



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 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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