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The Equity Newsflash is a monthly update from the LGBTQ TA Center featuring news and upcoming events related to supporting the health and wellness of diverse LGBTQ+ Californians.

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Recognizing Pride Month

Pride is a time for us to celebrate and commemorate all the things that make our community vibrant and beautiful. At the same time, the history of Pride is rooted in protest and collective action and continues to be a time for our community to rally around important causes. Here are some ways you can take action this Pride Month!

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Pride Month Events *In California*

June 17, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
American Canyon Pride, 2023

Join LGBTQ Connection in celebrating queer and trans liberation with a variety of family-friendly activities, including readings, face painting, local artists, youth performers, and more! This event will be held at Community Park II in American Canyon and is free and open to the public.



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June 17, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
San Joaquin Pride Center Presents: "We Are Family" Drag Show!

Support local drag and the San Joaquin Pride Center (SJPC) at this family-friendly drag show in Stockton, CA! This is a great opportunity to bring the children and teens in your life to a drag performance, support local drag performers, and raise money for the SJPC. They will have an entire park open for the LGBTQ+ communities and friends – all ages are welcome!

Learn more and get tickets: cut.ly/SJPCFAM



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June 30, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
San Joaquin Pride Center Presents: "Extravaganza!"

Close out Pride Month by joining the SJPC for their burlesque show fundraiser in Stockton, CA! The event is for 21+ adults only and is body positive, sex positive, and consent positive. You can expect a drag show, burlesque performers from one of the most celebrated and diverse burlesque shows in Northern California, a circus ring performer, a hoop artist, a dominatrix, a sexy bootblack, a lovingly curated full bar, and more! This will be a night to let your hair down and be without judgment - and all for a good cause.

Learn more and get tickets: cutt.ly/sjpcextra



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All Month Long!
"All Are Welcome Here" - Photo Exhibition From LGBTQ Connection and First 5 Napa County

Check out the new Pride Month photo exhibition depicting local LGBTQ+ residents and families in Napa County! Curated by Heather "Coach" Baillie, LGBTQ Connection's Director of Training and Technical Assistance, All Are Welcome Here was inspired by the ongoing effort to increase visibility, acceptance, and equity for LGBTQ+ residents. The exhibition is free and open to the public!



The exhibit will be on view in the 20-foot window along First Street in Napa from June 1st through June 30th, 2023.

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Pride Month Action Items | *AB 959 Audit*

LGBTQ+ Californians have a unique opportunity to come together and highlight the importance of this topic during Pride Month by educating the community and sharing their views with their elected officials.

A recent audit of the California Department of Public Health's (Public Health) role in collecting, reporting, and using sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data revealed that CDPH has been slow to adopt and enforce standardized guidelines to ensure the consistent collection and reporting of SOGI data. This has limited its ability to identify and address health disparities among members of the LGBTQ+ community. The results of the audit indicate that changes to state law are warranted to stimulate more consistent SOGI data collection practices.

Here are some things you can do to help:

1. **Educate within LGBTQ+ community spaces about the shortcomings of the current legislation** and its failure to adequately address health disparities experienced by LGBTQ+ Californians.
2. **Distribute information about this issue through your social media contacts**, share it with social media influencers, and provide it to anyone who can rally community members around this cause. Encourage them to take action now because this is a matter of public health, and it is our lives and the lives of the people we love that are at stake!
3. **Start and circulate a petition to garner support and advocate for revisions to improve the utility of AB 959.**
4. The National Center for Transgender Equality maintains a State Action Center directory where you can **learn more about 2023 legislative priorities and locate contact info for your elected representatives**: <https://transequality.org/state-action-center#CA>.
5. **Write your representatives and demand that they address the priorities raised in the auditor's report now!** Remind them this is a matter of public health, lives are at stake, and the current law has proven to be completely inadequate for years at this point. We want equity in health now – no more half measures and token gestures! Enough is enough!
6. **Identify allies who work in a local county or health jurisdictions.** Encourage them to obtain training on SOGI data collection, implement best practices within their jurisdictions, and make SOGI data reporting publicly available.
7. **Identify and engage in public education and mutual aid efforts that address the root causes of health disparities impacting our community members:** healthcare access, housing and homelessness, employment and income inequality, racism and reparations, inclusive schools, etc.
8. **Educate LGBTQ+ peers and community members about the benefits of SOGI data collection**, and how answering personal questions about sexual orientation and gender identity is about ensuring that LGBTQ+ people receive equal access to health care services and experience equal outcomes in health and wellness.



Community News

Gender Health Center is hiring an Executive Director!

The Gender Health Center (GHC) is a non-profit organization located in Sacramento, California, dedicated to providing services, resources, and support to the transgender and gender diverse community. The Executive Director's primary responsibility will be to oversee all aspects of the organization's operations, programs, and initiatives to ensure the delivery of high-quality services to the transgender and gender diverse community. They will play a pivotal role in leading and shaping the organization's mission, vision, and strategic direction.

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Gender Spectrum is launching a new set of fact sheets!

What do children know about gender? Can a child be too young for gender-affirming care? What is gender-affirming care? Gender Spectrum is launching a set of fact sheets to help people understand what research can tell us about children, teens, and gender - including the role of family support. They hope folks will use these offerings as a jumping-off point to learn more and to start conversations in their homes, workplaces, and communities about supporting gender expansive kids.

Access the fact sheets: <https://bit.ly/gender-fact-sheets>



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The Gender Spectrum Professional Symposium will be online July 13 and 14, 2023!

There will be over 35 workshops to choose from, inspiring keynotes, and diverse participants from the US and abroad. For all IPP's interested in attending this year's Professionals' Symposium, Gender Spectrum is offering a CDEP discount that is more than half off the full price ticket!

Register: <https://bit.ly/GSPS2023>



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Resource Spotlight

JAMA Clinical Guidelines Synopsis: Standards of Care for Transgender and Gender Diverse People

The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) has published a synopsis of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health's (WPATH) Standards of Care Version 8 (SOC-8) released last year. JAMA's article highlights major recommendations as well as a review of evidence, benefits and risks associated with gender-affirming medical and/or surgical treatment (CAMST) for adults and adolescents originally published in the source document. The authors recommend SOGI measures be included in all population-based surveys for better understanding of the healthcare needs of transgender and gender diverse people.

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