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Scenario Learning Expands Suite of Student Wellness Courses

With the dropout rate of LGBT students three times that of heterosexual youth, a new online course helps school staff create safe and positive environments for all students

Cincinnati, Ohio (Nov. 19, 2013) – <u>Scenario Learning</u>, developer of safety and compliance solutions for schools and workplaces, announces the addition of <u>Making Schools Safe for LGBT Students</u> to its suite of student wellness courses. Part of <u>SafeSchools Training</u>, the leading staff training system for K-12 schools, the wellness suite provides expert-authored resources to educate school staff on topics such as self-injury and cutting, youth suicide awareness and prevention, homeless students, and gang awareness.

"When you look at the statistics of LGBT student safety, it's obvious we must do more," said Scenario Learning President and CEO Brian Taylor. "We hope our new course can be a factor in helping to make schools safer for all children, including LGBT students."

According to BullyingStatistics.org, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth are two-to-three times more likely to attempt suicide than any other youth, and 9 out of 10 LGBT teens report being bullied at school. Through the "Making Schools Safe for LGBT Students" course, school staff learn how they can help curb these alarming statistics. Common themes addressed in the course include:

- Challenges faced by students who are LGBT
- Helping students who are LGBT feel safe and respected
- Tips for speaking with students
- Creating a positive school culture

Public schools are required by state and federal law to protect all students from bullying and harassment – both verbal and physical. Schools must take action to investigate

claims of mistreatment and ensure that it stops. Scenario Learning wellness suite courses provide school staff the information necessary to recognize signs of harassment and help students who face harmful social and behavioral challenges that can arise in schools. Course content assists educators in mitigating troublesome behavior and creating an inclusive atmosphere for all students.

Catherine Mattice, president of Civility Partners, LLC, and Walter G. Meyer, critically acclaimed author and anti-bullying expert, co-authored the new SafeSchools Training course, which presents helpful information about LGBT students. Mattice and Meyer are two of the 60 expert authors who work with SafeSchools Training to create the high-quality content that goes into every course.

To learn more about online training courses from Scenario Learning, visit the <u>SafeSchools Training</u> website.

About Scenario Learning

Scenario Learning develops award-winning safety and compliance solutions that help create safer schools and workplaces. The company's web-based product portfolio includes solutions for staff training, bullying reporting and tracking, accident tracking, and (M)SDS management for the education and business markets. Known best for its market-leading SafeSchools suite of K-12 products, Scenario Learning partners with thousands of school districts, insurance providers and businesses around the world. For more information, visit www.scenariolearning.com.