

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Task Force, also known as Community Advocacy for Gender and Sexuality Issues (CAGSI), has the goal of assisting Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health in reducing disparities in the mental health system by ensuring the implementation of culturally competent services and advocating for early intervention strategies for the LGBTQ community.

CAGSI goals are to continue to expand outreach to the LGBTQ population across the lifespan to empower communities to create change by providing education, support, and leadership opportunities and enhancing neighborhood organizations' ability to engage LGBTQ youth.

By supporting Transgender Children, Youth, Parents/Caregiver Behavioral Health Care Workgroup, the Cultural Competency Program will ensure that Transgender Care practice guidelines for Children and Youth are consistent with established professional Standards of Care. The plan will also create safe, welcoming, and affirming environments. These practices will honor a person's chosen name, pronouns and their individual process of gender identification.

Our programs and services are designed to improve family acceptance of the LGBTQ youth with the goal of helping to heal the relationship of the youth to their family. The county has collaborative partnerships with multiple entities and organizations including Parents, Families/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). PFLAG is a self-sustaining organization that does not receive government funding and has active chapters in each region of the county. It provides a very valuable service in supporting friends and families of LGBTQ persons.

Education and Community Outreach:

- TransYouth Care Symposium (Workforce Training)
- Show Your Colors / Coming Out Day (Special Event)
- PRIDE Festival (Outreach Event)

Curricular Emphasis:

- Safe Spaces
- Be True, Be You
- Language Use / Pronouns

Partnerships:

- SOURCE Support Group (facilitated by Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance)
- Operation Safehouse
- TruEvolution
- Open & Affirming Faith-Based Organizations
- Transition Age Youth (TAY) Drop-In Centers in Riverside, La Quinta and Perris