

January

Putting Intersectionality into Practice | Wednesday 1/26 at 1 PM ET

This webinar will introduce participants to intersectionality -- a theory that calls on us to recognize that oppressions are linked and cannot be resolved alone -- and how it informs our efforts to achieve safety, permanency and well-being for all young people. Participants will hear directly from LGBTQ+ youth on what intersectionality means to them and what it looks like in practice for child welfare professionals. Case scenarios focused on serving LGBTQ+ youth and adults in child welfare will illustrate what intersectionality can look like in practice.

60 minutes, appropriate for all child welfare professionals.

[Register here.](#)

February

Introduction to LGBTQ+ Inclusion | Tuesday 2/8 at 2 PM ET

This webinar covers foundational information related to serving LGBTQ+ youth and families. Topics include key terminology and concepts, an overview of the barriers faced by LGBTQ+ youth and families in child welfare, and the steps all service providers can take to overcome these barriers in order to create a welcoming environment.

90 minutes, core offering appropriate for all child welfare professionals.

[Register here.](#)

Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ+ Youth | Thursday 2/17 at 3 PM ET

This webinar takes a closer look at the information and resources needed to achieve safety, permanency and well-being for LGBTQ+ youth in out-of-home care. Topics include research on LGBTQ+ youth experiences, the rights of LGBTQ+ youth, finding LGBTQ+ affirming placements, and tools for advocacy.

90 minutes, core offering appropriate for all child welfare professionals.

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March

Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ+ Parents | Wednesday 3/16 at 1 PM ET

This webinar provides an in-depth look at role-specific best practices for serving LGBTQ+ foster and adoptive parents. Topics include facts and myths around LGBTQ+ parenting, law and policy, LGBTQ+ parent recruitment, home-studies, and matching and placement with LGBTQ+ headed families.

90 minutes, core offering appropriate for child welfare professionals who serve parents.

[Register here.](#)

SOGIE Considerations in Child Protection Services | Tuesday 3/22 at 3 PM ET

There are two primary goals in child protective services (CPS): 1) ensuring child safety and 2) supporting families before they risk losing custody of their children. LGBTQ+ youth are at greater risk for family rejection and violence. Using an intersectional lens, this webinar will explore ways that CPS workers can include sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression (SOGIE) in their assessment, follow-up, and support of the families they serve.

60 minutes (followed by optional 15-minute Q&A), appropriate for child welfare professionals who serve youth.

[Register here.](#)

April

Introduction to LGBTQ+ Inclusion | Thursday 4/14 at 2 PM ET

This webinar covers foundational information related to serving LGBTQ+ youth and families. Topics include key terminology and concepts, an overview of the barriers faced by LGBTQ+ youth and families in child welfare, and the steps all service providers can take to overcome these barriers and create a welcoming environment.

90 minutes, core offering appropriate for child welfare professionals who serve youth.

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Navigating Transgender-Affirming Care using Medicaid and/or CHIP | Wednesday 4/27 at 3 PM ET

Every transgender and non-binary youth is on their own individual journey. Some choose a variety of medical interventions, and some may not. This webinar will begin to explore the range of medical options and interventions that transgender and non-binary youth may require access to. We will then cover what you should know about accessing transgender-affirming care through state and federal health care options such as Medicaid and CHIP.

60 minutes (followed by optional 15-minute Q&A), appropriate for all child welfare professionals.

[Register here.](#)

May

Caring for LGBTQ+ Youth 201: A Deeper Dive for Foster & Adoptive Caregivers | Wednesday 5/11 at 3 PM ET

Using an intersectional lens and a case study format, this webinar will go beyond the basics to explore best practices in providing affirming homes. We will cover how to support the young person as they come out and continue through the milestones of adolescence. We recommend that participants join the webinar with an understanding of SOGIE definitions as well as the risk and protective factors for LGBTQ+ youth in child welfare.

60 minutes (followed by optional 15-minute Q&A), appropriate for all child welfare professionals and foster/adoptive caregivers.

[Register here.](#)

Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ+ Youth | Thursday 5/19 at 1 PM ET

This webinar takes a closer look at the information and resources needed to achieve safety, permanency and well-being for LGBTQ+ youth in out-of-home care. Topics include research on LGBTQ+ youth experiences, the rights of LGBTQ+ youth, finding LGBTQ+ affirming placements, and tools for advocacy.

90 minutes, core offering appropriate for all child welfare professionals.

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June

Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ+ Parents | Tuesday 6/7 at 3 PM ET

This webinar provides an in-depth look at role-specific best practices for serving LGBTQ+ foster and adoptive parents. Topics include facts and myths around LGBTQ+ parenting, law and policy, LGBTQ+ parent recruitment, home-studies, and matching and placement with LGBTQ+ headed families.

90 minutes, core offering appropriate for all child welfare professionals.

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Passages of Hope: Finding LGBTQ+ Support Within Doctrines of Faith | Thursday 6/16 at 3 PM ET

Many people have experience with the passages in their faith traditions that are assumed to be judgements regarding the LGBTQ+ community. Sometimes this can create a challenge for caregivers who want to balance their faith with their support of the LGBTQ+ people. This webinar will highlight the passages of support and LGBTQ+ inclusion that appear within Judeo/Christian and Muslim religious texts.

60 minutes (followed by optional 15-minute Q&A), appropriate for all child welfare professionals.

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July

Post-Placement Support for Professionals & Caregivers of LGBTQ+ Youth | Thursday 7/14 at 1 PM ET

Using an intersectional lens, this interactive webinar will focus on the questions, concerns, and challenges a caregiver might encounter as an LGBTQ+ young person in their care grows up. We will explore such areas as dating, clothing, disclosure of identity, and health care -- including safer sex and HIV prevention.

60 minutes (followed by optional 15-minute Q&A), appropriate for all child welfare professionals.

[Register here.](#)

SOGIE and Disability in Child Welfare | Wednesday 7/20 at 1 PM ET

Studies suggest that more than 20% of the children and youth in child welfare have a disability. A diverse panel of individuals with lived experience will share their expertise and experiences to help child welfare professionals understand how best to support LGBTQ+ youth who live with disabilities.

60 minutes (followed by optional 15-minute Q&A), appropriate for all child welfare professionals.

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August

Using a Racial Equity Lens to Review and Update Child Welfare Practices | Tuesday 8/9 at 3 PM ET

Research shows that children of color experience worse outcomes at every level of child welfare practices. This includes more reports, screen-ins, investigations, substantiations, and recommendations for removal than their counterparts. This can be especially true for LGBTQ+ youth of color. Using an intersectional lens, this webinar will explore strategies for achieving racial equity within agencies.

60 minutes, appropriate for all child welfare professionals.

[Register here.](#)

The “+” in LGBTQ+ | Thursday 8/11 at 1 PM ET

Many of us may be familiar with the acronym, “LGBTQ+”, but which communities are represented by the “+”? This webinar will explore some of the diverse identities that are included in the “+” like the spectrums of asexuality, two-spirit identities within Indigenous cultures, and the intersex community.

60 minutes, appropriate for all child welfare professionals.

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