

I will talk about...

lesbian, DRUGS, **parents**, *safer sex*, **ALCOHOL**, school, dating, *violence*, **solutions**, gay, loss, brothers, condoms, options, depression, **hope**, help, *guns*, relationships, bisexual, religion, friends, good times, transgender, **decisions**, sisters, loneliness, suicide, *grief*, GENDER, peer pressure, **faith**, lesbian, DRUGS, **parents**, *safer sex*, **ALCOHOL**, school, dating, *violence*, **solutions**, gay, loss, brothers, condoms, options, depression, **hope**, help, *guns*, relationships, bisexual, religion, friends, good times, transgender, **decisions**, sisters, loneliness, suicide, *grief*, GENDER, peer pressure, **faith**, lesbian, DRUGS, **parents**, *safer sex*, **ALCOHOL**, school, dating, *violence*, **solutions**, gay, loss, brothers, condoms, options, depression, **hope**, help, *guns*, relationships, bisexual, religion, friends, good times, transgender, **decisions**, sisters, loneliness, suicide, *grief*, GENDER, peer pressure, **faith**, lesbian, DRUGS, **parents**, *safer sex*, **ALCOHOL**, school, dating, *violence*, **solutions**, gay, loss, brothers, condoms, options, depression, **hope**, help, *guns*, relationships, bisexual, religion, friends, good times, transgender, **decisions**, sisters, loneliness, suicide,

...AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT!!!!

Inclusive Language

Commonly Used	Most Inclusive	Benefits
<i>Sexual Preference/Choice/Lifestyle</i>	Sexual orientation/Identity	Recognizes the feelings and identity of the individual and that all persons have sexual orientation and gender identity; choice implies failure/wrongness if it is not the “right” choice.
<i>Do you have a girlfriend/boyfriend?</i>	Are you seeing anyone special? Do you have a partner?	Communicates to young person you are open to many responses. Respects that not all people are heterosexual.
<i>Homosexual</i>	Gay, lesbian or bisexual	Homosexuality is a pathologized term that is often used divisively. GLB respects that though similar, the experiences are not the same.
<i>Are you gay/lesbian?</i>	Do you have feelings for anyone? How do you identify?	Recognizes that youth don’t always have our words/language. Creates the space for open/accepting conversation. Avoids labels.
<i>He’s gay/She’s a lesbian</i>	He identifies as gay She identifies as a lesbian	Reduces stigmatization sometimes attached to gay/lesbian labels. Recognizes that orientation is an <i>aspect</i> of the individual, not the whole of the individual.
<i>Gay Marriage</i>	Marriage Equality	Appreciates that the goal is not creation of something new, but right to share <i>existing</i> privileges equal to heterosexual peers.
<i>Flamboyant/Out there</i>	Gender non-conforming/ Gender variant	Appreciates that an individual’s expression of his or her gender may vary from expected behavior based on being classified male or female.
<i>“He-She” “It”</i>	He <u>or</u> She (ask which is preferred); transgender	Honors that not all individuals identify with the biological sex assigned at birth; opens the space for conversation and building relationship

