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Rite of Passage programs are committed to providing safe spaces for all youth, including LGBT youth in our programs and community. A Safe Space is a welcoming, supportive and safe environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students. To coincide with PRIDE in Northern Nevada, students at Sierra Sage Academy focused its efforts on creating “A Safe Space” by becoming effective allies to the LGBT students in their school and community by hosting a series of workshops.

Sierra Sage Academy students facilitated Ally 101 workshops that focused on how to become a positive support for their LGBT peers.

The Ally 101 workshops are based in research that has demonstrated that LGBT students with more support feel safer at school, skip fewer classes and earn higher grades. SSA students are making a positive difference for their LGBT peers, so they know that they are supported by their peers and the adults in their lives.

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