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The Host Home Program | Cultural Competency Training  
 Faith in Families | Resource Guides | LGBTQ Advocate  
 Learn more at: [www.safeandsupported.org](http://www.safeandsupported.org)



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Equipping Christians to practice reconciliation with the LGBTQ+ community and responding to the spiritual needs of LGBTQ+ Christians

Our programs:

- ▶ Small group Bible Studies for LGBTQ+ and straight friends
- ▶ Training events for pastors and Christian leaders
- ▶ Gay Pride Outreach/Repentance
- ▶ Dialogue Events



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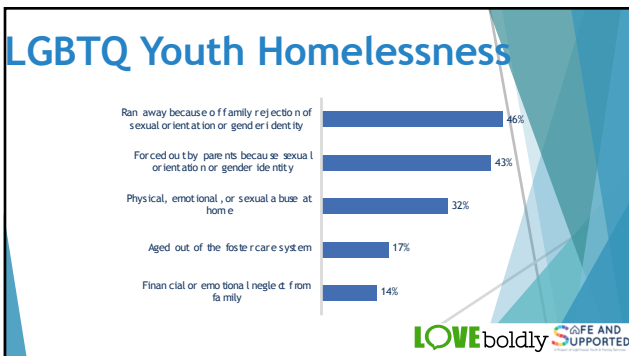
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## Family Rejection

⚠️ CONTENT WARNING ⚠️

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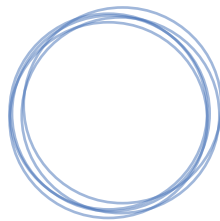
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## Consequences

SUICIDE  
8x More Likely

UNSAFE SEX  
3x More Likely



DRUG USE  
3x More Likely

DEPRESSION  
6x More Likely

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## Awkward First Steps

- ▶ Dealing with biases/fears
- ▶ Challenges to partnership
  - ▶ Institutional Support
  - ▶ Biases/Suspending Suspicion
  - ▶ Finding Common Ground
  - ▶ Perceived Threats from Wider Community
- ▶ Capacity (Time + Resources)

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## REFLECTION #1

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**WHERE WE ARE TODAY**

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## Where We Are Today

- ▶ Program Challenges
  - ▶ Getting New People/Groups in the room
- ▶ Messaging/Terminology
- ▶ Bureaucracy
- ▶ Distrusting Christians/LGBTQ+ People
- ▶ Few Models to Follow
- ▶ Geographic Challenges




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## REFLECTION #2




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## OUTCOMES

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## Pastors' Lunch & Learn

- ▶ 12 attended
- ▶ Training ground for Melissa
- ▶ Connection
- ▶ Positive feedback

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## Youth Pastor's Training

- ▶ Trained 47 youth pastors, pastors, Christian leaders
- ▶ 91% respondents rated the event as good or excellent
- ▶ 87% would recommend it to a friend
- ▶ 53% pledged to take an action step to make their communities safer for LGBTQ+ youth
- ▶ Melissa's presentation favorably received

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## Faith in Families

- ▶ Three programs delivered to 12 attendees
- ▶ Marketing
- ▶ Partnership

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## Finding New Ways to Support Each Other

- ▶ Curriculum Support
- ▶ Sharing information
- ▶ Q Christian Conference
- ▶ Safe and Supported Steering Committee

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## Positive Perception from LGBTQ Community

- ▶ Feedback
- ▶ Fundraising

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## Lighthouse Support

- ▶ Grant Writing
- ▶ Fundraising
- ▶ Approval for Social Marketing Campaign

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**REFLECTION #3**

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**LESSONS  
LEARNED**

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**Lessons Learned**

- ▶ Seek out unlikely partnerships
- ▶ Building expectations/agreements at onset
- ▶ Communication is key
- ▶ Personal transformation

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## Why Do It?

- ▶ Personal Thoughts
- ▶ Stronger Together!





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## REFLECTION #4





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## Thank You

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