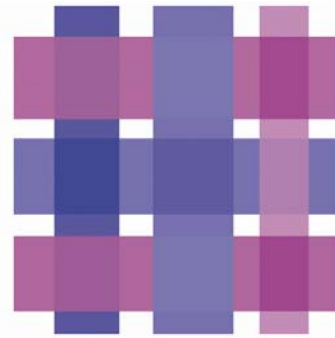


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So that knowledge gets better with age.

Terminology

1. LGBT: Acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender. LGBT and GLBT are used interchangeably.
2. What each term means.



LGBT Older Adults Face Unique Challenges to Successful Aging

1. Effects of stigma, past and present

- 1.6 million LGBT elders; largely closeted
- A psychiatric disorder (*until 1973*)
- Criminal (*until 2003*)
- Fear accessing health and community services



2. Need to rely upon “families of choice” for care and support



- Twice as likely to be single, four times less likely to have children
- Rely on friends and partners who lack legal and social recognition

3. Unequal treatment under laws, programs and services for older adults



- Design safety nets around marriage, then exclude LG couples
- Fail to address stigma and discrimination

AoA's solution – Create a Resource Ctr.

- The Older Americans Act - pay particular attention to serving populations with greatest social need.
- AoA funds other technical assistance resource centers for specific minority populations
- 2010, AoA publicly recognizes that older gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals have unique needs and preferences that must be addressed

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Vision Statement

Older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in the United States feel welcome and supported in their communities, urban and rural, by both aging network and LGBT organizations and have access to culturally appropriate supports and services to assist them in their efforts to live as independently as possible in the setting of their choice.



Who are the NRC partners?

- **Lead Agency:** Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE)
- **Training Partners**
- **Mainstream Aging Partners**
- **LGBT Portal Partner**
- **Evaluation Partner**



3 Audiences the NRC Targets

1. Mainstream aging services organizations
2. LGBT organizations
3. LGBT older adults

Goals: provide useful and accessible information about the unique needs and services for LGBT older adults



How do we do it?

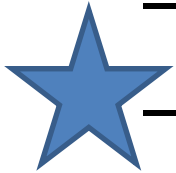
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- Technical Assistance Center
- Training Institute



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