

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Tennessee Equality Project is hosting a day-long  
conference on

**“Culturally Competent Health Care  
& the LGBT Community- Basics and Beyond”**

***Saturday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 2017, 8:30-5:00***

***Hilton Knoxville, 501 West Church Avenue, Knoxville***



Data from national health organizations like the US Office for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and the CDC show that LGBT individuals suffer from health disparities related to stigma, discrimination, and denial of their civil and human rights. Common consequences of such disparities include high rates of psychiatric distress, substance abuse and suicide. Health care providers have professional and ethical obligations to provide culturally competent care for LGBT patients, yet many individuals and organizations still struggle to meet the complex and unique needs of these patients.

Health care providers can learn about basic principles for enhancing LGBT cultural competency, including: LGBT service needs and barriers; clinical implications; and suggestions for appropriate treatment to increase awareness of providers who wish to improve their services to this population. While presentations are targeted specifically towards health care providers, LGBT patients and their loved ones may also find the presentations valuable.

Health care providers and LGBT community members are invited to attend this **FREE** conference. Continuing Education Credits will be available to mental health providers for a fee.

Contact TEP’s Knoxville/Anderson/Blount Committee Chair Leticia Flores or visit their Facebook Page to get more information.

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