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GSA Network encourages students to get involved in changing California by advocating for student rights in state legislation, advocating for implementation of the current non-discrimination law, and engaging in a variety of different activities each year, including calling and writing letters to your legislators, attending our GSA Advocacy & Youth Leadership Academy and Queer Youth Advocacy Day, and joining our Statewide Advocacy Council.

You can change California! Here's how:

1. **Get Involved in the Political System**
[Stand Up & Speak Out](#)

[1] is our guide for how you can get involved in the political process right now!

2. **Attend an Event**

Attending and participating in GSA Advocacy & Youth Leadership Academy ([GAYLA](#) [2]) and Queer Youth Advocacy Day ([QYAD](#) [3]) will enter you into our advocacy pipeline of students and make you eligible to become a member of our [Statewide Advocacy Council](#) [4].

3. **Change Laws**

GSA Network and youth like you have helped shape the law in California by working to secure the passage of a number of state laws related to schools. Check out a history of our work to [Change the Law](#). [5] You can also make your voice through our Legislative Actions, which teach you how to call, write letters, or email your legislators.

4. **Change Policies**

We are currently working to change administrative policy related to transgender and gender non-conforming students at the state level with both the California Department of Education and the California School Boards Association. Learn how you can help us in our work to [Change Policy](#) [6] throughout California. Let us know if you have experienced harassment or discrimination at your school and filed a complaint, or if your school policy complies with state law. We can work together to ensure the California Department of Education enforces the law.

5. **Learn about our Statewide Coalitions**

GSA Network works to promote safety, health, and educational equity for LGBT youth through several [statewide coalitions](#) [7] including the California Safe Schools Coalition, the Campaign for Quality Education, and the LGBT Health and Human Services Network.

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