LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER

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Understanding and Addressing LGBTQ Inequities from a Direct Service Level Perspective
A QUICK NOTE RE: LANGUAGE

- LGBTQ individuals are incredibly diverse and come from all racial, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

- Language and words that communities use to define themselves vary temporally, geographically, and culturally.

- Because many oppressed communities have had their right to self-identify taken away, using respectful language is the first important step in becoming an ally.
WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

• Established in 1969 - 10 sites
• Nearly 800 staff and 3000 volunteers
• 50,000+ client visits per month
• We provide specific services for more LGBTQ people than any other organization in the world through programs in four broad categories:
  • Health
  • Social Services & Housing
  • Culture & Education
  • Leadership & Advocacy
WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

- DISCRIMINATION
- ISOLATION
- FOOD INSECURITY
- HOUSING INSECURITY AND HOMELESSNESS
- ECONOMIC INSECURITY
- VIOLENCE
- AND FOR SO MANY MORE REASONS
HOW CAN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REDUCE THESE INEQUITIES

- Funding
- Data Collection
- Make clear that discrimination will not be tolerated!
- Increase cultural competency within, between, and across federal agencies and federally assisted programs.
VISION FOR THE FUTURE - INVISIBLE NO MORE
QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU!
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