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Community Corner

Community Corner is a place where you can share news about work you are doing with young people with diverse SOGIE (sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression). To submit information about your program to be highlighted in this newsletter, please email theinstitute@ssw.umaryland.edu.

Camp Brave Trails Transforms LGBTQ Youth Into Leaders in Md., Calif.



Recently highlighted as [one of the world's best summer camps of 2019](#), this 5-year-old camp is a safe place for kids ages 12 to 18 who identify as LGBTQ to explore their gender identity, offering everything from archery and hiking to workshops in makeup and drag. The LGBTQ leadership and activism training, however, is where the camp really shines, featuring seminars on topics like body positivity, gender identity, and how to identify queer-friendly colleges. Camp Brave Trails is

meant to provide an environment where queer youth can focus on becoming strong, effective leaders for change. "A lot of the campers still feel very scared to be out at school," says co-founder Jessica Weissbuch. "Brave Trails gives a space for campers to not have to think about their safety but really just focus on themselves and bettering themselves as a leader, as a person." By fostering a culture where everyone is accepted for who they are, campers don't have to worry about anything but learning, growing, and having fun. Contact info@bravetrails.org for information on how to volunteer or get involved.

[Learn more](#)

Practical Tools

AMAZE Inclusive Sex Ed Videos for Young People: More info. Less weird.

AMAZE provides young adolescents with medically accurate, age-appropriate, affirming, and honest sex

education. They can access directly online — regardless of where they live or what school they attend. Topics range from sexual orientation and gender identity to puberty, healthy relationships, and HIV/STDs. AMAZE also strives to assist adults — caregivers, educators, and health care providers — to communicate effectively and honestly about sex and sexuality with the children and adolescents in their lives.



[Watch here](#)

Self-Assessment Tool: Is Your Agency Ready to Serve Transgender and Non-Binary Clients?

Is Your Agency Ready to Serve Transgender and Non-Binary Clients? is a self-assessment tool particularly useful for sexual assault and domestic violence agencies. This 14-page self-guided evaluation examines both tangible and intangible features within your organization. FORGE is a national transgender anti-violence organization founded in 1994 that provides direct services to transgender, gender non-conforming, and gender non-binary survivors of sexual assault, as well as training and technical assistance to providers around the country who work with transgender survivors of sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, and stalking.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events & Webinars

U.S. Professional Association for Transgender Health Conference Sept. 4-8 | Washington, D.C.

The Second Biennial USPATH Scientific Symposium will take place Sept. 4-8, 2019, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. This is a professional continuing education conference for medical, mental health, and other professional providers and researchers to advance the field of transgender health.



[Register here](#)

Webinar: Out and Safe: Supporting LGBTQ Health Equity | American Dental Education Association Thursday, Sept. 19 | 12-1 p.m. EDT



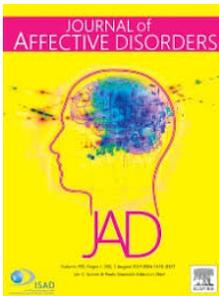
This webinar introduces the importance of comprehensive, person-centered dental care for LGBTQ individuals. Consistent with core

accreditation requirements, you will learn how to develop a humanistic and culturally sensitive environment that is welcoming and nurturing. We also will address contextual factors that exist when providing care to LGBTQ individuals and related challenges that can lead to miscommunication and health inequity.

[Register here](#)

Articles/Research

Sexual Minority Children: Mood Disorders and Suicidality Disparities



A new article in the *Journal of Affective Disorders* highlights the need to support sexual minority children at an early age. Data from the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development study demonstrated that higher rates of mood disorders and suicidality in sexual minority children appear to develop as early as middle childhood. Clinicians are encouraged to assess sexual orientation among children as young as 9 to 10 years old, and provide appropriate normalization of sexual orientation, and referrals for mental health treatment, as indicated.

[Read here](#)

Meet the Doctors Revolutionizing Health Care for Trans Teens

With gender-affirming medicine under attack, trailblazing hospitals and physicians are fighting to create the future of transgender health care. During the last few years, numerous hospitals, schools, and clinics have established groundbreaking programs to improve access to both information and treatment. Read about these efforts [here](#).



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Pose, True Colors United Take Action for LGBT Homeless Youth



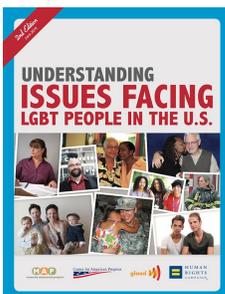
Help is on the way for unsheltered LGBT youth. FX Networks, in partnership with True Colors United, announced plans to create and distribute self-care kits to 14 charitable LGBT organizations. Homelessness affects 4.2 million youth annually with LGBT youth 120 percent more likely to wander the streets than their straight peers, according to data from True Colors United. Founded by pop singer Cyndi Lauper, True Colors

United strives to ensure queer youth are treated with dignity and respect.

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Policy News

MAP Report: Understanding Issues Facing LGBT People in the U.S.

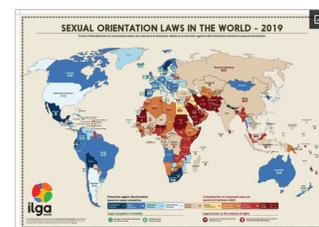


Understanding Issues Facing LGBT People in the U.S. is a short primer that summarizes the major areas in which unfair laws and stigma create extra burdens for LGBT people across the country. A collaboration of the Movement Advancement Project, Center for American Progress, GLAAD, and the Human Rights Campaign, the guide also includes policy recommendations to address these harmful disparities and to improve the lives of LGBT Americans.

[Read here](#)

Sexual Orientation Laws in the World: Map and Report

The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) has launched the 13th edition of its flagship publication, *State-Sponsored Homophobia*, authored by Lucas Ramón Mendos. This publication and accompanying map compile data on laws across the world that affect people on the basis of their sexual orientation - a fundamental resource for researchers, civil society organizations, governments, and the general public.



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