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The **Equity Newsflash** is a monthly announcement featuring news and upcoming events related to supporting the health and wellness of diverse LGBTQ Californians.

Harvey Milk Day

May 22 is Harvey Milk Day

In California, May 22 is recognized as Harvey Milk Day, in honor of the birthday of Harvey Milk, the state's first openly gay elected official. Styled "The Mayor of Castro Street," he sponsored a bill banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in public accommodations, housing, and employment during his eleven months of office on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

*Mr. Milk was assassinated in 1978, and was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009. If you are in the Bay Area, consider attending a **Harvey Milk Day event this week.***



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Image by Harvey Milk Foundation

Excerpt from Harvey Milk's "Hope Speech":

I can't forget the looks on faces of people who've lost hope. Be they gay, be they seniors, be they blacks looking for an almost-impossible job, be they Latins trying to explain their problems and aspirations in a tongue that's foreign to them. I personally will never forget that people are more important than buildings. I use the word "I" because I'm proud. I stand here tonight in front of my gay sisters, brothers and friends because I'm proud of you. I think it's time that we have many legislators who are gay and proud of that fact and do not have to remain in the closet. I think that a gay person, up-front, will not walk away from a responsibility and be afraid of being tossed out of office. After Dade County, I walked among the angry and the frustrated night after night and I looked at their faces. And in San Francisco, three days before Gay Pride Day, a person was killed just because he was gay. And that night, I walked among the sad and the frustrated at City Hall in San Francisco and later that night as they lit candles on Castro Street and stood in silence, reaching out for some symbolic thing that would give them hope. These were strong people, whose faces I knew from the shop, the streets, meetings and people who I never saw before but I knew. They were strong, but even they needed hope.

And the young gay people in the Altoona, Pennsylvanias, and the Richmond, Minnesotas, who are coming out and hear Anita Bryant on television and her story. **The only thing they have to look forward to is hope. And you have to give them hope. Hope for a better world, hope for a better tomorrow, hope for a better place to come to if the pressures at home are too great. Hope that all will be all right. Without hope, not only gays, but the blacks, the seniors, the handicapped, the us'es, the us'es will give up.** And if you help elect to the central committee and other offices, more gay people, that gives a green light to all who feel disenfranchised, a green light to move forward. It means hope to a nation that has given up, because if a gay person makes it, the doors are open to everyone.

So if there is a message I have to give, it is that I've found one overriding thing about my personal election, it's the fact that if a gay person can be elected, it's a green light. And you and you and you, you have to give people hope. Thank you very much.

June is Pride Month

Summer of Pride

In 2018, under Gov. Jerry Brown, California became the [first state](#) to formally recognize June as LGBT Pride Month. Below are just a few of the celebratory events scheduled for this year in June and throughout the summer.

Pride Visalia - May 25	Laguna Beach Pride! 365 - May 31-June 2
Sonoma County Pride - May 31-June 2	Fresno Rainbow Pride Parade & Festival - June 1
Rock Around the Clock Pride Dance (Napa; ages 13-20 only) - June 1	LA Pride Night at Universal Studios Hollywood - June 1
OUT at the Fair (San Diego) - June 1	Sacramento Pride Awards Gala: Summer of Color - June 1
Concord Pride on the Plaza - June 1	Santa Cruz Pride - June 2
LA Pride Festival 2019 - June 8-9	Sacramento Pride - June 8-9
Orange County LGBT Pride - June 22	SF Pride - June 29-30
Castro Valley Pride - July 13	San Diego LGBT Pride Festival - July 13
Pacific Pride Festival (Santa Barbara) - August 24	Silicon Valley Pride Parade and Festival - August 24-25
Stockton Pride - August 25	Oakland Pride - September 8

LGBTQ News and Resources

Gender Health Center is hiring

Gender Health Center in Sacramento is seeking a Counseling Program Manager who will be responsible for administrative management and overseeing service delivery of GHC's in-

house mental health counseling program, as well as delivering trainings that cultivate culturally and linguistically relevant mental health access for trans persons in the Sacramento region for health systems and community agencies.

[View the Job Posting](#)

Explore California's LGBTQ Untold Stories this summer



Now through August 11, view the *Queer California: Untold Stories* exhibit at the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA). Learn about the stories of transgender communities, people of color, women, and other LGBTQ Californians through rarely-seen artifacts and images.

[Learn More About the Exhibit](#)

Political controversies can drive homophobic bullying

A new study of data from nearly 5 million California students finds that controversies over proposed laws involving marginalized groups can contribute to an increase in bullying linked to students identity. The researchers focused on homophobic bullying around Proposition 8.

[Learn More About the Study](#)

New network of Latinx mental health practitioners

The Latinx Therapists Action Network (LTAN) Directory is a directory of licensed, culturally grounded, Latinx mental health practitioners who believe in the human rights of migrant peoples. LTAN is pro-black, pro-woman, pro-queer, pro-trans, pro-working class, pro-differently-abled, pro-indigenous, and pro-immigrant.

[Learn More About LTAN](#)

More Upcoming Events

Skill-building opportunity for LGBTQ community builders



LGBTQ Health & Human Services Convening

[Register](#)

The California LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network will host their convening on **May**

28-29 in Sacramento, CA. This two-day event will support LGBTQ Californians with network building, strengthening relationships, and building skills. Sample sessions include:

- Pathways to Permanency: Dismantling Systems of Care Pipelines
 - Building Transgender Provider Support Networks
 - Delivering Staff Training on Caring for Lesbian and Bisexual Women
 - Just As They Are/Tal Como Son: Helping Latinx Families Support Their LGBTQ Children
 - Trans Justice through Medical-Legal Partnerships
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Upcoming webinar on messaging health equity

[Register](#)

The National Academies report [Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity](#) concluded that health equity is crucial and health inequity is costly. But it can be challenging to effectively communicate the value of health equity and engaging diverse stakeholders. Join the National Academy of Medicine on **June 12**, 12:00-1:30 p.m. PT, for a webinar on "Messaging to Advance Health Equity in Public Policy."

Support transgender youth and their families

2019 Gender Spectrum Conference & Symposium

[Register](#)

Gender Spectrum's 2019 [Professionals' Symposium](#) will be held **July 19** in Moraga, CA. The Professionals' Symposium is designed for individuals who serve transgender, non-binary, and otherwise gender-expansive youth and/or their families. The Symposium is followed by the [Gender Spectrum Conference](#) (July 20-21) for families with transgender, non-binary, and

gender-expansive children and youth.



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