Did you know that recent research on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth shows that:

- Gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth in Brooklyn are more likely to experience violence, drink alcohol; and use marijuana compared to their heterosexual peers.
- 77% of LGBTQ youth nationwide report receiving unwanted sexual comments, jokes and gestures.
- 73% of LGBTQ youth nationwide have experienced verbal threats because of their actual or perceived LGBTQ identity.

Community rejection and lack of affirming, safe spaces leads LGBTQ youth to devalue themselves, feel isolated, and alone. Community and family acceptance promotes mental and physical health and prevents substance misuse.

What is the Brooklyn YAS Coalition?

We are a group of non-profit organizations, government agencies, community members, and youth focused on addressing LGBTQ+ youth substance misuse in Crown Heights, Flatbush and East Flatbush.

How are we working to create change?

- Promoting community acceptance through social marketing campaigns
- Holding workshops on family acceptance
- Conducting LGBTQ+ training with small businesses
- Offering care coordination to LGBTQ+ youth to connect them to community resources like job training
- Organizing events that bring the community together

We invite YOU - to be an ally and take action to foster acceptance of LGBTQ+ youth. We meet monthly and offer educational and networking opportunities to our members and workshops for organizations, businesses, and the community.

To get involved - contact Lisa Koffler (347) 889-1326. elisek@camba.org; Visit CAMBA.org/programs/brooklyn- yas/ to learn more.

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I am your gym instructor and I am gay.

I am your neighbor and I am nonbinary.

I am your salesperson and I am transgender.

I am your classmate and I am a lesbian.

We are Brooklyn.

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