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LGBTQ TA CENTER Newsletter

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Welcome to a new day. Although we continue to grapple with profound challenges--as a nation, within our community, and as individuals--we are uplifted by a renewed sense of hope and optimism for the promise of a new year.

This issue of the LGBTQ TA Center Newsletter focuses on new opportunities related to the California Reducing Disparities Project, learning events for 2021, and positive news for the LGBTQ community.

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In the News



On Day 1, Biden Executive Order Issues LGBTQ Protections

A new Executive Order from President Biden directs federal agencies to assume that discrimination laws apply to sexual orientation and gender identity, and not just race, sex, religion, and national origin. Human Rights Campaign has called it "the most substantive, wide-ranging executive order concerning sexual orientation and gender identity" ever.

[Click to read a summary of the order](#)

Executive Order Lifts Trump-Era Transgender Military Ban

On Monday, President Biden signed an executive order that lifts the previous administration's ban on transgender people serving in the military, prevents servicemembers from being discharged due to gender identity, and orders officials to begin the process of allowing transgender people to serve openly..

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Dr. Rachel Levine Nominated to Serve as Highest-Ranking Transgender Official in Federal Government

President Biden has nominated Pennsylvania's secretary of health to serve as one of the nation's top public health positions. the Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary of Health. In addition to helping lead the nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Levine will be positioned to support policymaking around sexual and reproductive health across federal agencies.

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FDA Approves First Long-Acting HIV Drug Combo

A new two-shot combo, Cabenuva, has been approved as a once-monthly alternative to HIV medications taken daily or multiple times a day. The new combo may be especially helpful for individuals who have difficulty staying on a daily medication regimen due to mental health challenges or other barriers.

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Virtual Events

Tomorrow! Film Screening - The Camouflage Closet

January 28 | 3-5 p.m.

On the 10-year anniversary of the repeal of the U.S. Military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, you are invited to attend a free virtual film screening of the critically acclaimed film *The Camouflage Closet*. The Camouflage Closet features 9 LGBT Veterans who were provided cameras, training, and tools to create video narratives about their experiences with trauma, PTSD, suicide, and recovery.

Join to learn about the mental health needs and resilience of LGBT Veterans and how we can strengthen ties between community-based behavioral health providers and Veterans Affairs care coordinators.

Following the film screening, CARS Team Member and *The Camouflage Closet* Producer Heliana Ramirez, PhD, LISW, will discuss LGBT Veteran mental health and culturally responsive care in a Q&A with the audience.

[Click to register for the free film screening](#)

Starts Tomorrow! Register - Creating Change Conference

January 28-31

For 33 years, the National LGBTQ Task Force has led Creating Change, the largest LGBTQ activist conference in the country. Every year, thousands of people from across the country come together to learn, connect, and resist. At Creating Change, participants sharpen our minds with skills and knowledge, fill our hearts with love and joy, and deepen our commitment to freedom, justice, and equity for all LGBTQ people. Creating Change 2021 virtual for the first time ever.

This event includes day-long institutes for LGBTQ Black, Latinx, API, Indigenous, and white ally participants; workshops on faith leadership, youth leadership, disability leadership, and more; and many other critical LGBTQ activism and activist topics.

[Click to register for Creating Change Conference](#)

Opportunity to join *Let's Connect*: A Seven-Week Communication Skills Building Workshop Series!

Interested in learning how to grow in the way you communicate? San Francisco Community Health Center is starting workshop series for LGBTQ+ folks who are 18+ and living in California on February 6

and February 10! Participants will receive \$10 a session and \$100 after completing a post survey.

When:

-- Saturdays, February 6 through March 20
11 a.m.-1 p.m. (**Cohort 6**) ([Register](#)); or

-- Saturdays, February 6 through March 20
2-4 p.m. (**Cohort 7**) ([Register](#)); or

-- **For 18-28 year-olds / college students:**
Wednesdays, February 10 through March 24
3-5 p.m. (**Cohort 8**) ([Register](#)) ([View Flyer](#))

Where: Zoom link to be provided after completing registration (buttons below)

What: To grow in our communication skills, conflict management, and interpersonal effectiveness through collective learning.

Who: Open to anyone in California who is 18+ and LGBTQ+ and/or gender non-conforming and new to "Let's Connect" (cannot have participated previously).

Questions? Email Xochitl@sfccommunityhealth.org.



Register - 8th Annual Time to THRIVE Conference February 9-11

Time to THRIVE is co-presented by the Human Rights Campaign, National Education Association, and the American Counseling Association, and it attracts a broad range of youth-serving professionals to learn more about promoting safety, inclusion, and well-being for LGBTQ youth.

The annual Time to THRIVE conference provides a comprehensive opportunity for youth-serving professionals to build awareness and cultural competency, learn current and emerging best practices and gather resources from leading experts and national organizations in the field. The conference is strongly committed to an intersectional approach in all keynotes, workshops, and conversations.

[Click to register for Time to THRIVE](#)



Funding Opportunity: COVID-19 Health Equity Pilot Project

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Office of Health Equity (OHE) will award \$5 million in competitive grants that will be distributed between approximately 16-30 CBOs across California led by and serving communities facing COVID-related inequities. **LGBTQIA2-S** communities are identified as one of the populations facing these inequities.

This is an opportunity for CBOs to address ***underlying inequities affecting COVID-19 risk***, through policy, systems, and environmental changes such as engaging communities, supporting service navigation, improving health status and opportunities across social determinants of health. These interventions can be a community-defined best practice, evidence-based, or innovative.

Please note that this funding is provided by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**. Federally qualified health centers and a number of other organization types are excluded from applying (see page 7 of RFP).

Applications are due on **March 2**. Questions about the RFA are due **tomorrow, January 28**.

[Click here to learn more](#)

Antiracism Training for White LGBTQ+ Helping Professionals March 12-14

This event is an intensive, anti-racism training for fifteen white socially conscious LGBTQPIA+ mental health providers, social service workers, and related helpers. It is offered on a free or pay-what-you-can basis.

The 20-hour weekend training will incorporate lecture, video, storytelling, large and small group discussions, personal reflection time, role-playing, somatic body check-ins, homework, personal sharing, and racial bias assessments. Using template options, each participant will create a plan for specific, meaningful, and realistic anti-racist action and accountability in their personal and professional lives.

To help create a more meaningful and personal connection, the participant number is capped at around 15 members.

[Click to learn more about the Antiracism Training](#)

Save the Date - EDGY Conference 2021: Dimensions of Gender

May 12

Penny Lane Centers proudly presents EDGY (Embracing the Diversity of GLBTQ Youth and families), a one day conference to build awareness and cultural competency, learn current and emerging best practices as well as gather resources from leading experts and organizations to create a more supportive environment for LGBTQ+ youth and families.

A person's gender is the complex interrelationship between three dimensions: body, identity and social. EDGY 2021 will focus around the topic of these different dimensions of gender and how they impact the LGBTQ youth we work with in our line of work.

The call for workshop proposals is open until **February 1**.

[Click to learn more about EDGY](#)

Registration Coming Soon - National LGBTQ Health Conference: Bridging Research and Practice

May 20-21

The National LGBTQ Health Conference is an interdisciplinary forum that provides an opportunity for presentation and discussion of health research and programs for LGBTQ adults and adolescents with the overall goal of addressing health inequities. The National LGBTQ Health Conference brings together scientists, public health professionals, and healthcare providers from across the country to improve the health and wellbeing of LGBTQ populations.

The 2021 conference theme focuses on **COVID-19 and anti-Black racism affecting the sexual and gender minority (SGM) community**.

The call for abstracts is open until **March 1**. Presentations on the conference theme are welcome, and you are also invited to submit abstracts on other topics relevant to LGBTQ health, such as mental health, substance use, rural health, trauma and self-harm, and more. [Click here to learn more about proposal topics](#).

[Click to learn more about the National LGBTQ Health Conference](#)



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