

The ACA and Advancing LGBTQ Health



LGBT Health Disparities

Tobacco and other substance use

Mental health concerns, such as depression and suicide attempts

Certain cancers, such as breast cancer

Experiences of bullying and violence

HIV/AIDS



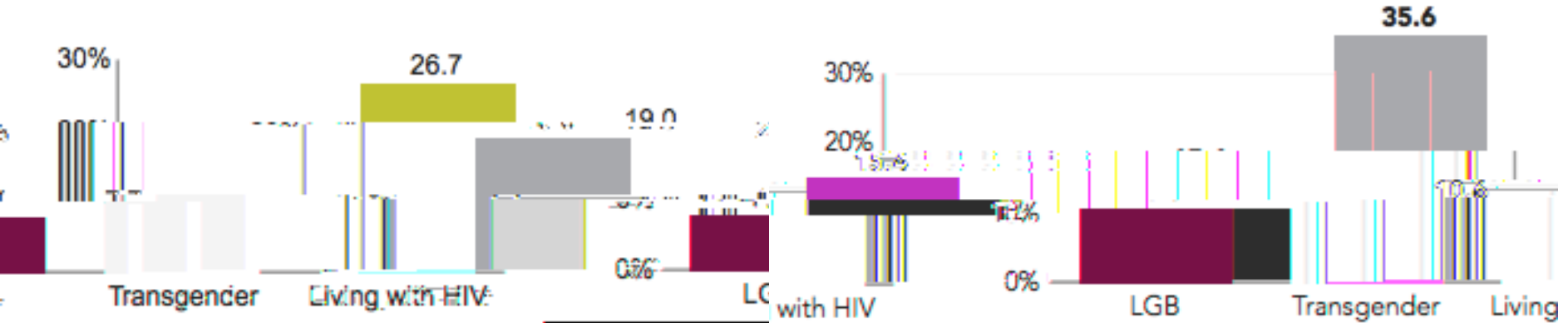
Source: The Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People (Institute of Medicine, 2011), Healthy People 2020

www.Out2Enroll.org



I was refused needed health care.

Health care professionals refused to touch me or used excessive precautions.



Health care professionals used harsh or abusive language.

Health care professionals were physically rough or abusive.



Key Health Findings: U.S. Trans Survey

U.S. Trans Survey (USTS) conducted by the National Center for Transgender Equality in summer 2015 over 6,400 respondents

Physical & Mental Health

8X serious psychological distress than U.S. population (**39%** versus **5%**)

9X attempted suicide in lifetime than U.S. population (**40%** versus **4.6%**)

Health Insurance and Health Care in the past year:

25% had trans-related health insurance problem

23%

33%

33% had at least one trans-related negative experience with a health care provider

HIV

1.4% of all respondents were living with HIV **5X** higher than the U.S. population (0.3%)

Among Black trans women, the rate was **19%**

Among American Indian trans women, the rate was **4.6%**

Among trans Latinas, the rate was **4.4%**





Section 1557 of the ACA



Section 1557: Who Is Protected?

Section 1557 prohibits discrimination based on gender identity and sex stereotyping, including:

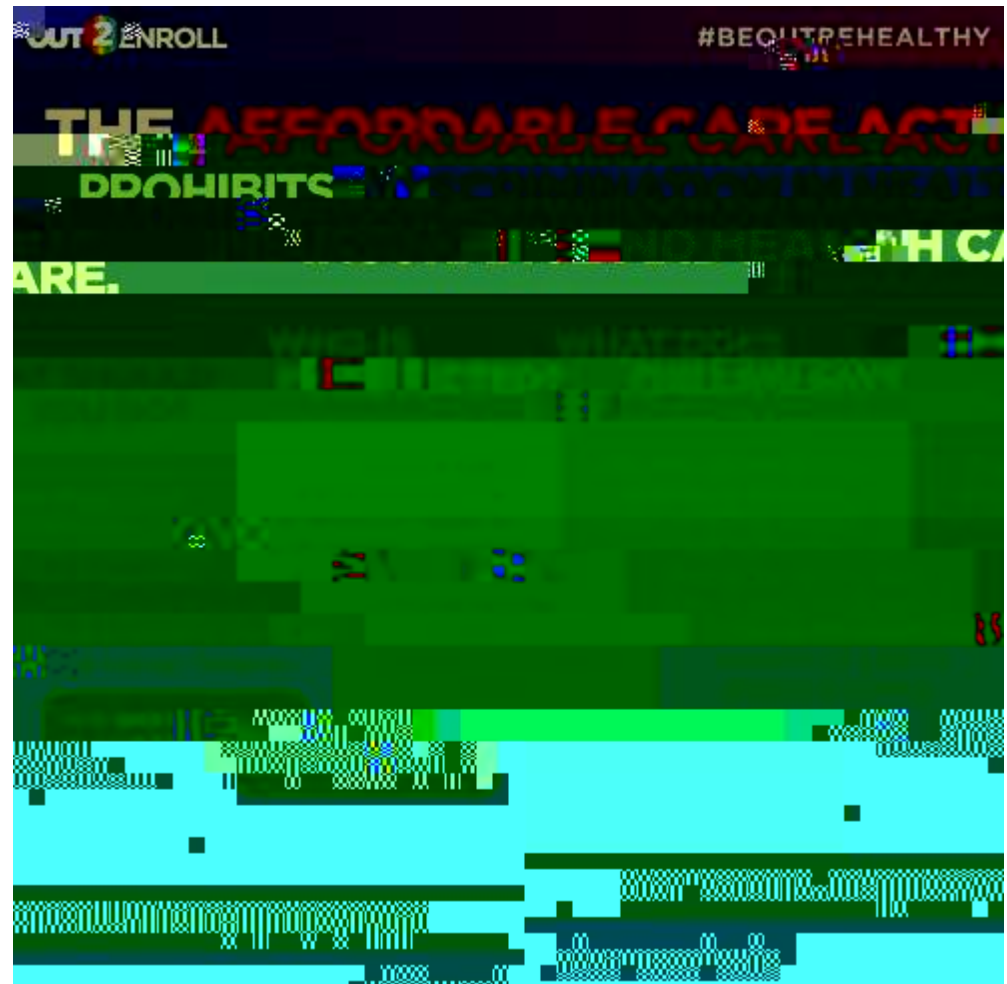
LGB people

Transgender people

Gender nonconforming people

Non-binary people

Intersex people



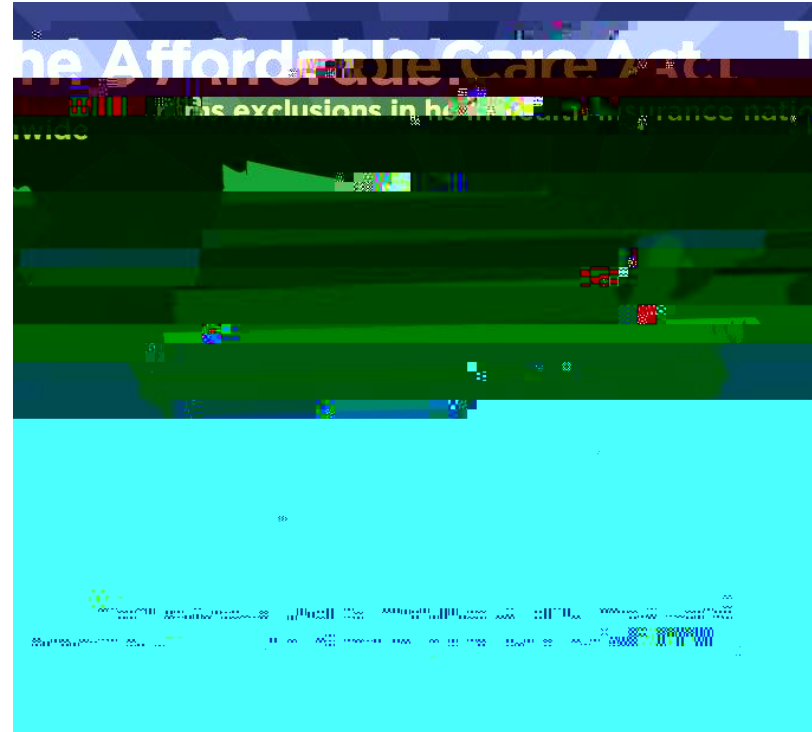
Section 1557: What Does It Mean? (Insurance)

Marketplace plans and Medicaid coverage cannot:

Have **transgender exclusions** that deny all services related to transition
Deny coverage solely because an enrollee is transgender

Limit access to _____
services (e.g., hysterectomy, prostate exam, etc.) based on sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or recorded gender

BUT there is no **affirmative requirement** to cover any particular procedure or treatment so DETAILS MATTER!



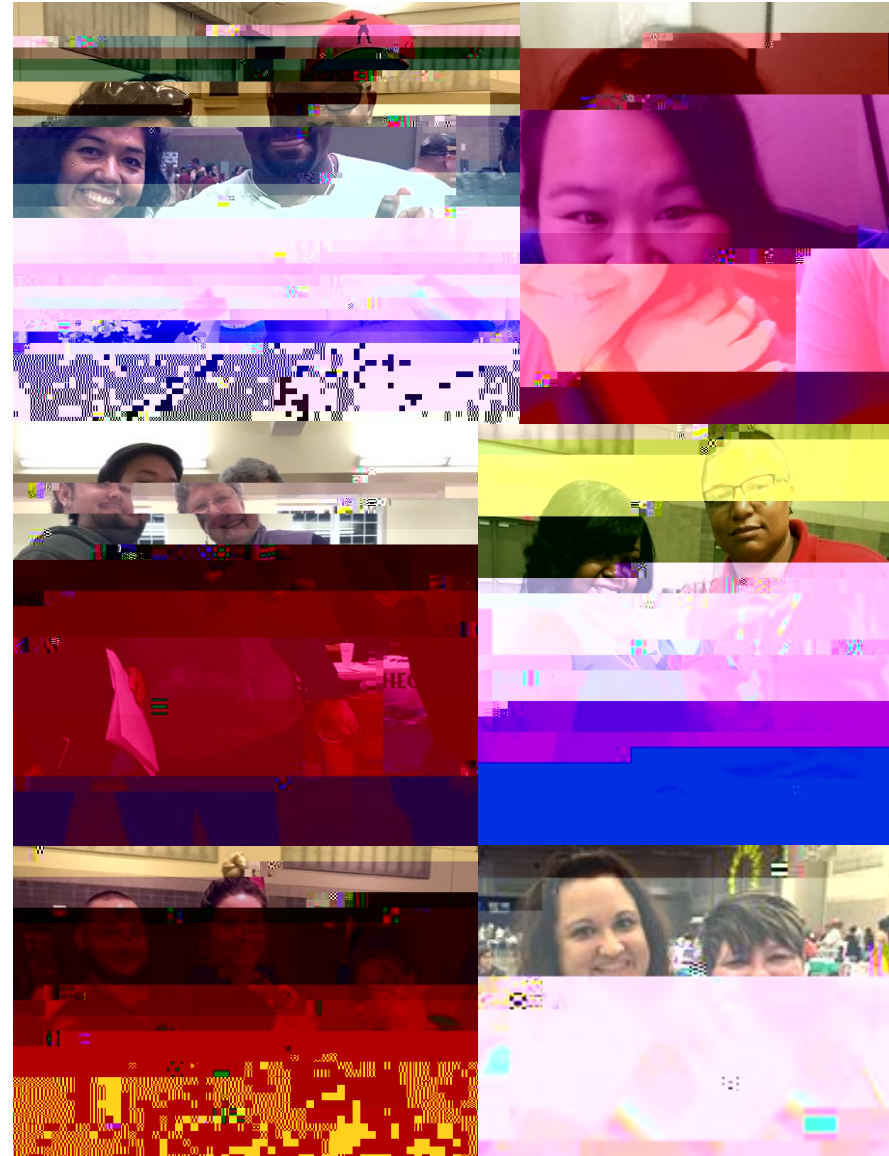


LGBTQ People Come From Every Community

Use
rainbow stickers and
posters

remember that LGBTQ
people are diverse

Be aware of language
use gender-neutral
language and appropriate
names and pronouns



What Can Libraries Do?

Participate in LGBTQ-friendly events, like LGBTQ Pride festivals (we can help!): gaypridecalendar.com/calendar

Partner with:

LGBTQ community centers: lgbtcenters.org/Centers/find-a-center.aspx

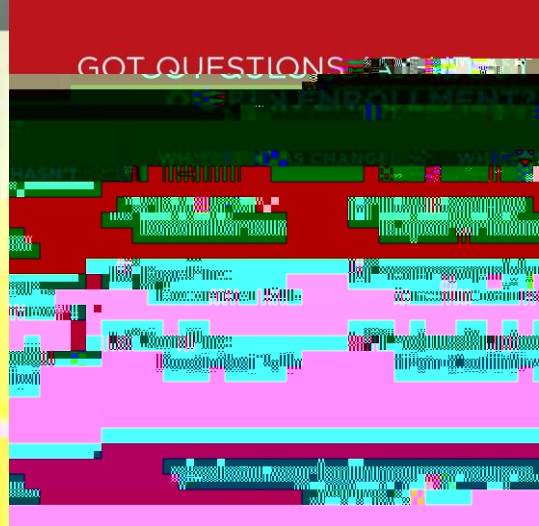
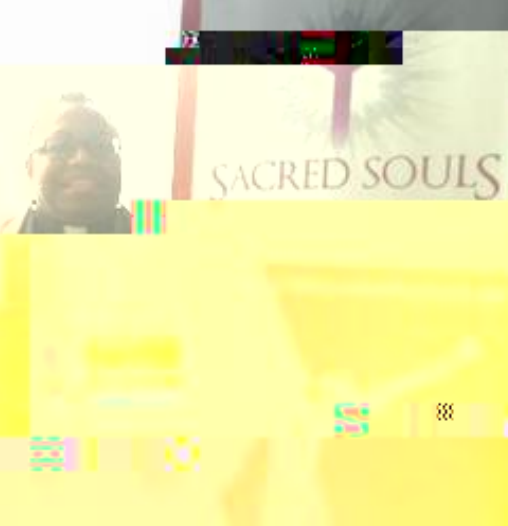
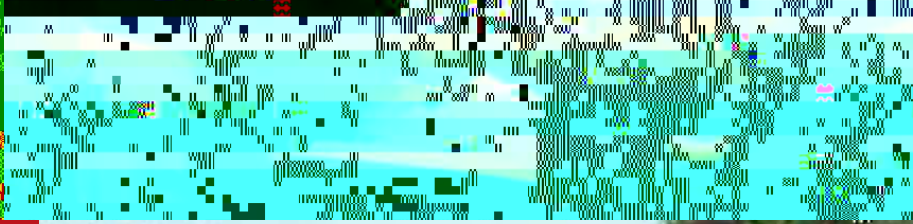
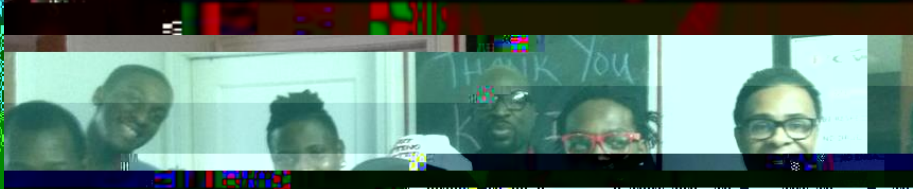
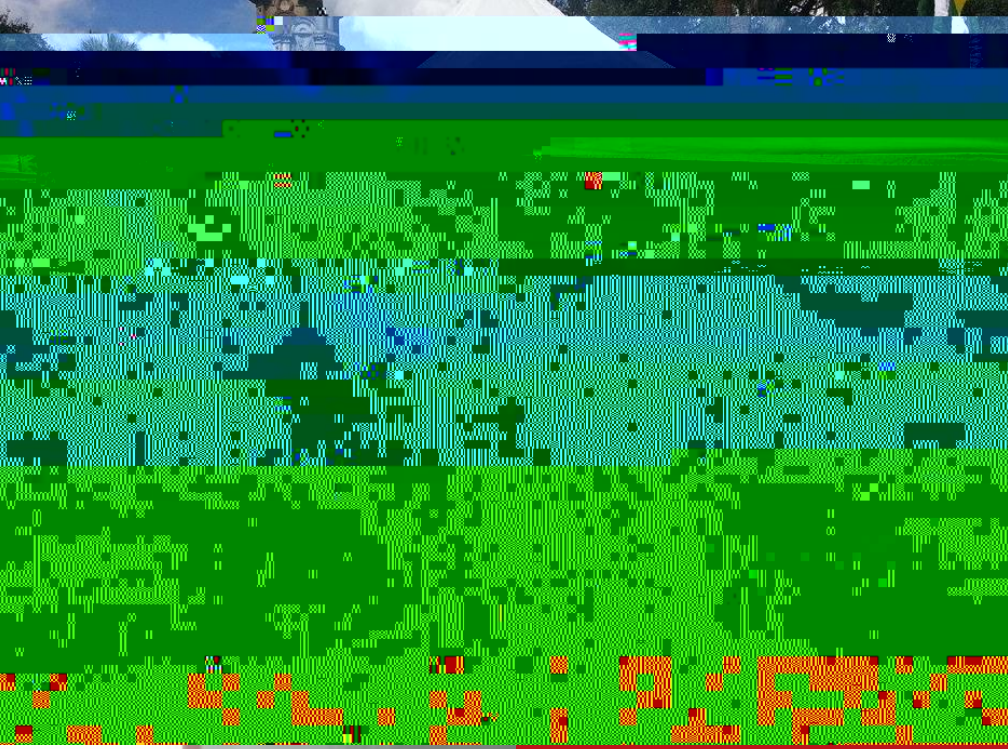
LGBTQ affirming churches: mccchurch.org/overview/ourchurches/find-a-church

PFLAG chapters: pflag.org/find-a-chapter

Transgender organizations: transadvocacynetwork.org/member

Mpowerment programs: mpowerment.org/mpowerment-locations





Key Dates

June: Pride Month

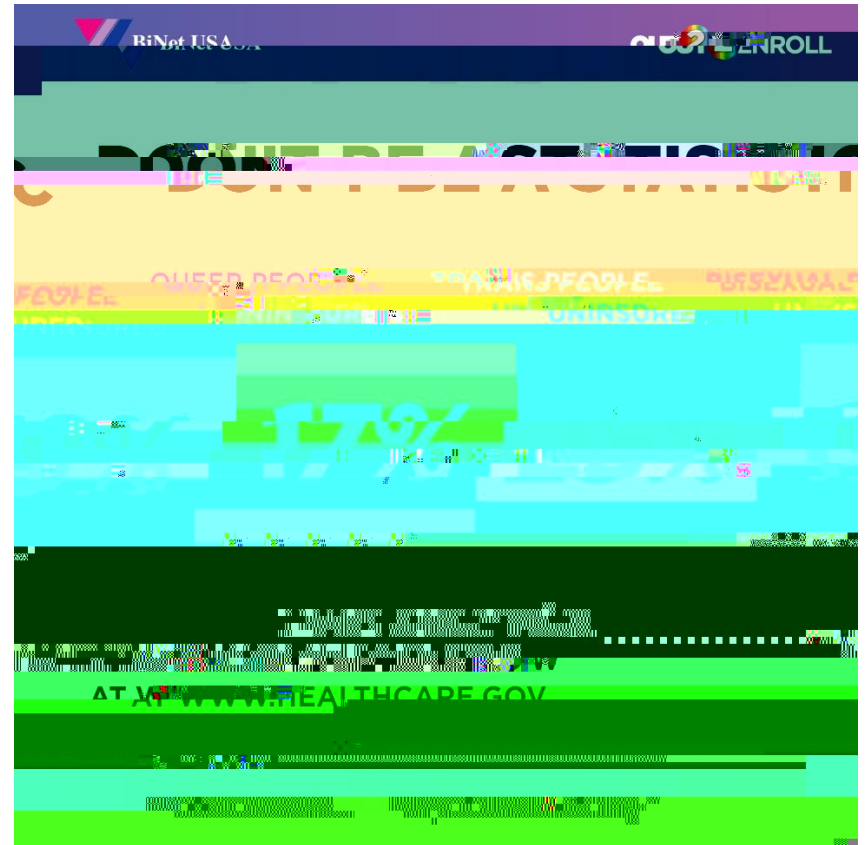
Oct. 11: National Coming Out Day

Oct. 19: Spirit Day

Nov. 18: LGBTQ Enrollment Day of Action

Nov. 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance

Dec. 1: World AIDS Day



Thank you!

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