



**CALIFORNIA**  
**LGBTQ**  
HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES **NETWORK**

# December Network Call

# AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- **Federal Policy Updates**
- **State Policy Updates**
- **#Out4MentalHealth Update**
- **We Breathe**



# Federal Policy Updates

- **November 1:** Language was released for a proposed Trump Administration rule to allow programs receiving HHS grants to discriminate on the basis of religion, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.



# What Programs are Impacted?

- **Foster Care**
- **Adoption**
- **Head Start**
- **Domestic Violence hotlines**
- **HIV/AIDS programs**
- **Community Health Centers**
- **Meals on Wheels**



# What are some examples?

- **A community health center could turn away patients who are Muslim, Jewish, or LGBTQ**
- **An adoption agency could decide to keep a child in a group home rather than place them with a qualified same-sex couple**
- **After-school programs could refuse to allow transgender youth to participate, simply because of their gender identity**



# What are some examples?

- Meals on Wheels and other HHS-funded community meal programs designed to support older adults could refuse to deliver food to older Americans who are LGBTQ.
- Federally funded foster care agencies could refuse to place children with families because of the prospective families' sexual orientation or religion, regardless of the children's needs.
- Head Start grant recipients and other federally funded childcare facilities could refuse to serve children with same-sex parents. They could also refuse to provide services to transgender youth.



# Next Steps and Priorities

**30-day Public Comment Period** – submit individual and organizational comments

**Public/Media Education** – share stories, post on social media, educate your local communities

**Sign up for updates:** <https://forms.gle/ufHpRASPJ5N2jafY7>



# Next Steps and Priorities

**Comments due December 19**





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## Cooperative Care: Queering Self-Care

- See the Network's blog for tips on how to take care of yourself this holiday season and all year long – including tips for engaging and supporting your communities.

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## Advocacy Toolkit

**“Critically intervene in a way that challenges and changes.”**

**— Bell Hooks**

### Advocacy Workshops

Learn how to be a more effective advocate for LGBTQ mental health equity by better understanding the California Public Mental Health System and how/where to engage in change efforts. Learn to articulate the right to LGBTQ affirming and culturally appropriate mental health care. Learn how mental health decisions are made and funding allocated in local communities and practical steps for being a mental health policy advocate.



## Important Legislation

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# Have you joined our Listserv yet?

The Network Listserv is available for member use to share information about upcoming LGBTQ events, campaigns, sign-on letters, share resources, and find partners for collaboration.

If you're already a member, you can post directly by emailing the listserv or email [awallner@health-access.org](mailto:awallner@health-access.org) to be added to the list





# Questions?





# Announcements



**Thank you for joining us today!**

**Please contact us if you have anything to say or ask by emailing  
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