

Community Care for LGBTQIA+ Youth Professional Development Trainings

SOGIE 101

SOGIE stands for Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression...an acronym that is deeply embedded in the diverse and ever-evolving way we each see ourselves and others around us. Participants will leave this training aware of how a youth's SOGIE impacts their experience within the child welfare, education, or medical systems. In addition to a greater understanding of the terminology used to describe someone's SOGIE, this workshop covers historical policies around SOGIE and current relevant research concerning LGBTQIA+ youth. Participants will walk away with the tools needed to create a safer and more welcoming relationship for their queer and transgender clients.

MEDICAL ADVOCACY

Geared specifically for members of the medical profession, participants in this workshop will learn specific, practical suggestions on how to provide LGBTQIA-competent medical advocacy and confidently engage in discussions with young people about gender and sexuality in a medical setting. The course also covers navigating common challenges and pitfalls during medical visits, psychological evaluations, surgeries or medical transitions with LGBTQIA+ youth.

POLICY AND PROTOCOL REFORM

This interactive workshop assists organizations review internal protocols, examine how policies are developed and implemented, and assess intake/discharge practices in order to create a safe space for the LGBTQIA+ youth that they serve.

UNDERSTANDING THE INTERSECTION OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND LGBTQIA+ YOUTH

This training provides an in-depth look at the national, state, and local impact of child trafficking on the LGBTQIA+ community. Participants will take a critical look at emerging data and personal narrative to create assessment, engagement, and prevention tools for impacted youth they may encounter in their line of work. Every participant will leave with a customized safety plan and local resources for their organization and the CSEY youth they serve.

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- ALAMEDA COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Trainings are developed and tailored to fit the needs of each agency or provider and can range in length from half-day to full-day workshops. The cost of each training varies by location and agency, with sliding scale options for smaller grassroots organizations and community partners.



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