement is needed at a national level to protect the rights of LGBTQ+ youth.

**How?** The LGBTQ+ forum will bring together youth, advocates and providers to lift up promising practices and highlight gaps in law and policy protections and resources. We are planning a convening in 2019 and are seeking corporate leaders concerned with the threats to LGBT youth in America today. Leaders and interested parties needed!

Join the team to shape this event --  
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