



Understanding the Needs of LGBTQ+ Elders: Ensuring Access to Safe Care Webinar

February 14, 2024 • 12–1 p.m. CT
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LeadingAge Iowa is partnering with LeadingAge Pennsylvania to offer this opportunity. During this webinar, we will hear from advocates from SAGE, one of the nation's oldest and largest organizations dedicated to meeting the needs of LGBTQ+ elders. The panelists will discuss the history and challenges facing LGBTQ+ elders, the role of advocacy in improving access to safe and affirming care, and the steps organizations can take to better reach out to and meet the needs of the community through their services.

The vast majority of LGBTQ+ older adults have lived through decades of discrimination. This has led to a disruption in their lives, their connections with their families of origin, their lifetime earnings, and their opportunities to save for retirement. LGBTQ+ elders face higher rates of poverty and social isolation, and poorer health outcomes than their non-LGBTQ+ peers, but research suggests that they are less likely to access aging network services and providers, senior centers, meal programs, and other entitlement programs because they fear discrimination or harassment if their sexual orientations or gender identities become known. A lifetime of experiencing discrimination has made many LGBTQ+ elders wary of contacting health care professionals and aging service providers.

Aging service providers need to be aware of the history and life experiences that have shaped the lives of LGBTQ+ elders to understand how to best meet their needs. The special challenges facing this community must be kept in mind and adequately addressed when designing and providing services for older adults.

- Describe how the history of discrimination faced by many LGBTQ+ elders have impacted their lives today and directly contributed to challenges they face as they age.
- Discuss the role of advocacy in providing LGBTQ+ culturally competent care, and the various policy goals that will help improve access to safe and affirming care for LGBTQ+ elders.
- Identify the steps organizations can take to reach out to LGBTQ+ elders, and how they can better meet the needs of the LGBTQ+ community through their services.

Event Schedule

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Who Should Attend

Operations, administrators, nurse leaders, C-suite, directors, admissions, social workers and other interdisciplinary team members. Appropriate for all provider types including nursing home, assisted living, and independent living (content may be appropriate for home and community-based services and adult day services as well).

Faculty

Nicholas Watson (he/him) is the Managing Director of Social Enterprise for SAGECare. He is responsible for SAGECare's growth and visibility of the SAGECare LGBTQ+ cultural competency training and credentialing through supporting the staff in their sales, marketing, and development efforts.

Josh Dubensky (he/him) is a Housing Policy Advocate for SAGE, where he works to shape SAGE's federal housing priorities to ensure the federal housing policy reflects the needs of LGBTQ+ elders. Before SAGE, Josh served in the U.S. Senate for seven years in the Office of Senator Bob Casey and on the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, where he covered LGBTQ+ and disability issues. Josh's work focuses on incorporating the housing needs of LGBTQ+ elders into the broader debate around housing policy; including data collection, housing discrimination protections, community outreach, and access to culturally competent services.

Sherrill Wayland (she/they) is the Senior Director of Special Initiatives and Partnerships, serves as a trusted thought partner to national initiatives team members and SAGE staff across the organization. They lead the National Resource Center on LGBTQ Aging, serves as SAGE lead for the Long-Term Care Equality Index (in partnership with the Human Rights Campaign Foundation) and works in close partnership with SAGECollab, SAGECare, and the Diverse Elders Coalition. Sherrill has nearly 30 years of professional experience in the fields of education, disability, and LGBTQ+ older adult advocacy.

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Registration & Other Information

Register at www.LeadingAgeIowa.org/LGBTQ.

LeadingAge Iowa Member \$50

Prospective Member \$100

What's Included

Registration fee includes digital handout, one connection to the live webinar and instructions for receiving CE credit/attendance certificate for one person. A recording of this webinar is NOT included in the registration fee.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Registration deadline is February 12, 2024. No-shows will be billed. No refunds for failure to log-in at the time of the event. Substitutions are welcome anytime via email. A full refund will be given to all cancellations received 10 or more business days prior to the event. A \$25 administrative fee will be charged to all cancellations received six to nine business days prior to the event. No refunds will be given to cancellations received five or fewer business days prior to the event. Refunds will be calculated by the date received and the business days remaining prior to the event. LeadingAge Iowa reserves the right to cancel the program due to insufficient enrollment, in which case pre-registered participants will be notified and full refunds provided. All cancellation and substitution requests must be emailed to Amy Huisman (ahuisman@LeadingAgeIowa.org).

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