

Kevin Jennings

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The last pages contain a summary by Richard Cohen of the International Healing Foundation and the Revolution of Love blog site. Below is Richard Cohen's introduction:

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Kevin Jennings – U.S. Department of Education Safe School Czar, and Founder of Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network We have discussed why homosexual activists fight for special rights. They are wounded men and women as a result of factors which led to their same-sex attractions (SSA) and painful social prejudice. It is understandable that they needed to find safety and love since the social institutions (i.e., educational system, religious institutions) that should have protected and offered them hope for healing only added to their pain and alienation.

Once you have this information, you can then make your own determination if this is the person you want in charge of “school safety”.

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The Long March of Kevin Jennings

By [Robert Weissberg](#)

An Obama appointee has attracted unwelcome media attention, namely Kevin Jennings his erstwhile Czar for school safety. The triggering incident was that he once counseled a 15 year engaged in homosexual sex with an older man to wear a condom versus reporting the statutory rape to the police. Though this lapse is horrific enough, matters are far worse. To appoint Jennings to reduce school violence is, to exaggerate only slightly, the equivalent of making the town pyromaniac Fire Chief. He will unlikely reduce school crime; the opposite is more likely -- he will discover ever more "crime" and in the process help impose the gay agenda. For Jennings, battling crime means teaching youngsters that Alexander Hamilton was gay. Don't laugh -- you'll see.

Let's start with school crime. Statistics are, admittedly, somewhat imprecise, but according to the Department of Justice, school crime has been dropping sharply since 1992. In 1992, for example, some 198,000 crimes on school grounds were reported, but by 2006 the figure had fallen to 87,000. "Serious violent" crimes went from 40,700 to 30,170. The decline was even steeper in crimes off schools grounds -- the total rate per 1000 in 1992 was 7.1 compared to 3.0 in 2006[1].

Of the utmost importance for anxious parents, much of this serious crime is disproportionately concentrated in urban schools with large minority populations. Make no mistake, school crime is deadly serious, as the recent wave of Chicago killings testify, but to suggest that millions of youngsters nationwide daily risk danger grossly exaggerates. Moreover, the historical and still effective solution to shielding junior is to relocate to safer schools (or home school), not flood schools with police. We'd guess that if America's educational woes were ranked, protection from personally experienced criminality would be fairly far down the list. "School crime" is hardly a pressing national issue and where it does erupt, humdrum policing is the correct response.

So, if violent school crime is largely an inner-city problem, and Washington wants to reduce it, whom do you call? Bring Dirty Harry out of retirement, ship him to Chicago where he can ask local toughs if this is their lucky day? How about Rudy Giuliani? Surely somebody with a crime-fighting background would be the logical choice. Unfortunately for those parents who worry about their children's safety, on a crime-fighting scale of 1 to 5, Kevin Jennings is a minus 10.

Some personal background. Kevin Jennings rose to prominence via the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educational Alliance (GLSEN), originally a group of gay teachers founded in 1990.[2] It went national in 1995 with a large staff and a paid director (Jennings), and has profited immensely from its close relationship with the powerful National Educational Association (NEA) and similar liberal educational groups. It is not to be messed with -- at last count it included some 2500 local chapters and by 2006 it had prompted annual Days of Silence with two million students to draw attention to gay students. Their energetic intrusion in schools has ranged from threats of litigation to prodding schools to make October the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) Month. For those unaware, November 28th is now Transgender Day of Remembrance, so be prepared to explain some novel anatomical details when your 9th-grader asks a few questions.

But, it is one thing to create an organization dedicated to appreciate yet one more under-appreciated sliver of the population, but quite another to prod authorities to vigorously protect this sliver. With Jennings at the helm, GLSEN has performed brilliantly thanks to exploiting the patina of social science. With NEA cooperation, he has regularly conducted a "scientific" poll asking self-defined gay students about personal tribulations and the official responses to perceived slights, bullying, snide remarks, being roughed up or anything else possibly inflicting emotional distress. Questions then follow about whether school authorities remedied the alleged abuse. In an instant, *voilà*, perfect justification for state intervention is created -- young gays everywhere are suffering and school officials stand idly by.

In 2000, for example, some two-thirds of LGBT students taking the survey reported having been made uncomfortable because of their sexuality, 42% reported more serious harassment and five years later, the assault on gay students had not improved -- three-quarters had encountered derogatory remarks (e.g., "you're so gay") and a fifth reported some form of physical abuse. Overall, many gay students felt unsafe in their schools, no small matter since, according to GLSEN, there are between 2.25 and 2.75 million gay students in American schools. It gets worse: not only do teachers fail to protect these at-risk students, but a quarter of these students heard teachers or staff members make disparaging comments. Now that this poll is being conducted online with privacy protected passwords, we can only expect more reported animosity directed at this two million plus group of students.

Jennings and his allies have artfully constructed a highly deceptive picture. It is all about impressions, feelings about murky incidents and, of the utmost importance, the accused are not permitted their day in court, even if the incident entailed physical contact (nor are gay-on-gay incidents treated separately). Absolutely everything is unsubstantiated accusation. To the overly sensitive, especially those conspicuously celebrating sexual identity, life itself becomes one travail after the next. Moreover, none of these self-reports necessarily entail illegal behavior, a violation of school rules or are so damaging to a person's psychological development that they automatically require Washington's 9-1-1 intervention (if anti-gay actions were illegal they would be reported to the police and subject to investigation, a process that may not be welcome by those screaming that the sky is falling).

The government's own 2003 study of school-based "hatefulness" reported that sexual orientation comments were exceedingly rare -- just 1.3% of all students ever encountered such remarks. A more clear-eyed assessment is that troubling social interactions are endemic within this age group -- just ask any awkward adolescent about surviving, and one will undoubtedly hear a tale of unrelenting woe, regardless of sexual identification.

But, thankfully, Jennings is a practical man, so he realizes that American schools cannot be transformed into DDR-like totalitarian institutions where hidden microphones and cameras monitor these hurtful slights and assaults. Nor can teachers be trusted to step in and quell heterosexuality. Jennings instead suggests that this hatefulness be combated by heralding gay contributions to the history of Greece, the Roman Empire, China and every other civilization. In short, gay-flavored multi-culturalism to the rescue. Notable historical figures to make schools more "gay friendly" include Eleanor Roosevelt and, yes, thank you for waiting, Alexander Hamilton. These are his examples and left unsaid is just how their homosexuality has been established.

And rest assured, this is only the beginning, though it is already underway in many school districts. Agenda facilitators are standing by for their marching orders. A recent GLSEN compilation found some fifty-three gay-themed fiction books from mainstream publishers suitable for youngsters to stamp out homophobic "violence." The gender-bending *Pinky and Rex* series offers a dozen child-friendly books suitable for destroying hate in its embryonic stage. As is true for with similar left-wing capture-the-culture campaigns, advocates will be relentless with "show up early, stay late" tactics. The coercive litigation engine is already running -- as a result of *U.S. District Court v. Boyd County of Kentucky et. al.* (2006) consent decree, students in one school district are required to take sensitivity training on the subject of actual or perceived discrimination against gay students. As was true in racial issues, many school districts will probably preemptively surrender rather than fight costly battles.

You don't have to be a weatherman to see which way the wind is blowing. If you thought that GLSEN was an irresistible force with just a few thousand members, just wait until it leverages its power within the White House, the Justice Department and elsewhere. Jennings' appointment is all about homosexual inclusion, not restoring law and order in Chicago or Detroit where it is desperately needed. This is Newspeak deception on a grand scale, and perhaps comparable to using "green jobs" to support radical activism. Does anybody really believe that sending Pinky, a boy who loves the color of pink, and Rex, a girl who loves dinosaurs to quell warfare between the Bloods and the Crips will work?

If anything, forcefully imposing a made-in-Washington homosexual agenda will exacerbate school violence. Just wait until a bunch of seventh graders suffer their first Transgender Day of Remembrance while being compelled to hear how closeted queers made America great. Sensible parents, even liberals will jump ship regarding public schools while dedicated teachers will complain even more loudly how students loathe school. Keep in mind that aversion to homosexuality is endemic among youngsters, so "outing" reluctant classmates will provide a cornucopia of fresh targets. Jennings and his assistants may well complain of sabotage and unleash the Justice Department, even threatening to hold up federal school aid unless "rampages" against gay students are halted.

One last note on the vetting process. A disinterested outsider reviewing GLSEN's dubious findings and recommendations would have smelled trouble. Regardless of heartfelt purpose, Jennings and company are guilty of crude, sometimes dishonest, advocacy, to advance a widely detested sexual agenda. While nothing counsels banishing Jennings and his co-workers, inviting them inside the government will legitimize such tactics, or at least be viewed as an attempt to legitimize them. A wise advisor would have said, "Look Mr. President, I realize that while you must satisfy your gay constituency, sooner or latter Jennings and his machinations will be exposed, and people will ask questions, and do you really want to defend somebody who claims that Alexander Hamilton was gay and that teaching youngsters about this will calm disorderly schools?" Obviously, that day has arrived.

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[1] U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1992-2006. Table S2.1

[2] This analysis is drawn from Robert Weissberg, *Pernicious Tolerance: How Teaching 'to accept differences' Undermines Civil Society*. New Brunswick, NJ: Transactions Publishers, 2008.



GOP calls continue for Jennings' dismissal

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An Iowa congressman is among a group of 53 Republican members of Congress who have sent a letter to President Obama urging him to fire controversial "safe schools" czar Kevin Jennings.

Jennings is the homosexual activist who now heads up the Education Department's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. [As previously reported](#), Congressman Steve King (R-Iowa) had already sent a letter to the president urging him to fire Jennings, founder of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). Other groups such as [Family Research Council](#) have advocated similar action.

But now King has penned a new letter, signed by 52 of his colleagues, that he hopes will influence the administration -- which has so far remained steadfast in its support of the controversial czar. The 53 GOP lawmakers wrote: "It is clear that Mr. Jennings lacks the appropriate qualifications and ethical standards to serve in this capacity."



King included in the letter an example of the troubling attitude Jennings displayed while counseling a 15-year-old boy in Massachusetts in 1990s.



"As a teacher in a Massachusetts school, [he] counseled -- by his description -- a 15-year-old boy who was having sexual relations with one or more adult men at the bus stop restroom," the congressman explains. "His only counseling [advice] was, I hope you used a condom. [That] tells you about his attitude."

King went on to write in the letter that "Mr. Jennings cannot serve as the 'safe schools' czar when his record demonstrates a willingness to overlook the sexual abuse of a child."

He and his colleagues have urged Obama to remove Jennings immediately.



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Defense launched for kids sex books

Library group official: Jennings critics 'undermining' democracy

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The chairman of the [American Library Association's](#) Intellectual Freedom Committee has launched a defense of Kevin Jennings and the sexually explicit books recommended for children by the homosexual advocacy organization that Jennings started, the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network.



Kevin Jennings

"Though Jennings' and GLSEN's critics claim to be upholding

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American morals and values by condemning the GLSEN book list, they are actually undermining the values of tolerance, free inquiry, and self-determination that inform and sustain our democratic way of life in the United States," said Martin Garnar in a statement.

"Stigmatizing particular ideas and engaging in unfounded personal attacks in an effort to censor and suppress opposing opinions and ideas is the antithesis of intellectual freedom, especially when done to discourage and prevent individuals from accessing or considering those opinions and ideas," he wrote.

(Story continues below)

The issue of Jennings homosexual advocacy and the work of the group he founded has been a focal point in recent months because of his appointment in the Obama administration to head the Department of Education's Office of Safe Schools, where he sets "safety" policy for the nation's millions of public school children.

Jennings in the past has described how he adopted the use of the word "safe" to facilitate the promotion of homosexuality in schools throughout Massachusetts.

WND has reported on that issue and his influence over [a conference for teachers and children that included instruction in various homosexual acts such as "fisting," multiple efforts at the congressional level to have him removed,](#) his responsiveness when [a porn publisher asked for his help in writing a book,](#) his [financial sponsorship of radical homosexual art and his membership in the sometimes-violent radical Act Up homosexual organization.](#)

[The issue of the books the Jennings-founded GLSEN recommends for children also has been the subject of reports.](#)

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According to a report posted online by Jim Hoft at the Gateway Pundit blog after it was obtained from Breitbart.[tv](http://www.breitbart.com) co-founder Scott Baker, GLSEN recommendations include "explicit descriptions of sex acts between preschoolers; stories that seemed to promote and recommend child-adult sexual relationships; stories of public masturbation, anal sex in restrooms, affairs between students and teachers, five-year-olds playing sex games, semen flying through the air."

"One memoir even praised becoming a prostitute as a way to increase one's self-esteem. Above all, the books seemed to have less to do with promoting tolerance than with an unabashed attempt to indoctrinate students into a hyper-sexualized worldview," the report said.

The team that produced the report reviewed only a handful of the more than 100 titles recommended by GLSEN for children, including "Queer 13," "Being Different," "The Full Spectrum," "Revolutionary Voices," "Reflections of a Rock Lobster," "Passages of Pride," "Growing Up Gay–Growing Up Lesbian," "The Order of the Poison Oak," "In Your Face," "Mama's Boy, Preacher's Son" and "Love & Sex: Ten Stories of Truth."

"What we discovered shocked us. We were flabbergasted. Rendered speechless," the report said.

"Read the passages ... and judge for yourself ... The language is explicit, the intent is clear," the report said.

Although many passages cannot be included in the WND report, one said: "I released his arms. They glided around my neck, pulling my head down to his. I stretched full length on top of him, our heads touching. Our heavy [breathing](#) from the struggle gradually subsided. I felt ..."

What follows in "Growing Up Gay–Growing Up Lesbian" by Malcolm Boyd is a "graphic description" of a homosexual encounter.

"It's about deciding what constitutes appropriate reading material for children. We're perfectly OK with these books *existing* and being read by adults; we only start to worry when these books are assigned to children," the report said.

"According to Kevin Jennings and GLSEN, books about a 13-year-old getting 'my c--- sucked and my a-- f-----' are not just acceptable, they're highly recommended," the report said.

Another excerpt from GLSEN's recommended reading list said, "Soon I was spending a [great deal](#) of time hanging out in shopping malls and cruising the rest rooms for sexual encounters."

Garnar, however, said those who object to the material on the list "strike at the core of our democracy."

"There are those who challenge the right to read and speak freely, believing that certain ideas and opinions have no place in our common discourse because they find them to be offensive, harmful, or even dangerous. They believe that certain institutions, even society itself, will be endangered if particular ideas are disseminated without restriction," he wrote. "The most recent example of this behavior can be found in the ongoing campaign against Kevin Jennings, the Assistant Deputy Secretary for the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, attacking him because GLSEN, an organization he founded but with which he is no longer affiliated, publishes a list of literary works that touch on gay themes. These attacks seek to stigmatize Jennings and GLSEN for providing information for those who are interested in gay-positive books and materials for youth and adults alike."

Regina Griggs, national director of Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays, called Garnar out on his statement immediately.

"In keeping with your statement of opposing the censorship of controversial or objectionable information, please issue a statement that the ALA does not support censorship or banning of ex-gay books," she said in an [e-mail](#).

But there was no response from Garnar.

Contacted by WND, Deborah Caldwell-Stone, the ALA's assistant director in the office for intellectual freedom, said the organization will "respond to particular censorship and challenge issues."

Garnar's statement, she said, is "specifically about the book list on the GLSEN website."

When asked if the ALA would support inclusion of ex-gay books in school libraries, she deflected the question, citing a specific incident in which a librarian reportedly was censoring ex-gay books from library shelves in West Bend, Wis.

"They had purchased two ex-gay books and added them to their collection," Caldwell-Stone said of the controversy.

Griggs agreed the books were added to the adult section, but the same library refused "to respond to our request to accept our donation for the children's book section," she noted.

"PFOX offered to donate this ex-gay children's book (Alfie's [Home](#) by Richard Cohen), so there is no issue of [budget](#) money," she said.

She said there were other instances, too.

In the Arlington County, Va., schools, for example, she said the library accepted pro-"gay" books for students, but supervisor Charlie Makela returned ex-"gay" books PFOX had donated.

"We do not believe the books are appropriate for our high school collection," she told Griggs.

"Makela is also the chair of the American Library Association's supervisors' section of the American Association of School Librarians," Griggs noted. "We filed a Virginia FOIA request and discovered that in considering our books, Makela and her library staff had referred to the ex-'gay' books as 'self-loathing,' conveying 'psychological damage' to students, and 'intolerant.'"

Those remarks, Griggs said, "bely their claim of neutrality."

WND also reported that Jennings is being "credited" with the authority of a questionnaire that begins, "What do you think caused your heterosexuality?"

Mass Resistance a pro-family group in Massachusetts, has identified Jennings as the author of the "Heterosexism questionnaire" that has appeared in schools.

In his book, "Becoming Visible," the organization notes, the following questions appear under Jennings' book byline and without any other attribution:

1. What do you think caused your heterosexuality?
2. When and how did you first decide you were heterosexual?
3. Is it possible heterosexuality is a phase you will grow out of?
4. Is it possible you are heterosexual because you fear the same sex?
5. If you have never slept with someone of the same sex, how do you know you wouldn't prefer that? Is it possible you merely need a good gay experience?
6. To whom have you disclosed your heterosexuality? How did they react?
7. Heterosexuality isn't offensive as long as you leave others alone. Why, however, do so many heterosexuals try to seduce others into their orientation?
8. Most child molesters are heterosexual. Do you consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexuals? Heterosexual teachers particularly?
9. Why are heterosexuals so blatant, always making a spectacle of their heterosexuality? Why can't they just be who they are and not flaunt their sexuality by kissing in public, wearing wedding rings, etc.?
10. How can you have a truly satisfying relationship with someone of the opposite sex, given the obvious physical and emotional differences?
11. Heterosexual marriage has total societal support, yet over half of all heterosexuals who marry this year will divorce. Why are there so few successful heterosexual relationships?
12. Given the problems heterosexuals face, would you want your children to be heterosexual? Would you consider aversion

therapy to try to change them?

"They're just flipping reality on its head, denying there even is a normal," said spokeswoman Amy Contrada.

The questions, she said, have been used all over the country since the mid-1990s, with Jennings' book "Becoming Visible," which came out about that time, one of the most utilized source books for pro-homosexual curriculum.

"It's often a first [exercise](#) in 'diversity' training at schools, for both students and staff," according to a Mass Resistance report. "Jennings said the questionnaire was designed to illustrate 'unearned privilege' that accompanies heterosexuality in a heterosexist society."

[Mass Resistance has launched a petition to have Jennings removed,](#) as has [GrassrootsNation](#).

[At the Washington Times](#), a series of editorials addressed worries over Jennings' influence on children.

"Teaching children sexual techniques is simply not appropriate. Unfortunately, it is part of a consistent pattern by some homosexual activists to promote underage homosexuality while pretending that their mission is simply to promote tolerance for so-called alternative lifestyles," the newspaper said.

"It is outrageous that someone involved in this scandal is being paid by the taxpayers to serve in a high-powered position at the Education Department, of all places. At some point, [Education Secretary Arne] Duncan, Mr. Jennings, Obama administration spokesmen and the president himself are going to have to start answering questions about all this. Refusing to do so won't make the issue go away."

In May, [WND broke the news of Jennings' federal appointment](#) to oversee "safety" in the nation's public schools.

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'Czar' promotes explicit school reading lists

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Barack Obama's "safe schools czar" is coming under renewed attack.

[Fox News](#) has picked up on reports that Kevin Jennings, founder of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), has been surrounded by controversy concerning his organization as GLSEN has been accused of visiting middle and high schools where spokespersons engage in explicit sexual discussions with students.

In conjunction with the controversial talks, it has been uncovered that GLSEN has recommended an alleged pornographic reading list for underage students. Exact details of the reading list are too explicit for print, but the material includes frank descriptions and the glorification of adult-on-minor homosexual sex.



Brian Camenker, head of [MassResistance](#), the pro-family organization that first brought these disturbing details to light, is encouraging the public to



contest the progression of this promotion.

"The people of this country really need to understand that this is the mindset of Barack Obama, who by the way was a guest at Kevin Jennings' house during the presidential campaign, and they raised money together," Camenker explains. "So it's not like he doesn't know what this is all about...and people just need to stand up."

MassResistance is circulating an online petition calling for the resignation of Kevin Jennings.

[Columnist Robert Knight](#) contends the Obama administration has unleashed the liberal group Media Matters on Camenker's group in an effort to divert attention from the controversial Jennings appointment.





How to defend an indefensible 'safe schools czar'

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What do you do if you're caught in something shocking, inexcusable and even criminal?

You divert attention by getting someone to attack the messenger: "Don't look at this stuff! Look over there!"

And so, amid the growing scandal surrounding President Obama's "safe schools czar," Kevin Jennings, his defenders have unleashed Media Matters to tar anyone who brings Jennings' shocking record to light. I think it will backfire on them royally when people see what it's all about.

Jennings is the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools at the U. S. Department of Education ([see related story](#)). He founded the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in 1995 and ran it until 2008.

GLSEN promotes homosexuality in schools from grades K-12, organizes gay/straight alliance clubs, and stages disruptive events such as "The Day of Silence" and "Ally Day."

Media Matters (MM) is the far-left group headed by David Brock, the former conservative who wrote exposes of Anita Hill and Bill Clinton but turned to the left after being "outed" as a homosexual. MM purports to fight "conservative bias" in the media. Well, no one said their job was easy.



Last week, MM went after MassResistance.com, a small group of brave people who have taken on the homosexual activist juggernaut in Massachusetts. The good folks at MassResistance have provided rock-solid evidence that Jennings is unfit to be near any school kids, much less be the "safe schools czar." [More than 50 congressmen think so, too](#), and have sent a letter to President Obama demanding that Jennings go.

Media Matters sprang into action when too much about Jennings and GLSEN was getting out in such places as the editorial page of *The Washington Times*, WorldNetDaily.com, BigGovernment.com, and Gateway Pundit. Several have cited MassResistance while revealing GLSEN's predatory track record.

The most shocking evidence is a booklet that was on a table at an April 30, 2005 GLSEN-sponsored seminar at Brookline High School, in Brookline, Massachusetts. Titled *The Little Black Book: V 2.0 Queer in the 21st Century*, the pamphlet is packed with pornographic pictures, obscenities, and advice to kids on how to engage in perverse and dangerous behaviors using all sorts of bodily functions.

Included is a helpful list of the gay bars in Boston where underage teens can become prey for boozed-up, over-21 patrons. The bars' special attractions are listed, including such amenities as strippers and video porn. The booklet was produced by the AIDS Action Committee, Boston, with assistance from the Massachusetts Department of Health and several other publically supported organizations.

Instead of coming to a reasonable conclusion, which is that Obama should get out of this one, pronto, and have Jennings resign, Media Matters went after...

MassResistance and the handful of media that have reported this shocking material. MM brought in their big gun, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the far-left group which falsely identifies several Christian, pro-family organizations as "hate groups" and implies that former CNN show host Lou Dobbs is racist for opposing illegal immigration. The MM website headline says, "Anti-gay hate group MassResistance is source for right-wing media attacks on Jennings."

And the incriminating booklet? Well, MassResistance reports that the booklet was "distributed to hundreds of kids, middle school age and up." MM retorts that Jennings later apologized and criticized the content, and that, besides, GLSEN says there were only 10 copies on a table, and they doubt any kids got hold of them. Oh, well, it must be okay then. Have they *looked* at this booklet?

The booklet is only the tip of the iceberg for Jennings and GLSEN.

GLSEN was also behind the notorious "fistgate" conference at Tufts University in 2000 at which explicit homosexual sex lessons were given to kids as young as 12. Jennings was a keynote speaker. MM's defense? Well, Jennings was "not directly involved" in the graphic portion of the conference, and later "criticized" the content (after they got caught). Oh, well, it must be okay then.

GLSEN's reading list for youngsters has numerous books with graphic sexual content between adults and children, between children and children, and even at least one with *preschoolers* having sex. Even before the most recent exposure of the list, Linda Harvey had published many articles over the last few years on her MissionAmerica.com website detailing the outrageous GLSEN content, as has Peter LaBarbera on his AmericansForTruth.com website.

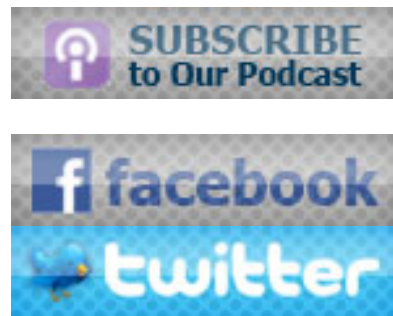
Jennings was once a teacher in Concord, Massachusetts, where he, by his own admission, advised a teen boy on how to have safer sex with an adult male he met at a bus station restroom. He also has written about the joys of using illicit drugs when he was younger, with no meaningful caveats. At a church meeting, he used the f-word to denounce religious conservatives.

So let's recap: Jennings founded and directed GLSEN. The mission of GLSEN, if you go by their reading list and activities, is to introduce young kids and teens to homosexual sex, and the sooner the better, all in the name of "tolerance" and

"safety." A secondary goal is to turn them into homosexual activists themselves.

This is President Obama's "safe schools czar."

What's wrong with this picture?



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Kevin Jennings

“I become ‘Mamma’s boy,” which is, of course, the worst thing any self-respecting Southern male child can be. I can’t remember a time when that wasn’t my name. So I guess there was never a time when I felt like I was a normal boy” (xii).

Today, Kevin Jennings is the Safe School Czar for the U.S. Department of Education (official position: Assistant Deputy Secretary, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools), and he is basically in charge of homosexualizing public schools in America! In his autobiography, *Mama’s Boy, Preacher’s Son* (Beacon Press, 2006), we witness another typical profile of how a sensitive boy developed SSA.

Basic causes of Kevin Jennings’s SSA:

- 1 – Emotionally detached from his father, his role model of masculinity
- 2 – Over-attached to his mother, identifying more with her feminine nature
- 3 – Constant abuse from his older brothers, further disconnecting Kevin from his masculinity
- 4 – Unending mockery from boys at school and in the neighborhood, reinforcing negative masculine identification
- 5 – Religious pathology regarding SSA, constant judgment, causing increased shame and guilt for his SSA feelings, feelings that were merely a symbol of his inner turmoil and unmet needs for healthy masculine love
- 6 – Lack of protection from male teachers and school administrators, increasing masculine wounding
- 7 – Hypersensitive temperament, a beautiful characteristic given by God, yet became a curse because of the unsympathetic environment in which he lived

Kevin’s dad was an angry man, and his “spankings were painful, always featuring his black belt” (p. 50). As a pastor, his father preached “hell and damnation.” Kevin’s father died on his 8th birthday. At the funeral service his mother fainted and Kevin began crying. His older brother Mike barked, “Don’t cry. Be a man. Don’t be a faggot” (p. 19). Kevin stopped crying and learned that being a man meant never showing his emotions, even at his father’s funeral. “Any male who deviated from those standards had a name. That name was *faggot*. That would be me” (p. 19). From Kevin’s brothers he learned: “When people get angry they hit you” (p. 69). He lived in fear of reprisal, while name calling and teasing throughout his childhood was the norm.

Kevin experienced a tormented childhood and a hypersensitive temperament that made his life experiences all the more punishing. He was teased, mocked, and traumatized by his father, older brothers, male cousins, sometimes his mother, and boys at school and in the neighborhood. He did not have the internal strength to fight back; therefore, he internalized all their negative messages. He always felt shameful of: (1) his same-sex attraction, (2) being an “unwanted child,” (3) thinking he

killed his father (Kevin asked his dad to go swimming at the Y on his 8th birthday, and his father had a heart attack and died after taking a dive in the pool!), (4) thinking that he might kill his mother (if he upset her too much), (5) being non-athletic, and (6) being a “geek” because he loved learning and was mocked for this by his peers.

We can easily see why Kevin went on to found the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in order to protect SSA boys and girls in public schools. From elementary through high school, he was continuously mocked: “faggot,” “queer,” “sissy,” “teacher’s pet,” “nerd,” and since he was non-athletic, he was the last one picked for teams in gym class. He was often terrorized on bus trips to and from school (some years, one hour each way), and he was traumatized by boys after getting off the bus.

Gym class was always traumatic, as Kevin was incessantly teased and mocked. His teachers didn’t defend or protect him. Mr. Cultrou, his gym teacher in middle school, saw Kevin looking at another boy in gym class and screamed out in front of everyone, “Stop looking at his legs” (p. 58). Kevin froze while the entire class stared at him. He was publicly humiliated. “I sat there, the eyes of the world fixed on me, burning with shame” (p. 58). “Whether it was intended or unintended, the chief consequence of Mr. Cultrou’s auto-da-fe of my young soul was that the campaign of harassment by my peers now blossomed into full flower, seemingly endorsed and blessed by a teacher” (p. 59). Kevin went to the school guidance counselor for help and he did nothing. This pained young boy would later found GLSEN and become the Safe School Czar for the U.S. Dept. of Education! He’s certainly showing them who’s the boss by teaching all children that people are born with SSA and therefore cannot change, his misguided way of defending himself and others like him.

After graduating from Harvard and becoming a high school history teacher, Kevin learned about a junior high school student, Robbie, who shot himself in the head after experiencing years of taunting and teasing because of his SSA. “I found myself wanting to find every Robbie in the country and tell him it would be okay, to hang on, that school was the worst part and it would be alright when you got out and could make your own path in life. I started thinking that I needed to view every lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender child as if they were *my* children and fight for them as ferociously as parents like Leslie had fought for theirs” (224). Kevin has become the voice for the voiceless; however, he has not healed his own wounds as he fights for others.

Kevin was born on May 8, 1963 and is now 46 years old. If you see a photo of Kevin today, or catch him on TV, you would think that you are looking at a man in his 60s. There may be several reasons for this—unresolved issues from his past, and/or health issues related to homosexual behavior. His appearance is saddening. From “trailer trash,” to Harvard, to history teacher, this brilliant and sensitive man is hurting, and hurting others by propagating false claims about homosexuality. Kevin’s heart is in the right place, but he lacks a truer understanding of what drives his and others SSA.

Conclusion

From looking at the lives of Rosie O’Donnell, Melissa Etheridge, Greg Louganis, John Amaechi, and Kevin Jennings, we clearly see why they developed SSA through no fault of their own. People are *not* born with SSA. The chart below shows the many similarities in their backgrounds. It is obvious that there are predictable causes for same-sex attractions, and therefore a plan for healing and reconciliation—to be discussed by further lessons on our blog.

My heart breaks for each one of these men and women. I cried many tears reading their autobiographies. They are my brothers and sisters, and I love them with all my heart. There is no