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The LGBT Health Line:

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MISSISSIPPI COLLABORATIVE FOR INCLUSIVE HEALTH CARE

The Education Center has been working with partner organizations in Mississippi over the last year to help health care become more inclusive for LGBT people in the state. This collaborative work led to the formation of the Mississippi Collaborative for Inclusive Health Care -- a new partnership to ensure meaningful access and engagement in care for LGBT people as well as others who have been invisible to the health care system and experienced stigma and discrimination when seeking or receiving care and services across Mississippi. In addition to the Education Center, member organizations include the Mississippi State Department of Health, the Mississippi Primary Health Care Association, My Brother's Keeper, Inc., and the University of Mississippi Medical Center including the Delta Region AETC-MS, the Division of Infectious Diseases, and the Myrlie Evers-Williams Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities.

We are bringing together our unique strengths to build a strong continuum of care for all. For our initial projects, we are working with core groups of interested health centers and county health clinics that recognize that the health of many depends on the outcomes of this effort. For example, Jackson, MS has the fourth highest rate of HIV in the U.S.. If people at risk for HIV, or in need of support for other health issues feel they are not welcome, they will not seek preventive or care services in community health centers or county health clinics.

As a part of this partnership, the Education Center has been providing technical assistance to health centers through readiness assessments, training, and consultation. We have also been collaborating with the Mississippi Department of Health to improve frontline staff and provider skills in communicating with and caring for LGBT people in their clinics. After conducting online assessments and focus groups, we delivered a full-day Train-the-Trainer workshop in Jackson, MS in January 2015 to case managers, disease intervention specialist (DIS) supervisors, health educators, and nurses (see photos below). The training participants will bring their knowledge back to health care sites across the state and train all staff members on issues of LGBT health and health care. Many more programs are

planned in Mississippi as well as other Southern states this year!



Participants brainstorm solutions to case scenarios during a training session.



Patient panelists speak about their health care experiences in Mississippi.

Webinar Next Week!

Mental Health Care and Assessment of Transgender Adults

Date/Time: February 17, 2015 2:00-3:00pm ET

Faculty: Dan Karasic, MD, Health Sciences Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of California San Francisco

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Research suggests that the numbers of transgender people seeking gender affirming surgical procedures is increasing. Behavioral health providers are seeing more transgender patients seeking referrals to surgeons, and are seeking guidance on the standard practice with each patient. Dr. Dan Karasic of the University of California San Francisco will lead this webinar, describing the role of the behavioral health care provider during a person's transition and how to assess and advise patients. Dr. Karasic will detail the WPATH Standards of Care and describe how to apply these standards in practice using case-based examples and anecdotes from his work at UCSF and the Transgender Life Care Program and Dimensions Clinic in San Francisco.

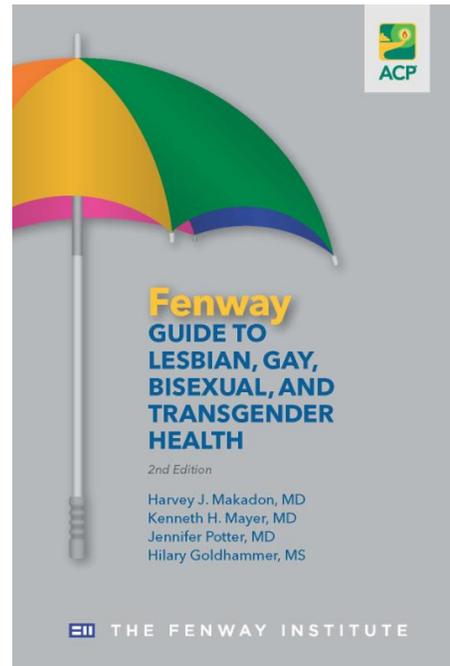
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Now Available for Pre-Order!

The Fenway Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health, 2nd Edition

We are excited to announce that newest edition of The Fenway Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health is now available for pre-order! This new 2nd edition reflects clinical and social changes since the publication of the first edition. Written by leading experts in the field of LGBT health in conjunction with The Fenway Institute at Fenway Health, this edition continues to present the important issues facing patients and practitioners, including:

- Principles for taking an LGBT-inclusive health history
- Caring for LGBTQ youth, families, and older adults
- Behavioral Health Care: coming out, intimate partner violence, drug, alcohol, and tobacco use
- Understanding health care needs of transgender people
- Development of gender identity in children and adolescents
- Sexual health and HIV prevention
- Policy and legal issues



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- Introduction to LGBT Health
- LGBT Health Care Under the Affordable Care Act
- LGBT Youth
- LGBT Older Adults
- HIV Prevention
- Transgender Health Care
- Cross-Gender Hormone Therapy
- Same-Sex Domestic Violence
- and more!

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Who We Are



The National LGBT Health Education Center provides educational programs, resources, and consultation to health care organizations with the goal of optimizing quality, culturally responsive, cost-effective health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people.

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