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LGBTQ TA CENTER

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The Equity Newsflash is a monthly announcement featuring news and upcoming events related to supporting the health and wellness of diverse LGBTQ Californians.

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Welcome! We're So Glad to
See You Again

The LGBTQ TA Center Team is excited to return for a new phase of the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP)!

We've got a new look! We've refreshed our Equity News and newsletter templates to showcase the vibrancy, creativity, and joy of our communities.

We've got a new team member! We are delighted to introduce Alex Filippelli (they/he), who will join Ken Einhaus in co-directing the LGBTQ TA Center.

This month, we're uplifting positive vibes! For Transgender Day of Visibility (March 31), we're focusing on sharing joyous, affirming, and hopeful news for Transgender communities.

Now and always, we stand with you. We will continue to bring you monthly news and resources. We are grateful for and humbled by the continued opportunity to support the CRDP [LGBTQ Implementation Pilot Projects](#) in their phenomenal work with LGBTQ+ communities.



Welcome Alex, Our New Project Co-Director and TA Liaison!

Alex Filippelli, MSW, is a queer and trans white settler and documented foreign worker who has dedicated their career to promoting health equity, racial, and gender justice. They bring deep knowledge of qualitative research and evaluation, including specific focus on transgender health needs and barriers. As a practitioner, Alex has developed and provided training and education on community needs assessments, program evaluations, harm reduction, trauma-informed, anti-racist and anti-oppressive practice frameworks. Prior to joining Center for Applied Research Solutions (CARS), Alex served as part-time faculty with CSU Sacramento's Division of Social Work, oversaw Sacramento's Gender Health Center, and worked as a participatory action researcher using arts-based methods in the gender-based violence prevention field.



[Learn More About the LGBTQ TA Center Team](#)



Grantee Spotlight at the National Transgender Health Summit

Congratulations to the CRDP LGBTQ grantees who are presenting at this

year's [National Transgender Health Summit \(NTHS\)](#)!

NTHS 2023 will be held in San Francisco on May 6 - 7. Several CRDP LGBTQ grantees will be featured on a panel to share their community-defined evidence practice (CDEP).

Panelists will describe their CDEP's approaches to addressing mental health disparities among transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC) people, grounded in community knowledge and practices; their project successes and challenges; and their lessons learned and hopes for the future.

Registration is still open! Come to the conference to connect with others doing this important work, including the CRDP panelists:

- Carla Peña (they/she), Director of Training, Gender Spectrum
- J Jha (he/she/they), Manager of TGNC and Intergenerational Programs, Openhouse
- James Patnaude (he/they/Wiiija), Data Analyst and Clinic Scheduler, San Joaquin Pride Center
- Siona Harper (she/hers), Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Engagement Specialist, Center for Sexuality and Gender Diversity
- Alex Filippelli (they/he), Panel Moderator & LGBTQ TA Center Co-Director, CARS

About the conference:

The 2023 National Transgender Health Summit will feature research presentations and training opportunities across many disciplines, with an emphasis on HIV. The conference has four tracks (Research, Clinical, Policy, and Centering Trans and Gender Diverse Voices) and welcomes healthcare participants, mental health providers, policy makers, HIV prevention professionals, and other stakeholders.



Celebrating Transgender Day of Visibility

Positive Stories in California

On Monday, California's legislators, Capitol staff, and community advocates joined with Transgender community members in recognition of Transgender Day Of Visibility, including wearing buttons saying "trans people belong." Sacramento also adopted a city resolution to annually recognize Transgender Week of Visibility in the city. [Read about the celebration.](#)



In September 2022, California became the first "sanctuary state" for transgender youth seeking gender-affirming care ([read about California's groundbreaking law](#)).



In January 2023, San Francisco Mayor London Breed launched a Guaranteed Income for Transgender People (G.I.F.T.) program that provides 55 Transgender residents of San Francisco County a guaranteed income of \$1,200 per month for 18 months. [Learn about GIFT.](#)



In February, California introduced a new bill (Transgender Youth Privacy Act) that would require sealing any petition for change of gender or sex identifier that is filed by a minor. The purpose of this bill is to prevent transgender youth from being "outed" by public records. [Learn about AB 223.](#)



Also in February, new legislation was introduced in California to require all K-12 schools to provide all-gender restroom access during school hours. [Read about SB 760.](#)

Positive Stories from Around the Nation

An overwhelming majority (91%) of anti-LGBTQ+ bills failed in 2022 ([read more at the Advocate](#)).



The [American Medical Association](#), [American Psychiatric Association](#), [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), and [Endocrine Society](#) have publicly stated support for age-appropriate gender-affirming care and publish their own guidelines for care.



Queer Youth Assemble, a youth-led organization that supports queer young people under age 25 in the U.S., will lead a March for Queer and Trans Autonomy in all 50 states on Friday ([learn more about the march](#)).



The Maryland House Committee has advanced a Trans Health Equity Act that would require Medicaid to cover gender-affirming treatment ([read about HB 283](#)).



Minnesota's Governor has signed an executive order to protect gender-affirming care ([read about the order](#)). Minnesota is also advancing legislation to ban conversion therapy ([read about HF 16](#)).



New Mexico's Governor recently signed three bills into law that will protect gender-affirming health care, expands protections for Transgender New Mexicans under the state's Human Rights Act, and protects privacy for people who have changed their names ([read more about the new laws](#)).



Project Rainbow, a Utah nonprofit, stakes rainbow and Transgender pride flags at "host" homes and businesses throughout Utah on Transgender Day of Visibility and on key dates each year to show community-wide support for LGBTQ+ Utahns ([read about the project](#)).



Coming Up: More LGBTQ+ Events

[Black Trans Advocacy Conference 2023](#)

April 25 - 30, 2023 | Dallas, TX

The National Black Trans Advocacy Conference & Awards Gala (BTAC) is an educational and empowerment event that brings together more than three attendees annually. BTAC features more than 50 workshops, seminars, presentations, and other sessions that bring together community educators and leaders. Conference registration is FREE.



[13th Annual EDGY Conference: More Than Sexuality or Gender](#)

May 10 | Los Angeles, CA

Penny Lane Center presents EDGY (Embracing the Diversity of GLBTQ Youth and Families), a one-day conference to build awareness and cultural competency, learn current and emerging best practices, and gather resources from leading experts and organizations to create a more supportive environment for LGBTQ youth and families.



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