



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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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Issues Guidance on Appropriate Placement for Transgender Persons in Single-Sex Emergency Shelters and Other Facilities

Federal News

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released guidance to ensure equal access for transgender people in homeless shelters. The guidance, issued to shelters and transitional housing programs across the country, calls for access to shelter and programs to be based on a person's self-identified gender. This follows similar guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2014 for domestic violence shelters and other programs funded by the Violence Against Women Act. HUD's guidance says that shelters may not ask transgender people intrusive questions about their bodies or medical histories, or deny access based on the gender on a person's ID or another person's discomfort with transgender people. Access the guidance document **online**.

State Resource

Resource Guide for LGBTQ+ Youth in

Maryland

FreeState Legal Project has released a guide that provides a comprehensive list of LGBTQ+ youth affirming resources statewide in Maryland. Access the guide [online](#).

Webinar

Surviving the Streets of New York: Experiences of LGBTQ Youth Engaged in Survival Sex

In the latest [get R.E.A.L.](#) webinar, Meredith Danks from the Urban Institute will be sharing findings from a study just completed in New York City. The study involved 283 LGBTQ youth engaged in survival sex. The findings from this study will provide information about the complexity of what is referred to as Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSEC), which is an increasing concern in the child welfare field because some foster youth are recruited and involved in this work. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Event

Day of Silence 2015

Every year hundreds of thousands of students across the world take a vow of silence on a Friday in April. Register now and encourage others to participate in the GLSEN Day of Silence on April 17. [Learn more and get involved](#).

Conference

Reminder: True Colors Conference, March 20-21, 2015

True Colors is convening its 22nd annual LGBTQIA youth issues conference at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT. With more than 3,000 attendees and 250+ workshops, the conference has something for everyone: LGBTQIA youth, their peers, family members, educators, clinicians, child welfare professionals, juvenile justice providers, clergy and the community at large. Access more information about the conference [online](#).

Conference

REMINDER: 2015 Gender Spectrum Conference and Professionals' Symposium

This year's [Gender Spectrum](#) Conference and Professionals' Symposium will be held on July 10 and 11 at Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga, California. This year's theme: Sharing Our Stories.

Certificate Program

LGBT Health Policy & Practice Graduate Certificate Program

Directed by National Workgroup member Stephen Forssell, the graduate certificate program in LGBT Health Policy & Practice at The George Washington University is accepting applications for the 2015–16 class. The certificate is a 12-credit interdisciplinary program that trains medical and mental health professionals to better care for LGBT people. A large number of certificate students work in care settings or in policy organizations. Others are enrolled in medical, nursing, or other graduate programs in mental health, public health, and policy programs around the world. The **application portal** is open now. **March 15th** is the deadline to apply to be considered for tuition assistance. The overall application deadline is **May 31**.

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