



National Workgroup to Address the Needs of Children and Youth Who Are LGBTQI2-S and Their Families

~Affirming LGBTQI2-S youth and families through full inclusion~

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HHS Report on Advancing LGBT Health and Well-Being

The Department of Health and Human Services LGBT Issues Coordinating Committee issued its 2014 report on Advancing LGBT Health and Well-Being, which discusses activities and objectives from agencies across the department that relate to LGBT populations. Access the report [online](#).

NEW INTERACTIVE VIDEO! 10 Standards of Care:

Improving Services for LGBT Young People

This interactive video featuring American Institutes for Research expert Jeffrey Poirier highlights 10 standards for improving policy and practice for young people who are LGBT. This video is intended for all human service systems such as child welfare, education, health, homelessness, juvenile justice, mental health, and substance abuse. Any person can impact change, whether policy makers, program administrators, front-line service providers, family members, youth themselves, or other community members. This interactive video will help you to strengthen policy and practice. The video is organized around 10 standards of practice from *Improving Emotional and Behavioral Outcomes for LGBT Youth: A Guide for Professionals* (2012). Access the video [online](#).

Resource

American Association of Children's Residential Centers (AACRC) Position Paper: Ensuring Competent Residential Interventions for Youth with Diverse Gender and Sexual Identities and Expressions

This new **position paper** from AACRC focuses on the many issues faced in the field in providing quality residential interventions for youth of sexual diversity, including sexual orientation and gender identity. It provides guidelines and strategies for serving and supporting LGBTQI2-S youth, building on the efforts of programs that have successfully created "sexual and gender minority-positive" cultures. *Congratulations to workgroup member Sylvia Fisher who contributed to this new resource!*

Webinar

A Different Set of Rules: Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Discrimination in U.S. Schools

Join GLSEN Research for their second free, live webinar in the 2014-2015 GLSEN Research Learning Series. They will discuss the school policies and practices that discriminate against LGBT youth, such as limiting expression of LGBT identities and relationships, as detailed in a newly-expanded section of the 2013 National School Climate Survey. Their policy experts will also discuss strategies for ensuring discrimination-free schools for LGBT youth.

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Register for this webinar [online](#).

Report

Moving the Needle: The Impact of the Affordable Care Act on LGBT Communities

This **report** reviews the impact of the Affordable Care Act on LGBT communities. To better understand the degree to which the Affordable

Care Act affects LGBT communities—particularly those who are potentially eligible either for Medicaid coverage or for financial assistance to purchase a plan through a health insurance marketplace—the Center for American Progress conducted research in 2013 that focused on the experiences of LGBT people with incomes less than 400 percent of the federal poverty level, or FPL. The research survey was updated and refiled in summer 2014 to assess the law’s success in reaching LGBT people who most need help to get coverage. The findings were astounding: *by 2014, uninsurance among LGBT people with incomes less than 400 percent of the FPL fell by 24%!*

February
2015
Conference

Second Annual Time to Thrive Conference in Portland, Oregon

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation in partnership with the National Education Association and the American Counseling Association present Time To THRIVE, the 2nd annual national conference to promote safety, inclusion and well-being for LGBTQ youth...everywhere! Time to THRIVE will take place over Presidents' Day Weekend, February 13-15, 2015 at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, in Portland, Oregon. Other conference partners include organizations such as the American Institutes for Research and the Child Welfare League of America. Read more information about the conference and register for it **online**.

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