



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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SAMHSA Resource

In Case You Missed It: Affordable Care Act Enrollment Assistance for LGBT Communities: A Resource for Behavioral Health Providers

This **briefing document** is part of a toolkit designed to help behavioral health providers assist lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in enrolling in health insurance plans. Many LGBT people in the U.S. lack insurance coverage for behavioral health services and could benefit from enrollment support. SAMHSA also has a **PowerPoint presentation available** and a consumer-oriented **Frequently Asked Questions brochure** to supplement this toolkit.

January Event

No Name-Calling Week: January 19-23, 2015

GLSEN's No Name-Calling Week is an opportunity to celebrate kindness while working to create safe schools free of name-calling, bullying and bias. Get involved by:

1. **Registering for No Name-Calling Week!** Sign up to receive free lesson plans, planning guides and other helpful tools to incorporate during your weekly activities.
2. **Using the Planning Guide and lesson plans for elementary, middle, and high school.** Get ready for #NNCW15 with helpful resources to support your efforts in making this the best No Name-Calling Week ever!
3. **Joining the conversation on GLSEN's No Name-Calling Week Facebook page.** Like GLSEN's page to see what's new and upcoming with this year's No Name-Calling Week! Use #CelebrateKindness and #NNCW15 on social media.

Webinar Archive

get R.E.A.L Webinars

Thanks to workgroup member Bill Bettencourt for sharing links to the two webinars below that **get R.E.A.L** has hosted recently. The get R.E.A.L (Recognize. Engage. Affirm. Love) initiative is designed to help transform child welfare policy and practice to promote the healthy development of all children and youth.

- **Yes, There Are Way More Than 3!: Estimating LGBTQ Youth in the Foster Care System** (11/7/14)
- **Gay and Lesbian Youth in the Foster Care System: Understanding the Role of Family Acceptance** (11/12/14)

Online Course

Center of Excellence for Transgender Health Interactive Online Course: Acknowledging Gender and Sex

This **interactive online course** is designed to help clinic staff create a welcoming environment for transgender clients.

February 2015 Conference

In Case You Missed It: 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*, its 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

May 2015
Conference

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](#).

3rd Annual LGBT Health Workforce Conference

The *3rd Annual LGBT Health Workforce Conference, Building a Caring Community in the Electronic Age* will be held May 1-3, 2015, in New York City. The 2015 LGBT Health Workforce Conference provides an overview of up-to-date practices (climate and educational) in preparing the health care workforce to address the health concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities. This conference is designed for health professionals (M.D., D.O., P.A.-C., nurses, dentists, podiatrists, social workers, psychologists, etc.), educators, and students (pre-health professions, professional schools, and graduate), but all interested are invited to attend.

The conference is now accepting proposals submissions, which will be accepted from December 1, 2014-January 15, 2015. Submissions can be made online on the [conference site](#).

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