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Community Corner

Community Corner is a place where you can share news about the 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.

Philadelphia Paying Landlords to House LGBTQ+ Youth

Philadelphia is testing out a new program that will pay landlords to house LGBTQ+ young people who have been experiencing homelessness, according to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. The Way Home Project, run by the city's Office of Homeless Services, the emergency housing provider SELF Inc., and the William Way LGBT Community Center, will offer a year of rental support to landlords to house the tenants, totaling around \$400,000, according to the *Inquirer*. Around 40 percent of unhoused people in the region between the ages of 18 and 26 are LGBTQ, *The Inquirer* reports. [Learn more](#)



Practical Tools

New Video! Learning About Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression

A new educational animation from the Center of Excellence on LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity has just been released!



This animation reviews basic terminology that is important to know when working with people who have diverse sexual orientations or gender identities. The terminology includes sex assigned at birth, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. [View here](#)

Webinars/Virtual Events

Webinar for Foster Parents: Caring for LGBTQ+ Youth

Wednesday, June 2, 2 - 3:30 p.m. ET

Foster parents, adoptive parents, and kinship caregivers are an extremely diverse community of people with one thing in common: the desire to love, nurture and care for children and youth. This webinar provides all caregivers with foundational knowledge and resources to help them build trusting relationships with all youth with a focus on behaviors that will create safe and affirming environments for LGBTQ+ youth. [Register here](#)



Webinar: Implementing LGBTQ+ Strategies in Historically Resistant Organizations

Thursday, June 10, 3 - 4 p.m. ET



Organizations with historic or current resistance to working with LGBTQ+ individuals present an additional challenge to implementing an LGBTQ+ affirming approach. Over the past six years, Catholic Charities of Baltimore has met this challenge and has enacted a range of practices that support LGBTQ+ clients and staff, ultimately allowing for enhanced provision of services. A brief overview of Catholic Charities' journey toward greater LGBTQ+ inclusion will be offered and strategies to address

common barriers will be discussed. [Register here](#)

Webinar: Providing Trauma-Informed Care for LGBTQ+ Children & Youth: Integrating FAP and TF-CBT

Tuesday, June 15, 1 - 2 p.m. ET

LGBTQ+ children and youth are at high risk for trauma that is both related to and unrelated to their identities. This webinar will discuss the integration of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-

CBT), the most widely used trauma treatment model for children and youth worldwide, and the Family Acceptance Project (FAP), the first research and family support model to reduce risk and promote well-being for LGBTQ+ children and youth. [Register here](#)



Articles/Research

Spread the Word: GLSEN's Annual School Climate Survey Is Live



The [2021 National School Climate Survey](#) is GLSEN's 12th national survey of LGBTQ+ youth. It is a crucial tool in GLSEN's mission to fight anti-LGBTQ+ bias. Many students in the past also have used the survey information to advocate with their teachers and principals for safer schools for LGBTQ+ students. Survey responses are completely anonymous. All youth age 13 or older who attended school for part of the 2020-2021 year and identify as LGBTQ+ are invited to respond. [Learn more](#)

Doctors Agree: Gender-Affirming Care Is Life-Saving Care

Medical experts agree: Gender-affirming care is medically necessary and can be life-saving for transgender youth. Medical decisions belong to trans youth, their parents, and their doctors. Yet politicians are trying to come between trans youth and the care they need. In 2020, 15 states introduced legislation that would ban — and in some instances criminalize — access to health care for transgender youth. The Arkansas legislature passed such a bill into law March 29, and 16 other states have introduced similar legislation this year. [Read more](#)



New Report: Experiences of LGBTQ+ Students at Religious Colleges

The Religious Exemption Accountability Project and College Pulse recently surveyed more than 3,000



students across 134 taxpayer-funded Christian colleges and universities in the United States.

Findings include:

- More than 1 in 10 students self-identify as a sexual minority
- The majority of sexual and gender minority students have come out to few people or no one
- Sexual minority students are three times as likely to experience depression
- Gender minority students are seven times as likely to be sexually assaulted on campus
- Many sexual and gender minority students feel uncomfortable and unsupported on campus

[Read report](#)

Policies That Discriminate Against LGBTQ Students Are Not Aligned with Child Development Research | Child Trends

The long history of [child development research](#) tells us that, in order to thrive, all children must have their physical, social, emotional, and educational needs recognized and addressed.

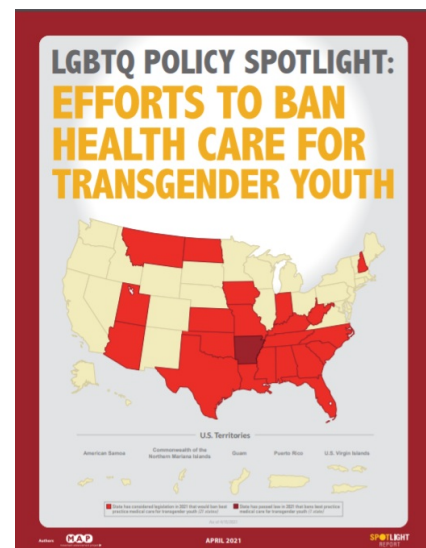
This piece by Deborah Temkin from *Child Trends* powerfully describes how dangerous new discriminatory measures currently proposed in several states deny basic support, safety, and inclusion to young people who identify as LGBTQ+. Such measures undermine these children’s healthy development and put their well-being, and even their lives, at risk. [Read more](#)



Policy News

Policy Spotlight: Efforts to Ban Health Care for Transgender Youth

Last month, the Movement Advancement Project (MAP) released a new policy spotlight report, *Efforts to Ban Health Care for Transgender Youth*. In 2021 alone, legislatures in 22 states have introduced bills to ban best-practice medical care for transgender young people. This new report provides an overview of the legislative environment across the country and the harmful impacts these bills could have on transgender youth, as well as a summary of best practice medical care for transgender youth that is recommended by leading medical organizations. [Read report](#)



2021 Is Worst Year for Gay and Trans Rights in War on LGBTQ+ Americans

In less than five months, 2021



has become the “worst year” in recent history for LGBTQ+ rights in the United States, with dozens of gay and transgender rights-related bills passed by state legislatures, a leading advocacy group said. The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) said 18 “anti-LGBTQ+” state bills were signed into law this year — beating 2015 when 15 such bills were enacted — in what it described as an “unprecedented war” on the LGBTQ+ community. More than 250 LGBTQ+ rights-related bills

have been introduced by state legislatures this year, HRC said, reflecting a fiercely fought U.S. culture war between LGBTQ+ advocates and conservatives, as well as some religious groups. [Read more](#)

Department of Justice Clarifies That Title IX Applies to LGBTQ+ Americans

The Human Rights Campaign — the nation’s largest LGBTQ+ civil rights organization — responded to the recent news from the Department of Justice clarifying that Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation in federally funded education institutions. [Read more](#)



Job Announcement

Executive Director, Time Out Youth



Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Time Out Youth offers direct services, advocacy, and opportunities for personal development and social interaction to LGBTQ+ youth ages 11-20. This position reports directly to the Board of Directors, with primary accountability to the Executive Committee. The executive director will assume primary operating and oversight responsibility for Time Out Youth in accordance with the strategic direction set by the Board of Directors. This person will drive strategic, operational, administrative, and financial decisions and work with the board, staff, donors, and partner organizations to advance the organization’s mission of inspiring inclusive communities where all youth are equally empowered to reach their true

potential. [Learn more](#)



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