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LGBTQ+ Task Force

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The LGBTQ+ Task Force is committed to advocating for equal rights and health equity for people around the world who identify as LGBTQ+. Members of the LGBTQ+ community have been historically vulnerable to trauma, violence, and discrimination at multiple levels and continue to face pervasive barriers to access important resources and opportunities. We recognize that this oppression manifests in mental, behavioral, and social difficulties, resulting in constraints individuals' capacity to attain well-being. The LGBTQ+ Task Force aims to promote opportunities for people who identify as LGBTQ+ to achieve health and wellness across the lifespan and to support equity and full human flourishing for all members of this community.

Next meeting: October 11 at 10:00 am Eastern

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Conference Sessions (RT=Roundtable, IP=Individual Presentation)

- Panel: *Understanding affirming transgender and gender nonconforming care at Cook County Department of Corrections* Friday, September 27th; 10:15 to 11:10 am; SCW 206AB
- Round table: *Advocating for LGBTQ+ Rights* Saturday, September 28th; 10:15 to 11:10 am; SCW MM Thompson-C
- Poster presentations; Saturday September 28th; 12:00 - 12:55 pm; SCW MM Thompson-AB
 - *George U.S. Social Support for Distressed LGBTQ+ Young Adults: A scoping review*
 - *The impact of legislation restricting gender-affirming care for youth: Provider and youth perspectives*

Currently in progress:

- Collaboration with the Migrants and Displace Persons Task Force:
Innovations paper: *Understanding the Multilevel Stressors and opportunities for Forcibly Displace LGBTQ+ Populations: A strength-based perspective.*
- Perspectives: *Advocacy in Action* (following CT4A)