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SUBJECT. EOP – GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER AWARENESS EVENT

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PURPOSE. To distribute information regarding the 7th Annual Iowa Governors Conference on March 8, 2012.

EXPIRATION DATE. September 30, 2013

All students deserve a safe and supportive place in which to learn including those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ). For many LGBTQ youth, school can be a terrifying place due to bullying, harassment, and discrimination. In order to eliminate bullying in Iowa schools and create leadership opportunities for LGBTQ youth, Iowa Safe Schools founded the Annual Iowa Governors' Conference on LGBTQ Youth.

Founded in 2006, the Governors Conference is the only event of its kind nationally. Over 500 individuals from nearly 90 Iowa communities attend annually including Iowa students, college students, professors, educators, counselors, administrators, policy makers, parents, faith leaders, youth-serving professionals, and those who just care about the well being of LGBTQ youth.

If you are interested in participating at this year's conference, click the following link for more information, http://iowasafeschools.org/component/option,com_frontpage/Itemid,1/.

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All attendees must make a reservation, due to limited space. Employees are encouraged to attend this conference and will be authorized 8 hours of official time to attend the meeting. Prior approval from your supervisor is required. No overtime or compensatory time is to be incurred. No government expenses are authorized in connection with attendance at this conference. Government vehicles are not to be used for transportation. If you have questions regarding the program, please contact Laurel Foreman, GLBT SEPM, at Laurel.Foreman@ia.usda.gov or (515) 323-2291.

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