



# CWVE 2022

Child Welfare Virtual Expo

Power in Partnerships: Prioritizing Lived Expertise in Child Welfare

## Beyond the Numbers, Get to Know the Person in Front of You: LGBTQIA2S+ Youth and Families Resources

### 1. [Collection of LGBTQ+ Youth and Family Programing](#)

Agencies serving children, youth, young adults, and their families should provide services that meet the unique needs of LGBTQ+ populations. Programs that are specific to the populations' needs take into consideration the complexities of disclosing LGBTQ+ identities, the possible rejection from family and friends, and affirming medical care many LGBTQ+ need. This website provides several manualized and evidence-informed programs available to your agency or practice.

### 2. [Support for LGBTQ Youth Starts at Home: An #AsYouAre Project](#)

This animated short from the Institute of Innovation and Implementation at the University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Social Work focuses on the impact of rejection children, youth and young adults can experience in their homes and communities and provides examples and strategies to promote support, acceptance, and affirmation of youth with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression (SOGIE). The Institute was honored to support the important work of the Biden Foundation's As You Are: A Family and Community Acceptance Campaign and shares the commitment to ensuring equal dignity and opportunity for all LGBTQ Americans.

### 3. [LGBTQ+ Center of Excellence Resources](#)

The Center of Excellence on LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity has a collection of resources on language, disparities, and practice tips. Resources on terminology are also offered in Spanish and Portuguese.

### 4. [National SOGIE Center](#)

The National Center for Youth with Diverse Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, & Expression provides a centralized site for accessing resources on providing culturally responsive care to children, youth, and young adults with diverse SOGIE and their families across systems.

### 5. [Self-Paced E-Learning Modules](#)

This six-module course will equip behavioral health providers with information and practice tips to improve services for LGBTQ+ people in their care. This course provides information on terminology, general identity development, disparities among LGBTQ+ populations across the lifespan, and best practices for behavioral health providers.