Hello friends and happy Pride!

As we enter Pride season with fewer restrictions in place, there are still things we can do to keep ourselves, our families, and our communities safe. You can follow the state’s SMARTER Framework: Get tested, wear a mask, maximize ventilation at events, and keep up with vaccine, booster, and treatment options.

June isn’t just Pride Month, it’s also the California Primary Election which concludes next Tuesday, June 7th. Be sure to vote and return your ballot by the 7th to have your voice counted. You can help elect LGBTQ champions to the state legislature, and in your local communities. We know that our health and well-being are on the ballot.

I am so grateful to all of you who took action and helped us get SB 923 out of the California State Senate last week. Now, we are on to the Assembly and we will need your continued support to get this bill across the finish line. You can stay up to date with the process, and how our communities can support TGI inclusive care on our website.

And finally, we hope you’ll join us for our own events this summer, as we gather with our partners both virtually and in-person, with a focus on health and wellness. We Breathe will be hosting a Gallery Walk on July 7th, to inform the public about findings and recommendations for reducing LGBTQ tobacco-related disparities, and have an opportunity to inform your recommendations. The event will be open to LGBTQ+ Californians who are either current or former tobacco/nicotine product users. We believe that policies should be
informed by people who have been affected or will be affected by the changes. And we want to hear from all of you who are interested in shaping state policy for reducing tobacco-related disparities. And our #Out4MentalHealth team is hosting a **series of events** this summer, led by local organizations, and focused on mental health for LGBTQ Californians.

Have a fun, restorative, and safe Pride season!

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

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**Trans Health**

**SUPPORT SB 923 - The TGI Inclusive Care Act**

The Senate passed our 1st-in-the-nation legislation to improve health care for transgender, gender-nonconforming & intersex people. Now, it needs to pass Assembly Health to move forward in the legislative process! Read more about the bill [here](#) and click [this link](#) to help amplify this important legislation!

**How you can support:**  
Assembly Health is **not** allowing remote testimony for 'me toos' so **please register your organization in support of SB 923 here** and the CA LGBTQ HHS Network can state support for organizations that aren’t able to make it in person. If you **are** able to state an in-person 'me-too' at the Sacramento State Capitol during the Assembly Health hearing, mark your calendars for **June 14 at 1:30**, **noting this may change**. You may RSVP to Dannie Ceseña dcesena@health-access.org if you plan to provide 'me-toos in-person.

**ADDITIONALLY**

We are asking organizations to submit and share our [template letter of support for Assembly Health](#) with your networks -- as of now we are asking people to submit letters by **Tuesday, June 7**, but this deadline may be extended depending on what we hear from the author's office. You can share our [updated factsheet](#) and [Social Media Toolkit](#) too!
California is a leader in training and providing payment to Medi-Cal providers for ACEs screening!

Find out more about ACEs, screening and treatment here: ACEsAware.org #OutAboutACEs #ACEsAware

Visit our landing page: bit.ly/outaboutaces

Health Impacts of ACEs

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information & Resources
The Network has a webpage dedicated to COVID-19 impacts on LGBTQ Californians, which is being updated frequently. Additionally, please click here to find useful social media graphics and visit our Youtube channel to watch previous webinars.

**Share messages for our LGBTQ+ community and help them stay safe during COVID-19**


#LGBTQplusCOVID

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**LGBTQ COVID-19 Safety Toolkit**

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**WE BREATHE**

SUPPORTING TOBACCO-FREE LGBTQ COMMUNITIES

Recover from Pride month with us and join our Gallery Walk to review and discuss policy and program recommendations that We Breathe can help implement.
Join our We Breathe Gallery Walk for LGBTQ+ Californians who are current or former tobacco/nicotine product users on Thursday, July 7 from 6-8 pm.

Please do not attend if you do not have experience using tobacco/nicotine products.

Network Call

June 2, 2022
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Meeting ID: 816 0361 7341
Passcode: lgbtq
Join here

Find your local number to dial in here

#Out4MentalHealth

Check out these amazing events hosted by our #Out4MentalHealth Task Forces!

The Riverside County #Out4MentalHealth task force would like to invite you to come celebrate Pride with them. This space will be centered on LGBTQ+ wellness, resilience, and community healing. They will be having free food, drag performances, and workshops on advocacy and mental health wellness. There will also be opportunities for folks to win prizes!
Still Bisexual's IN-PERSON bi+ arts and crafts mental health day will be on Saturday, June 18 in Santa Monica, CA.

This is their first in-person event since 2019, and they can’t wait to see all of you! Register below!

Register

The TriCounty LGBT Alliance is teaming up to bring you a new PRIDE MONTH event, Live Out Loud Locally! This event is intended to bring LGBT+ community together for a day of good times, skill building and community togetherness. Rural representation for the queer community is important for advocacy and policy change.

Join them on Sunday June 19, from 10 am - 4 pm, in Sutter Creek at Minnie Provis Park!

Learn more about our new project partners on our Task Force webpage!

LGBTQ News and Resources

Senator Wiener’s Transgender Inclusive Health Care Act Passes Senate

Read more

What Gay & Bisexual Men Need to Know About Monkeypox

The Gay Sexuality & Social Policy Initiative @ UCLA Luskin has developed an infographic in collaboration with their partners at the LA LGBT Center about what gay and bisexual men need to know about the ongoing monkeypox outbreaks. Read more
How the reversal of Roe v. Wade could impact the transgender community

Read more

What California law requires in teaching about LGBTQ people in public schools

Read more

Opinion: How to Ensure Medical Members Can Access Their Mental Health Benefits

Read more

California would subsidize abortion services for uninsured, out-of-state patients under Newsom plan

Read more

Upcoming Events

Save the date for our annual LGBTQ Health & Human Services Convening! More information on workshops, panels, and how to register coming soon!

Since you're already signed up for our newsletter you'll be the first to get notified when registration opens! Send your friends this link to sign up for updates as well!

To have your events or announcements listed on our newsletter, please email: awallner@health-access.org.