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LGBTQ TA CENTER

Equity News

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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.

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Website**

**Families of Trans youth,
this event is for YOU!**



The Gender Spectrum 2021 Family Conference is here! Join Gender Spectrum virtually, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. PT, on Saturday and Sunday, September 25-26. This is the oldest and largest conference in the U.S. exclusively for families of Transgender, gender non-binary, and gender-expansive children and youth.

[Learn More & Register for Family Conference](#)

Growing & healing with youth and families

Two new resources from the National LGBTQIA+ Health Education Center focus on how health centers, health and mental health care providers, and support staff can serve young people and their families in a trauma-informed way.

[Engaging the Families of Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children](#) offers many concrete suggestions for service providers.

[LGBTQIA+ Youth and Experiences of Human Trafficking: A Healing-Centered Approach](#) provides a framework for understanding and strategies for approaching a problem that disproportionately impacts LGBTQ youth of color.

Learning what we don't know about LGBTQ violence

California will become the first state in the nation to track how many LGBTQ people die as a result of violence, including homicide, suicide, and police use of deadly force. AB 1094 will create a pilot program in six counties to train medical examiners and coroners how to ask questions about sexual orientation and gender identity, track this data, and report it to the State, with the goal of expanding the project statewide.

[Read About the New Pilot Project](#)

Changing the painful legacy of Don't Ask, Don't Tell

This week, on the tenth anniversary of the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that Veterans who forced from service due to their sexual orientation, gender identity, or HIV status will now have access to full VA benefits. A new [Washington Post article](#) (possible paywall) highlights the ongoing, damaging effects of Don't Ask, Don't Tell on Veterans' mental health and suicide risk.

[Read About New Benefits Announcement](#)

Florida spent \$12M criminalizing HIV

Two-thirds of U.S. states and territories have HIV criminalization laws that either criminalize legal acts or add penalties for illegal acts, such as sex work. A new report from the Williams Institute shows how these laws harm Black people and women.

[Read About HIV Criminalization Impacts](#)

Workplace discrimination in the COVID-19 era

In one of the first studies of LGBTQ employment discrimination after *Bostock v. Clayton County* (which upheld Title VII protections for LGBTQ workers), the William Institute finds that 1 in 10 LGBTQ employees experienced workplace discrimination in the past year. LGBTQ employees of color were much more likely to experience discrimination.

[Read About Workplace Discrimination in 2021](#)

We're getting excited for these upcoming events!

This year's Advancing Excellence in Transgender Health conference is being offered as a CME-ready "Course for the Whole Care Team." Livestreamed on September 30 through October 3, the conference is appropriate for all members of health care teams, including behavioral health care providers.

[Learn More & Register for Advancing Excellence](#)

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The In My Mind Conference is about, for, and by LGBTQ+ and same-gender loving people of color. On October 7 and 8, this year's free, virtual In My Mind Conference will be primarily youth-led and will focus on "Youth Mental Wellness - Resilience and Uncertainty."

[Learn More & Register for In My Mind](#)



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Join UC Davis for the annual 2021 Improving OUTcomes Conference on October 8 and 9. This virtual conference is open to health care professionals as well as students, trainees, community members, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. The theme is "Intersectionality, Equity, and Inclusion: The Impact of LGBTQ+ Community Health."

[Learn More & Register for Improving OUTcomes](#)

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Save the date: the 2022 Creating Change Conference will be held on January 12-16. The

National LGBTQ Task Force leads this conference as an opportunity for training and mobilizing activists and leaders nationwide.

[Learn More About Creating Change](#)



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