November Call Reminder

Dear Network Members,

As 2019 comes to an end, we need all hands on deck to fight back against the Trump Administration's latest anti-LGBTQ attack. The far-reaching new proposal undermines existing nondiscrimination protections based on sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Legal experts who have reviewed the language have found that the changes could affect health and human services programs ranging from foster care and adoption, to Meals on Wheels, HIV/AIDS services, domestic violence programs, and much more. ACLU has provided examples of what this could mean in practice here.

Additionally, the Trump Administration is limiting the comment period to just 30 days - ending December 19.

That's why we need you to join us in speaking out against this rule.

You can find many portals that make it easy to submit your comments, by providing talking points and forwarding your message directly to the Health and Human Services Agency:

- Every Child Deserves a Family
HHS awards more than $500 billion in grants and contracts each year. We need you to join us in speaking out to make sure that taxpayer dollars are not be used to advance discrimination. The comment deadline ends this month, so please act now to speak up for our existing protections.

Sincerely,

Amanda McAllister-Wallner
Director, California LGBTQ Health & Human Services Network

1 out of every 5 LGBTQ families are enrolled in SNAP (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, often called "food stamps"). Funding levels for this program is determined by information gathered during the Census. Our LGBTQ families deserve fair access to social services.

Take the pledge saying you #WillBeCounted during the 2020 Census.

Network Call

December 5, 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
Holidays can be difficult for LGBTQ+ folks who are experiencing mental health challenges due, in part, to isolation and family rejection. Read our latest social media toolkit to find tips and resources to support your community.

Download
Self-care is vital to our mental health and wellness. However, many of us in the queer community have limited resources as a result of discrimination, family rejection, and health disparities.

Read our blog post

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**Advocacy Toolkit**

We are committed to providing tools and resources to build capacity in LGBTQ communities across California. This Advocacy Toolkit is intended to provide information, knowledge, and resources to engage in systems change and policy advocacy.

Learn more

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**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.

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**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

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From Our Partners

Jobs & Internships

- The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) is seeking a Health Educator to work in prevention outreach and education with the LGBTQ community in Orange and San Diego County. Learn more

- The Tobacco Use Prevention Program (TUPP) is seeking a Graduate Student Intern (paid) who is pursuing a Master of Public Health degree at a public health program that is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health. Please view the attached flyer and application and share with any students who may be interested. The application deadline is Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Learn more

New Ad Campaign

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) together with the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and Truth Initiative launched an advertising campaign urging President Trump to protect kids’ lives over tobacco industry profits and
follow through on a commitment to pull all flavored e-cigarettes from the market.

Educational Materials

Gender Transition & Tobacco Use

HIV & Tobacco Use

Tobacco News & Resources

Guest Opinion: On smokeout day, trans folks need a world worth quitting for

Big Queer Convo Takes on Tobacco Smoking Plight LGBTQ+ Community Faces
LGBTQ News & Resources

Get mandated healthcare coverage now through Covered California
Read more

Trump Admin's 'License to Discriminate' Health Care Rule Struck Down
Read more

Gender identity is hard but jumping to medical solutions is worse
Read more

The future of sex ed has arrived. Is America ready?
Read more

Dignity Health Calls Off naming deal with Broadway Sacramento after LGBTQ boycott threat
Read more

Upcoming LGBTQ Events

December 5
Trans Masculine Support Group
Oakland, CA
Read more

December 5
LGBTQ Assylum 101 Training
Santa Ana, CA
Read more

December 5
Becoming a Dad - Fatherhood for Gay Men Through Surrogacy
Los Angeles, CA
Read more

December 7
Gender Friendly Word
San Francisco, CA
Read more

December 7
Come Home for the Holidays
San Diego, CA
Read more

December 15
Become a NorCal OUTreach Volunteer! - December 2019 Training
Redding, CA
Read more
December 6
LGBT Bar LA Annual Holiday Party
Los Angeles, CA
Read more

December 6
Youth Council
Modesto, CA
Read more

December 6
Trans* Empowerment Club
(TRANS:THRIVE)
San Francisco, CA
Read more

December 17
LGBTQ+ Diversity Training
Modesto, CA
Read more

December 19
Big LGBTQ+ Holiday Party 2019
San Jose, CA
Read more

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

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