

## PRIDE MONTH 2023

LGBTQIA+ folx have a long history of using their words and actions to push for equity and the 'right' to simply exist. Prior to 1970, it was illegal in most North American cities to crossdress and illegal to dance with members of the same gender. Gay and trans folks were subject to police intimidation, harassment, arrest, and imprisonment. The Stonewall Uprising of 1969 began on June 28, 1969 with a police raid at the Stonewall Inn, a bar known to be frequented by queer persons in Greenwich Village. Gay and trans people fought back against the police for six days and nights and such began a catalyst for the Pride Movement. This event was commemorated by the first Pride parades one year later. Changes in local and state laws followed and are still evolving. Given the popularity of Pride events in many localities, the commemoration is the entire month of June, although NYC, Seattle, and San Francisco still have Pride parades on the Sunday closest to June 28, and Pride events occur throughout the year around the world. Read more about the history of Pride here. Over the last year, there has been an exponential increase in legislative attacks against the LGBTQIA+ community. With the celebration and camaraderie that accompanies Pride month, we recognize the significant need for continued advocacy in fighting for the rights of LGBTQIA+ folx nationwide, and urge you to join us in doing our part to create safe and affirming spaces in the field of school psychology. Below is a list of resources and organizations to support our work in this area.

## **Resources for School Psychologists**

- APA LGBTQIA+ Mentoring Program
- APA LGBT Resources and Publications
- APA Div. 44 Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity
- Affirming LGBTQ+ Students in Higher Education (Book)
- <u>Sexuality and Transgender Implicit</u> Association Tests

- NASP LGBTQI2—S Committee
- NASP Resources for Supporting LGBTQ Youth
- NASP Condemns Efforts to Undermine Trans Youth Rights
- GLSEN Model School District Policy on Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students
- CDC Resources for LGBTQ+ Youth

## **Organizations to Follow and Support**



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Human Rights Campaign

The Trevor Project

O Point Foundation

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Safe Zone Project