

SUMMARY OF CONCERNS

Provision

FACT: The [Alberta GSA Network](#) website, funded and recommended by Alberta Education and [organized by](#) the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services (iSMSS), provided children with 66 "community support" links, including links to several adult-oriented Facebook groups with significant amounts of [sexually graphic content](#). This entire section of community supports has now been removed.

Whether through intentional action or negligent incompetence, any organization or individual responsible for directing K-12 schoolchildren to sexually graphic material, especially funded by taxpayer dollars under the guise of "support", should no longer be entrusted with the care of children or any role in our K-12 education system.

Legitimization

FACT: A Director of iSMSS, Dr. Andre Grace, [publicly legitimizes](#) use of [Zebra: Sex from A-Z](#) cards for use with an audience of street-involved and homeless sexual gender minority youth in the work he does as Director of the CHEW Project (Comprehensive Health Education Workers Project).

Any individual or organization who legitimizes the use of such a sexually graphic, derogatory resource for any audience of youth demonstrates a lack of discretion, discernment and sensitivity to the needs of youth and should no longer be entrusted with the care of children or any role in our K-12 education system.

Solicitation

FACT: The Alberta GSA Network solicits K-12 children to [register with personal information details](#) in order to receive "other community supports".

Children in schools are a captive, impressionable audience. No individual or organization should be permitted to solicit children in schools to sign up to their network and collect personal identifying information from students (including name, school, age, email address, etc.) in order for children to receive future communications, especially for the purposes of further networking with outside individuals/organizations. No such solicitation or collection of personal information should happen anytime during school hours, whether through curricular or noncurricular time, outside the knowledge and notification of legal guardians.

QUESTIONS

- Why is Alberta Education still [recommending](#) and entrusting the same organization with care and authority over children in schools when this organization has severely violated the public trust by directing children to sexually graphic material?
- Why is an organization who failed to properly vet publicly available community supports still entrusted with providing community supports privately to students?
- Why are organizations permitted to solicit children in schools to register for their networks and then privately provide communication, supports and information to K-12 children outside the knowledge and notification of legal guardians?

Join the Alberta GSA Network.

Register your GSA to be listed on the map! Registering your GSA on our map makes it easier for Alberta students to find and join your GSA and helps GSAs connect with one another. It also helps the GSA Coordinators in Alberta to promote school events and provide other community supports.

Name

Email

What is your school name?

What is your GSA/QSA club name?

What town/city is your school located?

What is the link to your GSA's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or webpage?

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What is the link to your GSA's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or webpage?

What grade does your school have?

Elementary 

What kind of activities does your club offer?

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