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Documentary stories from the gay experience

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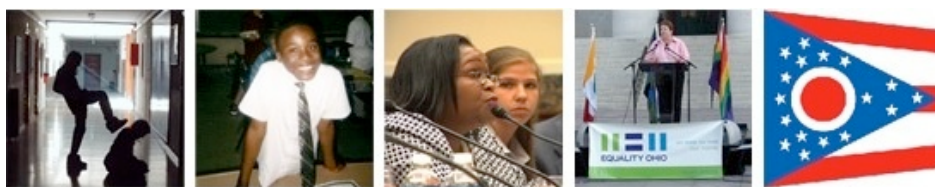
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NEXT MONTH ON IN THE LIFE: “BULLYCIDES” A GROWING NATIONAL HEALTH CRISIS



New York, NY February 23, 2009 -- Many consider the acts of teasing, taunting and name-calling to be adolescent rites of passage--par for the course on the path to adulthood for our country's youth. Truth is, this behavior is more than mere child's play, it can produce potentially fatal consequences.

This March, IN THE LIFE airs the provocative segment: “Bullycides,” a term recently coined to address the national health crisis of young people taking their own lives as the result of bullying.

Studies show that youth who are bullied are five times more likely to be depressed and to report suicidal thoughts. LGBT children and those who are perceived to be gay, lesbian or challenge traditional gender roles are among those most likely to be targeted. In this look at the most tragic outcome for kids tormented by kids, we meet heartbroken families fighting for passage of comprehensive anti-bullying legislation to protect their children.

IN THE LIFE will also premier “In The States,” a feature focusing on the struggle for LGBT civil rights at the state level. In its first installment, IN THE LIFE travels to Ohio, a state ranked among the worst for LGBT rights.

Ohio legislators not only banned same sex marriages but barred unmarried state employees from receiving benefits for domestic partners; transgender Ohioans lack basic civil rights including the right to correct their birth certificates and LGBT people can be legally fired from their jobs because of their sexual orientation and gender identity. In this look at the gay experience in the heartland, we meet locals with deep ties to their community organizing for equal rights.

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THE RIGHT TO LIVE will begin airing March 1st and be available for free video streaming and downloadable podcasts from the IN THE LIFE website. To find out when it will air in your local area, to stream or download it, go to www.inthelifetv.org.

About In The Life Media

In The Life Media produces change through innovative media that exposes social injustice by chronicling lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender life and providing our audiences with effective ways to advance equality within and beyond our communities.

About IN THE LIFE

Produced by In The Life Media, IN THE LIFE is the longest running television show documenting the gay experience. IN THE LIFE is a three-time Emmy Award nominee, a Lambda Legal Liberty Award honoree, and the recipient of the Courage Award from the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project.

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