

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Although this toolkit focuses on the problems transgender and gender-nonconforming youth face in schools, a host of other challenges exist outside the classroom. Too often, transgender youth are kicked out of their homes after they come out to their family, or endure mental or physical abuse that may lead them to run away from home. Homeless transgender youth may discover that shelters don't respect their gender identity. Mistreatment in foster care placements and juvenile justice facilities is common. Problems with police harassment; discrimination in employment, housing and public benefits; and trouble obtaining identity documents bearing the correct information may create yet more hardships. Transgender youth facing these and related problems are encouraged to consult the Resources list at the end of this toolkit and to contact Lambda Legal for assistance.

