

## **CANVAS: Creating Affirming Spaces for Youth YES! Workshop Scenarios for Discussion**

Scenario 1: You hear another parent using homophobic, transphobic and misogynistic slurs in reference to another student at your child's school. Though it appears that they haven't said anything derogatory to the youth directly, they don't go out of their way to hide their animosity.

Scenario 2: Your teenaged trans daughter shares that close relatives refuse to use her proper name and pronouns. She has been out for almost a year and is still being purposefully misgendered. You are not sure how to address this.

Scenario 3: Your 10 year-old son comes out to you as gay, but your first instinct is to tell him that he is too young to know that. You can tell that your reaction has hurt him but you don't know what to say.

Scenario 4: Your 12 year-old child tells you that they recently learned about gender neutral pronouns at school. They have some friends who are starting to use them and would like to try using them as well. They ask if you can use they/them pronouns for them.

Scenario 5: When your pre-teen child comes out to you as trans, they tell you that they want to change their birth name to something that they are more comfortable with. They ask that you refer to them by their chosen name going forward. You feel hurt by their decision but want to find a way to be supportive.

Scenario 6: You suspect that your child might not be straight, but they're not yet out to you or anyone in your household. You want to make sure they feel supported but you don't want to force them "out" before they are ready.

Scenario 7: Your child's friend recently came out as trans, you and your child are supportive but you notice that they are starting to spend more and more time at your house and not wanting to go home. Your child tells you that it is because their friend's parents are transphobic and they are not allowed to be themselves at home.

Scenario 8: Your 14 year-old daughter tells you that she has a girlfriend and wants to bring her home to meet the extended family. You are worried about what the rest of the family might think and ask if she can introduce her as her friend instead. She refuses, saying that her older brother had girlfriends when he was 14, so she should be given the same rules.

Scenario 9: Your 9 year old son is being bullied by other children for being "girly" and others are calling him gay. He asks you whether it's bad to be gay since the kids are using it as an insult against him.