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## eQuality – Monthly Digest

*eQuality is creating safer and more affirming systems of care for LGBTQ+ youth. eQuality is a portfolio of work at the Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ). CCYJ's mission is to create better lives for generations of children and youth by reforming the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Newsletter Transition to New Platform

Beginning April 2023, the eQuality Monthly Digest will transition to a distribution listserv via Constant Contact. Please safelist [equality@ccyj.org](mailto:equality@ccyj.org) so the Digest does not get pushed to your Spam box!

#### Introducing the eQuality Learning Sessions!

These virtual sessions are intended to be a deeper dive into issues and/or considerations facing LGBTQ+ youth and young adults. We expect to hold four of these sessions this year. All youth-serving professionals/care providers are welcome to attend.

**WHAT**                    **The Importance of Intersectionality in LGBTQ Mental Health**

**WHEN:**                    Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9:30 – 11:00 AM PST

**REGISTER:**            Online, [here](#). There is a \$10 fee to attend the session, however, if registration cost is a barrier to participation, we have a [fee waiver](#) that anyone is welcome to access.

**ABOUT:**                Dr. Myeshia Price, Director of Research Science at The Trevor Project, will discuss the potential for increased stress that young people with multiple identities experience, as well as explore some of the findings from The Trevor Project's 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health. We encourage you to [share the flyer widely](#), so others may learn more about the session and Dr. Price.

### LGBTQ+ RELATED TRAININGS:

#### National Center for State Courts

**WHAT:**                    Gender-Inclusive Language for Courts

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 PM PST

**REGISTER:** Online, [here](#)

**ABOUT:** How can courts be thoughtful in their approach to using gender-inclusive language in their communications, forms, and proceedings? Gender inclusivity is not a new concept for the courts; however, it is time to expand that work beyond the binary. This webinar is an opportunity to learn about gender-inclusive language and how courts can use it in their communications, forms, and proceedings.

### Ceres Policy Research

**WHAT:** Supporting Latinx LGBTQ+ Youth from Families of Faith

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, 10:00 – 11:30 AM PST

**REGISTER** Online, [here](#)

**ABOUT:** Are you a professional working with Latinx LGBTQ+ youth from families of faith? Are you interested more broadly in supporting LGBTQ+ youth of color within religious communities? This webinar will focus on helping families reconcile their religious beliefs with affirming their children's sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, centering *familia* in a way that strengthens bonds and identities, and moving conversations from Scripture to faith.

### All Children – All Families

**WHAT:** Native & Indigenous LGBTQIA2S+ Youth in Child Welfare

**WHEN:** Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM PST

**REGISTER** Online, [here](#)

**ABOUT:** Cultural connection is a protective factor for Indigenous and Native LGBTQIA2S+ youth impacted by the child welfare system. This webinar is designed for child welfare professionals looking to develop a deeper understanding of providing culturally responsive and culturally relevant resources and support to Indigenous and Native LGBTQIA2S+ youth. Topics include an overview of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, best practices for providing holistic support to youth impacted by generational and historical trauma, and resources specific to working with Indigenous and Native LGBTQIA2S+ youth and tribal child welfare agencies.

### All Children – All Families

**WHAT:** Introduction to LGBTQ+ Inclusion

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM PST

**REGISTER** Online, [here](#)

**ABOUT:** This webinar covers foundational information related to serving LGBTQ+ youth and families. Topics include key terminology and concepts, an overview of the barriers faced by LGBTQ+ youth and families in child welfare, and the steps all service providers can take to overcome these barriers and create a welcoming environment.

## RESOURCES OF THE MONTH:

### National SOGIE Center + James Bell Associates

**WHAT:** **Podcast Series:** Collecting Data on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression in Child Welfare

**WHEN:** Anytime, online [here](#)

**ABOUT:** How can the child welfare system collect and use data on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to ensure safe and affirming care for LGBTQ+ youth, caregivers, and family members? Join Angela Weeks, D.B.A., director of the National Center for Youth with Diverse Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression (the National SOGIE Center), and Elliott Hinkle, B.A., P.S.S., national young adult consultant at the Children's Bureau's Capacity Building Center for States.

### Legal Counsel for Youth and Children (LCYC)

**WHAT:** Minor Consent Chart

**WHEN:** Anytime, online [here](#)

**ABOUT:** In Washington state, consent laws exist in order to support a youth's right to make their own choices. Sharing information about consent laws is important to ensure young people have knowledge and awareness of these protections. LCYC created a minor consent chart that outlines common consent questions youth have and the applicable Washington laws.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**March is Women's History Month**

**March is National Social Work Month**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> – World Teen Mental Wellness Day**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> – World Social Work Day**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> – Trans Day of Visibility**

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As always, thank you for your work. Please reach out with any feedback, questions, or concerns.