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LGBTQ TA CENTER Newsletter

Spring 2021

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We're looking ahead to May 17, International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOBiT).

Launched in 2004, IDAHOBiT is a global event to foster awareness of and action against the violence and disparities facing people with diverse gender and sexual identities. The date was chosen in recognition of May 17, 1990, when the World Health Organization (WHO) declassified homosexuality as a mental illness.

The 2021 theme is **Together - Resisting, Supporting, Healing**. Events--arts and film festivals, symposia, social media gatherings, [and more](#)--take place worldwide, with different nations and organizations focusing on issues that are important for their communities.

Visit may17.org, the official website for this observance, to find free digital posters, upcoming events, and awareness news.



Visit the LGBTQ TA Center
Website

Supporting LGBTQ Elders' Mental Health

Older Adults' Mental Health Awareness Day is Coming

4th Annual Older Adults Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium
Thursday, May 6 | 7:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. PT

The National Council on Aging, SAMHSA, and the Administration for Community Living are co-hosting this free, virtual event. Topics include mental health care for diverse older adults, including LGBTQ+.

[Register for 4th Annual Symposium](#)

LGBT Elders After COVID: Healing, Emerging, Connecting

Tuesday, May 11 | 10:00-11:30 a.m. PT

This webinar will describe the effects of isolation for LGBT Elders; self-care strategies to improve connectedness; and supportive therapeutic interventions to increase wellness, interdependence, self-efficacy, and the essential sense of mattering that makes life meaningful.

[Register for LGBT Elders After COVID](#)

Housing and Older LGBTQIA+ Adults (Two-Part Webinar Series)

Recorded March 2021

This National LGBTQIA+ Health Education Center series explores the impact of housing as a social determinant of health. Participants learn how housing assistance programs, family systems, and placement options can create challenges for LGBTQIA+ older adults, as well as best and promising practices for inclusive referral.

[Access Part 1](#)

[Access Part 2](#)

Prevention and Early Intervention of Mental Health Concerns in LGBTQ Elders

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This LGBTQ TA Center issue brief addresses the health disparities that impact the mental health of LGBTQ older adults. It describes this population's array of service needs, with consideration for intersectionality and historically traumatic experiences. Resources and best practices for supporting LGBTQ seniors in different settings are provided.

[Read the Issue Brief](#)



News & Resources

New Report Highlights the Experiences of LGBTQ Students at Religious Colleges and Universities

The Religious Exemption Accountability Project (REAP) and College Pulse recently surveyed more than 3,000 students across 134 taxpayer-funded Christian colleges and universities in the U.S. Findings include:

- More than 1 in 10 students self-identify as a sexual minority
- The majority of sexual and gender minority students have come out to few people or no one
- Sexual minority students are three times as likely to experience depression
- Gender minority students are seven times as likely to be sexually assaulted on

- campus
- Many sexual and gender minority students feel uncomfortable and unsupported on campus

Note: the research included a representative sample of all racial/ethnic groups in the US, but the report does not break out findings by race and ethnicity.

[Read The LGBTQ+ Student Divide](#)

Call to Action: File a Title IX Complaint

All current and former students of religious colleges with anti-LGBTQ+ policies or practices can file Title IX complaints with the Department of Education. Contact info@thereap.org if you are interested in learning how to file a Title IX complaint. REAP will provide more information and an optional training to those who are interested.

45,000+ Transgender Youth Could Be Impacted by Bans on Gender-Affirming Care

New research from the Williams Institute illustrates how many youth could be harmed by proposed bills that have passed or are currently under consideration in 10 states. Most of the bills prevent medical professionals from providing gender-affirming care; several states would also penalize parents for facilitating this care. The Williams Institute estimates that approximately 29,000-75,000 transgender youth ages 13 and older reside in these states.

In positive news, last week [Montana legislators struck down a bill](#) that would have barred medical professionals from providing or referring youth for gender-affirming surgeries. In addition, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson vetoed the state's anti-trans health care bill, although he was later [overridden by the state legislature](#).

[Read the Williams Institute Brief](#)

Spread the Word: GLSEN's Annual School Climate Survey Is Live

The [2021 National School Climate Survey](#) is GLSEN's twelfth national survey of LGBTQ+ youth. It is a crucial tool in GLSEN's mission for fighting anti-LGBTQ+ bias. Many students in the past have also used the survey information to advocate with their teachers and principals for safer schools for LGBTQ+ students.

Survey responses are completely anonymous. All youth age 13 or older who attended school for part of the 2020-2021 year and identify as LGBTQ are invited to respond.

[Learn More About the GLSEN Survey](#)



Virtual Events

2021 Virtual LGBTQ Youth Convening
May 15, 22, and 29

Hosted by the LGBTQ Center OC, this free multi-day online conference organized and led by youth leaders from Youth Empowered to Act, a coalition of LGBTQ student leaders and their allies devoted to gender, racial, reproductive, and restorative justice issues in Orange County.

The 2021 Virtual LGBTQ Youth Convening will take place over three consecutive Saturdays in May. Each conference session will have a dedicated theme of the day, focused on mental health and support; education; and advocacy and empowerment.

This event is open to all regions, backgrounds, and ages, including youth, students, parents, guardians, families, school staff and administrators, counselors, professionals, and community members and organizers.

[Register for the Virtual Youth Convening](#)

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

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.

[Register for the National LGBTQ Health Conference](#)

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