

# 2019 ACTION PLAN

QUEER UNITY EMPOWERMENT SUPPORT TEAM

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## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Host and facilitate a maximum of (4) intra-community conversations for LGBTQIA+ folks only.



Facilitate at least 10 trainings for Greater Waterbury's children, youth and families service providers.



Facilitate a Family Engagement Series for parents of LGBTQIA+ youth in need of information and strategies to best support their child/ren.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

Host quarterly Gatherings, inviting community members to build relationships with fellow residents, QUEST staff and board members and engage in transparent conversation about successes and opportunities.



Organize district-wide GSA Collaborative Action Networks (CANs) for all of Greater Waterbury with the objective of providing the necessary supports for improving and/or creating a GSA in every high school by the end of 2020.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

To host a queer youth-centered social/support group (13-18) and create a space that is safe, inclusive, fun and meaningful.



To support the creation of culturally competent Parent Support Groups for parents of LGBTQIA+ children.



To identify local resources that provide LGBTQIA-specific and/or competent services and create an online catalog of those services approved by residents.

## LOCAL ADVOCACY

QUEST to recruit and establish a 'Queer Youth Council' led by Waterbury youth (11-18). Council is to spearhead their own youth-centered projects in response to the needs identified by the 2018 Needs Assessment.



QUEST is to work closely with the Board of Education with respect to policy changes relevant to Waterbury queer students including: comprehensive anti-bullying policies and practices, inclusive sexual education & mandated professional development (i.e., LGBTQIA+ cultural competency training ) for all teachers, staff, school administration and the Board of Education.

