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FREE LGBTQ+ Technical Assistance



The Institute for Innovation and Implementation is offering free technical assistance (TA) in June to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month. The Institute specializes in implementation and evaluation of LGBTQ+ efforts in systems of care and can provide TA on training, coaching, readiness, policies, programs, data collection, and a variety of other implementation topics. [Click here](#) to schedule your free hour of

TA for June! Learn more about The Institute's LGBTQ+ work [here](#).

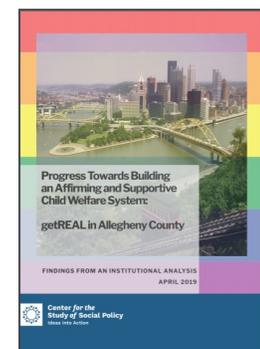
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Community Corner

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 expression). To submit information about your program to be highlighted in this newsletter, please email theinstitute@ssw.umaryland.edu.

Allegheny County, Pa., and getREAL Final Report

The Department of Human Services (DHS) of Allegheny County, Pa., is proud to share the final *getREAL* institutional analysis report of the work that's been done in the county, in collaboration with the Center for the Study of Social Policy, to improve the way they support children, youth, and families around sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression: ***Progress Towards Building an Affirming and Supportive Child Welfare System: getREAL in Allegheny County***. Allegheny County DHS is one of four sites that are part of the National Quality Improvement Center on Tailored Services, Placement Stability and Permanency for LGBTQ2S Youth in Foster Care, in collaboration with the Children's Bureau. Learn more about the QIC-LGBTQ2S project [here](#).

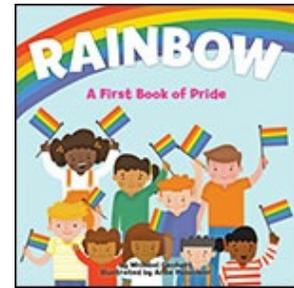


[Read the report](#)

Practical Tools

APA Highlights Books for LGBTQ+ Children and Families for Pride Month

In honor of Pride Month, the American Psychological Association is highlighting books from its children's book imprint, Magination Press, that are for LGBTQ+ children, young adults, families and allies. Magination Press books use psychological science and the takeaways it can offer to create helpful, engaging, and informative books for children and young adults. Most books are written by mental health professionals or those who work closely with them or with children. A comprehensive Note to Parents is usually included to help guide families, therapists, social workers and teachers in using the books.



[Learn More](#)

PRIDE 2019 Festivals and Celebrations Around the World | Metrosource



It's time to mark your Pride calendar with the upcoming 2019 Pride parades and celebrations you don't want to miss. Whether you want to make sure you're ready for your local LGBTQ festival or plan to go parade-hopping around the world, you'll find help here.

[Find local Pride celebrations](#)

LGBTQ Pride Month Curricula and Resources for K-12 Classrooms

In schools and classrooms, LGBTQ Pride Month is an excellent time to talk with students about LGBTQ people and their struggles to achieve equal rights and treatment in all aspects of their lives. It is an opportunity to discover important LGBTQ people in history, read literature that features LGBT people, analyze homophobia/heterosexism, and explore its causes and solutions. The Anti-Defamation League has a list of K-12 curricula, children's books, and other resources to bring LGBTQ Pride Month to your classrooms. Lessons can be found on topics such as marriage equality, transgender identity, LGBTQ history, different kinds of families, and more.



[Explore here](#)

Articles/Research

Thinking an Ethics of Gender Exploration: Against Delaying Transition for Transgender and Gender Creative Youth

Youth explore their genders and those of others. Exploration is not only a vessel of discovery and understanding, but also of creation. Centering the notion of gender exploration, this article inquires into the ethical issues surrounding care for transgender youth. Arguing that exploration is best seen not as a precondition to transition-related care but as a process that can operate through transitioning, the article concludes that the gender-affirmative approach to trans youth care best fosters a youth's capacity for healthy exploration. Unbounded social transition and ready access to puberty blockers ought to be treated as the default option, and support should be offered to parents who may have difficulty accepting their youth.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events/Webinars

PrideAbility Conference: New York State LGBTQ and Allies of All Abilities Wednesday, June 5 | Brookville, N.Y.

The LGBTQ Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Movement comes out of the closet! This first-of-its-kind Long Island regional conference will provide people who stand at the intersection of identifying as LGBTQ+ as well as being a part the community of people with disabilities a unique opportunity to learn, grow, and connect. A keynote address from Brooke Guinan, a New York City firefighter and transgender rights advocate, will set the stage for a day filled with interaction and speak to the issue of living one's best life through self-advocacy and developing strong support networks.



Attendance is **free**, but please register to secure a spot. For more information, contact Claire Miller at 516-870-1645 or CMiller02@FamilyRes.org. PrideAbility is a project of Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc., a Long Island agency that benefits and proudly supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness, and traumatic brain injury. The project is sponsored by a grant from the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

[Learn more](#)

Webinar: Considering the Whole Person: Contexts for LGBTQ People of Color Mental and Behavioral Health Treatment Wednesday, June 12 | 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. EDT



In this webinar Antoine Craigwell, founder, president, and CEO of DBGM (Depressed Black Gay Men), Inc., presents on effectively working with LGBTQ people of color in behavioral health settings. Topics will include systemic racism, homophobia, the compounding effects of intergenerational and contemporaneous trauma and resiliency as these relate to treating the whole person and advancing health and wellness for often-marginalized communities.

[Register here](#)

Policy News

U.S. Health Department Proposes Nixing Data Collection on LGBTQ Foster Youth (April 18, NBC News)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that it intends to ax an Obama administration-era measure that called for data collection on LGBTQ foster youth and parents. The data included the sexual orientation and gender identity of youth in foster care, along with their foster parents, adoptive parents, or legal guardians. Public comments are being accepted through June 18. Find more information on how to submit them [here](#).

[Learn more](#)

Sen. Tim Kaine Introduces Bill to Protect LGBTQ Kids from Abuse

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) introduced legislation in April for the first time that seeks to protect LGBT youth from child abuse and mistreatment, the Protecting LGBTQ Youth Act. According to a 2011 analysis from the National Institutes of

Health, LGBT youth are 3.8 times more likely to face sexual abuse and 1.2 times more likely to face parental physical abuse. The Protecting LGBTQ Youth Act would amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to accomplish goals in the areas of furthering research, expanding demographic information, opening grant funding opportunities, and including individuals experienced in working with LGBTQ youth and families in state task forces.



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