

# Step In, Speak Up!

**Step In, Speak Up!** is an interactive role-play simulation for educators that builds understanding and appreciation for the challenges faced by LGBTQ youth, and prepares users to lead real-life conversations with students to curtail harassment and support those who may be struggling as a result of bullying or isolation.

## Learning Objectives

- ✓ Understand the definitions of the LGBTQ acronym, the challenges faced by LGBTQ students, and the importance of creating an inclusive and supportive academic environment for LGBTQ students
- ✓ Learn to respond when someone makes a biased comment or express prejudice towards LGBTQ students
- ✓ Learn to respond supportively when a student comes out as LGBTQ
- ✓ Identify warning signs of distress, including verbal, behavioral, and situational clues
- ✓ Connect students who may be in distress with campus support services
- ✓ Understand the school's available resources to support LGBTQ students



Learners interact with Virtual Humans through interactive conversations



### Market

PK-12 and Government/Non-Profit



### Audience

Educator



### Topic

LGBTQ+ and Violence/Bullying Prevention



### Duration

30 Minutes



## Overview

Educators have a powerful role to play in setting a tone of respect for all students. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 10% of high school students identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or unsure; these students face much higher rates of bullying, feelings of hopelessness, suicidal thoughts and attempts, and absence from school due to feeling unsafe.

Adopted by state agencies, schools, and school districts nationally, this research-proven online, CE-certified solution cost-effectively drives sustainable changes in behaviors that support the goals of student connectedness, school climate, and safety. Users have access to customized national, local, and school-specific resources in addition to simulation content.



## Features

- ✓ Fully-hosted solution deployed to users in less than one week
- ✓ Technical assistance and outreach templates to drive adoption
- ✓ Usage reports and customizable online surveys to support program evaluation
- ✓ Customizable list of local and national mental health and LGBTQ+ support resources
- ✓ Discussion guides to support blended delivery with in-person workshops

*“The accuracy of the simulation, including the intentional humanization of its virtual students and educators, as well as the true to life interactions we play through within the program, is where Step In, Speak Up! shines.”*

**– Tyler Ford, award-winning nonbinary advocate, writer, speaker, and founding editor of *Them***



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