



The Diversity Center of Oklahoma, Inc.  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gender Diverse & LGBTQ Symposium

“Total Wellness for Diverse Communities”

**May 17 & 18, 2019**

OU Health Science Center College of Allied Health  
1200 N Stonewall Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73117

### Call for Abstracts

The Diversity Center of Oklahoma invites you to submit an Abstract for Presentation for the 2019 Diversity Conference entitled “Total Wellness for Diverse Communities”. Abstracts that are accepted will be asked to be made into presentations to be delivered at the conference taking place May 17 & 18, 2018 at the College of Allied Health in Oklahoma City. We will be creating tracks for break-out sessions as well as an area for poster presentations. We are looking at presentations to the care providers as well as the community at large.

#### **Important Dates**

Abstract Submission Deadline

-January 31, 2019

Acceptance Notification

-February 15, 2019

Continuing Education Credit Deadline

-March 1, 2019

Full Presentation Submission Deadline

-May 1, 2019

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### Symposium Overview

Diversity Center of Oklahoma’s 5th Annual Gender & LGBTQ Symposium will address best practices for “Total Wellness for Diverse Communities”. Gender Diverse and LGBTQ persons experience multiple forms of discrimination that create barriers to total wellness. These barriers of discrimination intersect, and overlap, marginalizing and disenfranchising minority groups creating “gaps” in their ability to access culturally sensitive and equitable medical and behavioral health services.

One of the primary goals of the Diversity Center of Oklahoma (DCO) is to increase the number of qualified practitioners who are better trained and experienced in providing quality treatment for gender diverse and LGBTQ populations through education. This year’s symposium will explore various topics impacting gender diversity and LGBTQ persons and their families; latest medical treatment options, including theories of mental distress and mental health disparity for populations and subpopulations through a series of presentations by national speakers, leading clinicians and professionals in the field.

### Symposium Objectives

The objective of the 2019 Diversity Center of Oklahoma Inc. Annual Gender Diverse & LGBTQ Symposium is to develop and enhance professional skills and knowledge in prevention, recognition, assessment and treatment of health and better awareness of the larger system issues affecting the gender diverse and LGBTQ population with the goal of increasing total wellness. Discussions will highlight emerging

knowledge, best practices and innovative approaches to integrated care, with emphasis on increased access to appropriate high quality prevention, intervention, and supports that impact relationships, behavioral health, and spiritual well-being, and inclusive of special populations and cultural/ethnic diversity. Ethical considerations will also be addressed.

## Target Audience

The symposium is designed to provide educational opportunities for a diverse group of individuals and organizations working to support the LGBTQ+ community and their wellness. The resulting target audience includes: Administrative teams, Advocates, Alcohol and Drug Counselors, Allied health professionals, Allies, Behavioral health specialists, Case managers, Clergy, Community planning/support, Corrections/law enforcement, Friends, Family, Health education professionals, Health policy experts, Licensed mental health professionals, Nurses, Peer support specialists, Physician Assistants, Physicians, Prevention specialists, Psychologists, Public health officials, Social workers, Students in healthcare related fields, 3rd party payers.

## Suggested Topics

Diverse healing arts

Prevention and screening for LGBT patients (eg: STIs, cardiovascular disease, cancer, depression/anxiety/suicidal ideation, substance use, tobacco cessation, partner violence)

LGBT patient access to care

Health Advocacy

Sexual Health

Best clinical practices in the care of LGBT patients

Competency-based curriculum development and assessment for health professionals

Inter-professional collaboration / Inter-professional education / Inter-professional care teams

Health Policy Updates: Federal and State

Community Activism

Social Media & Marketing

Leadership and LGBT Health

Public Health

Advising or Mentoring LGBT Health Professionals and Students

LGBT Health Workforce Research

Intersectionalities (e.g., race and gender in LGBT communities)

Caring for LGBT health professionals: preserving passion and preventing burnout

Submit completed abstracts to [symposium@diversitycenterofoklahoma.org](mailto:symposium@diversitycenterofoklahoma.org) or fax to 800-490-9811