

What People Say About the Gay Teen Alliance

"The meetings are places where I can relax and be myself. I feel like I can ask questions without being embarrassed."

- "Travis"
a gay teenager

"I got involved so that I could meet other kids my age who understand where I'm coming from."

- "Laura"
a gay teenager

"Being a gay teenager isn't easy. A place where teens can get good advice from adults and peers who understand is important to develop self-esteem. Teens also have support for making good decisions."

- Justin Larson, Past Coordinator
Man-to-Man HIV Prevention Program

"Self-esteem, knowledge and peer support are essential to staying free from HIV infection. The Gay Teen Alliance is a safe and supportive forum for young people with alternative sexual orientations to develop these tools."

Joy Rubey, Past Executive Director
Monterey County AIDS Project

"Groups like GTA can sometimes be the only place a gay or lesbian teen can go to learn the skills they need to take them into adulthood. Gaining a positive sense of self can help them avoid behaviors which might put them at risk for HIV infection."

- Andy Handler
HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator
Monterey County Health Department

"Our teens need a safe place, with good role models. GTA is an important resource in our community."

- Kalah Bumba, Trustee
Salinas Union High School District

"Adolescence is a time for establishing one's identity. Teenagers need a safe environment where they can discuss their sexuality, and the Gay Teen Alliance provides a place where they can interact with support and professional guidance."

- Amy Roth, Ph.D.
Therapist

Contact Information

WHO: Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth ages 14 to 25.

WHEN: 2nd, 4th, & 5th Friday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Monterey; 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Salinas.

WHERE: Due to the confidential nature of the group, we ask that youth use the contact information listed below for location information.

CONTACTS:

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counselors, therapists,
program administrators
and other professionals
who work with youth**