Greetings Wonderful Network Members,

I hope you are staying cool, hydrated and indoors during this brutal heat wave. I also hope you enjoyed the 3rd Annual CA LGBTQ HHS Convening. We had over 300 registrants and over 150 attendees during our Rainbow Connection! This event wouldn't have been a success without you. I'd also like to thank our wonderful staff for working extremely hard behind the scenes to make the event enjoyable for you all. If you were unable to attend the convening, you may watch the Zoom video’s here.

As you may have noticed, we changed the date of our Monthly Network Call to be held on the second Thursday of each month from 10-11 AM. Thank you again to those of you who provided feedback to our survey regarding what you’d like to see and hear during these calls moving forward. If you would like a monthly calendar hold, please reach out to our wonderful Communications Associate, Ariela Cuellar at your earliest convenience.

I am excited to announce that this month we will have Jacob Rostovsky, CEO and Founder of Queer Works, present during our monthly call and discuss his advocacy regarding a pilot program that would provide Universal Basic Income for TGI Residents in Palm Desert. Jacob has been a strong mental health advocate, providing free services to unhoused folx across the Inland Empire. He has collaborated with Rainbow Youth Alliance, Trans Community Project, and Desert AIDS Project Health Centers. I do hope you are available to join us and engage in advocacy with Jacob to make this dream
If you are interested in presenting during one of our meetings, and have folx from across the State engage in advocacy with you, please reach out to me and I'll be more than happy to spotlight you and your organization.

If you would like to get to know me better, have any suggestions on how your organization may engage in deeper collaboration with the Network, or would just like to have a cup of coffee, it is my hope that you will reach out to me as my door is always open. I look forward to being in community with you all.

Dannie Cesena
Director
California LGBTQ Health & Human Services Network

Trans Health

SUPPORT SB 923 - The TGI Inclusive Care Act

Senate Bill 923, the TGI Inclusive Care Act passed the Senate and Assembly earlier in August, 2022 and is now on its way to the Governor’s desk! This 1st-in-the-nation legislation will improve health care for transgender, gender diverse & intersex people. Read more about the bill here and click this link to help amplify this important legislation and let Governor Newsom know why this bill is important for the TGI community!

Learn what Senate Bill SB 923 means to Alexis Sanchez from the Sacramento LGBT Center in the video below!
Monkeypox (MPX) Information & Resources

The Network has a webpage dedicated to Monkeypox (MPX) resources and advocacy tools, which will be updated as often as possible. Additionally, please click here to find useful social media graphics.

The Network also has a Monkey Pox LGBTQ+ work group that meets every other Friday at 3pm. If folx wish to join, please email dcesena@health-access.org.

Share messages for our LGBTQ+ community and help them stay safe during the MPX outbreak

MPX (Monkeypox) is a viral infection that is similar to smallpox and can be spread from infected humans, animals, and materials contaminated with the virus.
MPX is transmitted through close personal contact, including kissing, sex, and other skin-to-skin contact.

WE BREATHE
SUPPORTING TOBACCO-FREE LGBTQ COMMUNITIES

We Breathe is excited to release a series of Educational Interview Videos that provide support to LGBTQ+ community members who are trying to quit tobacco/nicotine, bring awareness to the health effects of smoking and highlight ways the LGBTQ+ community could avoid tobacco/nicotine use altogether. **Watch the full series of videos here.**

Learn about the Physical and Mental health benefits of Quitting Tobacco in the video below.

#Out4MentalHealth

#Out4MentalHealth developed a survey for members of LGBTQI+
Thank you for attending this year’s CA LGBTQ Health and Human Services Convening!

We would love to know how your experience went. Please complete our evaluation survey to let us know what we can improve for next year!

Provide Feedback

Network Call

Now scheduled for the second Thursday of each month!

SPECIAL GUEST: Jacob Rostovsky

Jacob will be speaking on his work in creating a Universal Basic Income Pilot Program for TGI folx living in the Palm Desert.

Jacob Rostovsky, He/Him/His, is a licensed psychotherapist and the CEO and founder of Queer Works, an LGBTQ+ mental health and homeless outreach non-profit in the Coachella Valley. Jacob came out as transgender at 13 years old, and since then has dedicated his life to fighting the injustices his community faces. Jacob was bullied, discriminated against, and harassed throughout his youth, but recognized the privilege he had to overcome these obstacles and hopes to provide the same support to help others thrive. Learn more about Jacob here.

Please join us for our next call!

September 8, 2022
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Meeting ID: 867 8040 3805
LGBTQ News and Resources

The California LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network is hiring an Organizer!

Learn more and apply

Imperial County Monkeypox Cases at 2; LGBT Center Facilitates Open Discussion

Read more

Lawmakers send 10 LGBTQ-sponsored bills to Governor Newsom

Read more

Juul to pay $438.5 million in settlement with dozens of states over marketing to underage people

Read more

Amid HIV/AIDS connection, fear of racial disparities for MPX grows

Read more

Upcoming Events

Imperial Valley LGBT Center is hosting two talent shows to promote their 7th Annual Imperial Valley Pride! Visit ivlgbtcenter.com for more information.
Save the date for Indigenous Pride LA!

Sunday October 9, 2022
11AM - 6PM
Autry Museum of the American West
4700 Western Heritage Way Los Angeles, CA 90027

Indigenous Pride LA 2022 will be HYBRID this year! Meaning you can attend the festival in-person or watch from the comfort of your home. You'll be able to experience Two Spirit, Indigiqueer, & Indigenous LGBTQPAI+:

- Cultural Performers
- Singing & Dancing
- Storytelling
- Resource Booths
- Vendors
- Two Spirit Panel

TUNE IN via the Indigenous Pride LA website or YouTube channel where the festival broadcast will be streamed.

For more information, please visit indigenouspridela.org or email indigenouspridela@gmail.com.

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