

# CREATING SAFETY FOR GLBTQ YOUTH

Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Would you like to improve your agency's ability to support and nurture young people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender?

**Please join us** at this interactive workshop, sponsored by New Beginnings HIV Prevention Program, Outright Lewiston/Auburn, and the Maine Dept. of Education. The training is designed for staff of shelters, residential programs, and drop-in centers that serve runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth.

**Training objectives:** This is an introductory training for staff who have had limited previous training, or who wish to update their skills. Participants in this interactive workshop will gain knowledge and skills in:

- ▶ Creating a safe and welcoming environment for GLBTQ youth
- ▶ Understanding terminology
- ▶ The coming out process
- ▶ Dealing with homophobia

**Trainers:** Jody Pierce-Glover and Jack Waite from New Beginnings; and Penny Sargent from Outright L/A. Jody and Jack have completed the training-of-trainers program of the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), a national organization promoting safe schools and communities for all youth.

**The workshop is free** of charge and lunch will be provided. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come basis. Please return this form to Mary Ruchinkas, New Beginnings, 436 Main St., Lewiston, ME 04240. You can fax it to New Beginnings at 795-4080, or email your registration info to: [mruchinkas@newbeginmaine.org](mailto:mruchinkas@newbeginmaine.org).



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Special Needs (dietary or other): \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration deadline: Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2009**

You will receive a confirmation notice with directions and more details. Questions?? Call Mary or Jody at 795-4077