

Environmental Scan of Toronto- and Ontario-based LGBTQ+ Resources

TRAININGS, MANUALS, RESOURCES:

1. The 519 Church Street Community Centre

Training Program: ‘Trans Access’

Website: <http://www.the519.org/programsservices/transprograms/transaccess>

Description: Trans awareness workshops that are delivered by a team of trans women and men, and designed for a range of service providers. The purpose of the trainings is to increase the accessibility of agencies (such as shelters, detox centres, settlement agencies, youth agencies, etc) to trans people.

2. Positive Space Initiative

Website: <http://www.positivespaces.ca/>

Description: This initiative is developed by the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI), with the purpose to support agencies in creating positive spaces. The website provides a ‘Starter Kit’ to download, resources and trainings on issues impacting LGBTQ newcomers.

3. Public Health Alliance for LGBTTTIQQA Equity (A workgroup of the Ontario Public Health Association)

Website: http://www.opha.on.ca/our_voice/workgroups/pha.shtml

Description: The workgroup offers “Positive Space” training to a variety of organizations, including Community Health Centres and Public Health Units. A “Positive Space” manual is also available on their website (entitled: “A Positive Space is a Healthy Place: Making your Community Health Centre or Public Health Unit Inclusive to Those of All Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities”).

4. Rainbow Health Ontario

Website: <http://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/training/RHOtraining.cfm>

Description: The program provides a number of training and education programs designed to improve the accessibility and quality of health care services for LGBT community members.

Offer:

- Conferences and Seminars
- Classroom Presentations
- Training Resources
- Trainer Database
- Continuing Medical Education Sessions

Specific Trainings Offered:

1. ‘Barriers to Health Care: Introduction to LGBT Health Issues’
2. ‘Gender and Identity: Introduction to Transgender and Transsexual Issues’
3. ‘Working with LGBT Youth’
4. ‘Health Issues of LGBT Seniors’

5. 'Removing the Barriers: Making your Organization LGBT-Positive'

5. Sherbourne Health Centre

Website: <http://www.sherbourne.on.ca/programs/hlthpromoactivities.html>

Description: The Sherbourne Health Centre provides informational resources, training programs and community outreach activities for a variety of organizations working with LGBTQ+ people.

Offer:

- LGBT Training for Health Care and Social Service Providers
- Workshops and classroom presentations on LGBT health issues
- Consultation on the development of LGBT-inclusive policies and procedures
- Outreach exhibits at health fairs, community events and conferences

Toolkits and Manuals

1. "LGBT Toolkit – For Creating Culturally Competent Care for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Persons"

Organization: City of Toronto: Long Term Care Homes and Services

Website: http://www.toronto.ca/ltc/lgbt_toolkit.htm

Description: The toolkit has resources, training plans, programs and activities to help services, particularly long-term care homes, provide culturally competent care to LGBTQ community members.

* Refer to Appendix K (on page 96 of tool kit) for 'Training Resources- Educational LGBT Videos'

2. Outlive Homophobia Campaign

Organization: Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition (CRHC)

Website: <http://rainbowhealth.ca/outlive/>

Description: The website offers a description of the campaign, provides campaign posters, and connects to other resources.

3. 'Rainbow Health Educational Toolkit'

Organization: Rainbow Health Network

Main Website: <http://www.rainbowhealthnetwork.ca/>

Website for Toolkit: <http://www.rainbowhealthnetwork.ca/node/24>

Description: The Toolkit provides sensitivity training and diversity education using an anti-oppression framework. The information has been provided in healthcare settings, however, the material can be extended to other services as well. The main website page also provides links to other resources and information.

4. Variety of Resources on 'Educational Resources'

Organization: Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition (CRHC)

Main Website: <http://www.rainbowhealth.ca/english/index.html>

'Educational Resources' Website: http://www.toronto.ca/ltc/lgbt_toolkit.htm

Description: The 'Educational Resources' page contains a variety of different materials about LGBTQ health, and creating positive spaces within organizations and services. The main website also contains links to other information and helpful documents.