August Call Reminder

Dear Network Members,

We are in the midst of one of the busiest times of the year. Today, Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees are deciding the fate of hundreds of bills in California, including several impacting LGBTQ health and well-being, which we emailed you about earlier this month.

The comment period for Section 1557 closed earlier this month. You can read our comments and find information about how to report instances of health care discrimination in our recent blog post.

And next Thursday, we’re excited to be hosting special guest, Dr. Tom Insel during our Network call. Dr. Insel is Governor Newsom’s Leading Adviser on mental health, and will be conducting a listening session to learn more about LGBTQ mental health needs. Register and join us on Thursday!

Sincerely,

Amanda McAllister-Wallner
Director, California LGBTQ Health & Human Services Network
Join us for a special presentation and LGBTQ Listening Session with Dr. Tom Insel, Governor Newsom's Special Adviser on Mental Health

September 5th, 2019
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Dial in using your phone:
1 (872) 240-3412
Access Code: 357-065-501

Join us from your computer, tablet or smartphone:
GoToMeeting Link

Upcoming Events

September 5
LGBTQ Listening Session with Dr. Tom Insel
Read more

September 12
California LGBTQ+ Health Mixer
Read more

September 13
Bisexual+ Evidence Based Practice Webinar
Read more

View all events
According to GLSEN’s 2017 National School Climate Survey, over 70% of LGBT students in the U.S. have experienced verbal harassment in their schools. This #BackToSchool season our social media toolkit features the story of our LGBTQ Organizer, Isaias Guzman. After witnessing anti-LGBTQ bullying at this high school, a Gender and Sexuality Alliance (#GSA) Club helped him ignite his own activism to create safer schools for LGBTQ youth.

Download our social media toolkit and graphics.

Resources

Visit our Resources page to find LGBTQ-affirming providers, safe spaces, and services. We are actively seeking to add resources! If you do not see the resource you are looking for, or you would like to add a resource, please click here to fill out our submission form.

Task Forces

Click here to view our Task Force Meeting Schedule.
WE BREATHE: Supporting Tobacco-Free LGBTQ Communities provides expertise on working with LGBTQ communities, preventing and reducing tobacco use among LGBTQ Californians, and addressing tobacco-related health disparities within LGBTQ communities, and to assist the California Department of Public Health, California Tobacco Control Program (CTCP)-funded projects to end the tobacco use epidemic by 2035 in California.

For more information on how to join the We Breathe Advisory Committee, or your local tobacco control coalition, please contact Dannie Cesena at dcesena@health-access.org or call 714-594-9514.

Learn more

The California Tobacco Control Program (CTCP) is composing a distribution list for the new Request For Application (RFA) that will be released in the next couple of months. Once the funding alert goes out, CTCP will send those on the list a notification and explain how they can access the RFA information.

If you are interested in receiving information about the upcoming release of funding, please contact Dannie Cesena at dcesena@health-access.org and provide your name, title, organization, phone and e-mail so he may add you to the contact list. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact him via e-mail or at 714-594-9514.

From our Regional Partners

Please see the American Lung Association’s Request for Proposal for a funding opportunity in order to support our efforts in reducing tobacco related health disparities in Cathedral City. Applicants will be contracted to perform various community engagement activities...
supporting tobacco-free LGBTQ communities. Maximum award amount is $3,000 and the contract term is from September 09, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

- The RFP includes the scope of work, application forms and describes the application process.
- Deadline for applications and required documents is September 01, 2019.

Please send applications, additional information or questions to:

Gabrielle.Casasola@lung.org

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**Tobacco News & Resources**

**CDC Launches Probe Into Surge Of Severe Lung Disease Cases Linked To Vaping**

[Read more](#)

**Juul, Philip Morris Sued Under Racketeer Act for Targeting Kids**

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**LGBTQ News & Resources**

**New Study Pinpoints the Most Urgent Needs of TGNC People Living With HIV**

[Read more](#)

**Overcoming stigma – Vietnamese transgender person transitions with mom’s love and support**

[Read more](#)

**Head Back To School With LGBTQ Competency**

[Read more](#)

South Bay targets LGBTQ hate crimes
Other Announcements

Help Californians Save Millions in Health Premiums

For millions of Californians, health care premiums are still too high yet the insurance industry wants to continue to raise your premiums with no explanation as to why.

That is why we need to pass AB 731.

AB 731 (Kalra) would increase transparency in the insurance market by requiring insurers to provide more information about their rates, and expanding the existing rate review to cover millions more Californians. This could save California consumers, workers, and employers millions.

The vote on AB 731 could take place any day now - **TAKE ACTION TODAY to help make health care more affordable and protect Californians from unjust rate increases!**

2019 DACA Survey

Do you work with Dreamers or know someone who has DACA? If so, we need your help.

Along with Professor Tom Wong of the University of California, San Diego, United We Dream, and the National Immigration Law Center, the Center for American Progress has launched the [fifth annual DACA survey](#) to learn more about the impacts of the DACA program on beneficiaries and communities. **This survey is for anyone who currently has DACA, anyone who has ever held DACA, or a DACA-eligible individual who has been unable to apply due to the program’s rescission.**

If you are a DACA recipient, we encourage you to consider filling out the survey and share it.
with other DACA recipients. Your experiences matter and they can help inform policymakers, advocates, and decision makers about the impacts DACA has had. Moreover, because DACA will be in front of the U.S. Supreme Court this November, your experiences are crucial in protecting the program.

TAKE THE 2019 DACA SURVEY HERE

Upcoming LGBTQ Events

September 6
First Ever Sacramento Trans Job Fair
Sacramento, CA
Read more

September 21
Trans Family Day
Sacramento, CA
Read more

September 22
API Equality-LA 14th Anniversary
Los Angeles, CA
Read more

September 29
Folsom Street Fair
San Francisco, CA
Read more

October 12
Oceanside Pride
Oceanside, CA
Read more

October 12
Imperial Valley Pride
Imperial Valley, CA
Read more

November 1 - 3
Palm Springs Pride
Palm Springs, CA
Read more

To have your events listed in Upcoming LGBTQ Events, email: msalvador@health-access.org.

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