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As peer support networks, GSAs/QSAs help LGBTQ students overcome feelings of isolation and alienation that are a result of [homophobic](#) and [transphobic bullying](#). They help students begin to feel empowered as they develop a sense of belonging in their school. GSAs/QSAs also help interested students become allies for their LGBTQ peers and provide a safe place to help understand and learn how to offer support.

## External Links

Information and resources on LGBTQ organizations in Alberta and key legislation

### Community Support (7)

[ISMSS](#)  
ISMSS - the Institute for Sexual and Minority Studies provides research and resources...

[Calgary Sexual Health Centre](#)  
Information and FAQ about sexual orientation, homophobia and coming out

[Pride Centre of Edmonton](#)  
Support and information for the LGBTQ community

[OUTreach Southern Alberta](#)  
Resources, education and opportunities for civic engagement and community participati...

[Gay and Lesbian Association of the Peace](#)  
Resources and support for the LGBTQ community of greater Grande Prairie

[Calgary Sexual Health Centre - Understanding Transphobia](#)  
Information on gender identity and understanding transphobia

[Alberta GSA Network](#)  
A repository of resources on GSAs and safe and caring schools



### Key Alberta Legislation (3)