The LGBTQ+ Health and Human Services Network

The Network was created and is administered by the Legislature through the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity (CWCESCO) and consists of representatives from more than a dozen health and human service non-profit agencies as well as some State agencies; most representatives are also part of the LGBTQ+ community themselves. The purpose of the Network is to make recommendations to the State about how to work toward a safer and healthier environment for the LGBTQ+ community.
Connecticut is home to a diverse and vibrant lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community.

As individuals and as a community, we have great strength, resiliency, and resourcefulness. At the same time, our community continues to be disproportionately affected by a range of safety, medical, behavioral health, economic, social, legal, and political issues, as well as personal and systemic discrimination. Without this Survey, Connecticut lacks sufficient data to identify the scale and diversity of needs of the community. Limited data also means that organizations in the state often struggle to secure adequate funding to provide LGBTQ+ services and supports.
The LGBTQ+ Community Survey?

The Survey aims to 1) enhance our understanding of the number of people that identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community in our State and 2) identify the needs of the LGBTQ+ Community in Connecticut. Specifically, the Survey asks community members questions related to their service needs, service access, and experiences of discrimination related to their: basic needs, safety, housing, health, mental health, legal services, social support, and community engagement.

Survey Link: https://bit.ly/3siusqC
Your Voice Matters!

This survey will help us learn what services and supports the LGBTQ+ community needs in Connecticut.

The results will be shared with LGBTQ+ organizations, donors, and local and state governments, to make real, lasting change for Connecticut's LGBTQ+ community.

Follow us @ctlgbtqsurvey for more information and survey updates
The Network is collaborating with the Connecticut Department of Public Health Office of Health Equity. Both groups hired The Consultation Center at Yale to support the development and administration of the Survey.

This survey is completely anonymous and confidential. You will not be asked for your name and your responses cannot be identified individually.

Once the community’s needs are identified, the Network will make recommendations to the state around how to support a safer and healthier environment for the LGBTQ+ community. More specifically, the results from the survey will help funders and government entities in Connecticut make funding decisions to strengthen LGBTQ+ related services, supports, and policies. Additionally, LGBTQ+ organizations in Connecticut can use the results of the Survey to assist with grant writing efforts that support their programming. Last, the data will be made available to the public to raise awareness about issues affecting the CT LGBTQ+ population.
Click here for a listing of LGBTQ+ Hotlines, Networks and Resources