

APA Division
44 Public
Policy
Committee

Our Purpose

The Public Policy Committee of APA's Division 44 helps shape the political landscape to enhance LGBTQ+ well-being. This committee responds to political and policy issues related to LGBTQ+ people, and provides information and materials to help psychologists navigate the tensions arising between individual/community well-being and public policy.

LGBTQ Social Justice & Advocacy:

A Resource Guide for Psychologists



Our current political context nationally, and in many cases locally, presents challenges to LGBTQ+ well-being in different forms, including anti-transgender bills, attempts to undermine marriage equality through religious exemption laws, and legislation that facilitates discriminatory business practices. These things, and more, contribute to an oppressive social environment for many, including LGBTQ+ people. At the same time, they also provide opportunities for psychologists to actively bring the knowledge of our field into the conversation. In this spirit, the Public Policy Committee offers the resources below that can be used to inform our interactions with policy-makers. Please use the graphic below to guide you to the resources that are the best fit for your needs.



Contact Us

Have a question about how to use psychology for LGBTQ equality? Have a great resource we should list here? Please contact us at:

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Skills and Action Guidelines

- [LGBT Rights Toolkit \(southern states only\)](#)
- [Federal Action Network](#)
- [APA Guide to Talking to Children About Elections](#)
- [APAGS Legislative Issues and Advocacy Training Tools for Students](#)
- [APA Resource on Serving a diverse public](#)

Education as Self-Care

- [Dr. Glenda Russell Video “Resist: How to Triumph in Trumpland”](#)

Training and Education

- [APA LGBT Advocacy Issues](#)
- [APA Guide to Advocacy and Outreach](#)
- [APA Guide to Grassroots and State Level Advocacy](#)
- [APA Psychadvocate Training Modules](#)
- [Sustaining Progress Toward LGBT Health Equity: A Time for Vigilance, Advocacy, and Scientific Inquiry](#)
- [Congressional and Executive Branch Science Fellowship Programs](#)
- [Religious Exemption or “Conscience Clause” Advocacy](#)

Bystander Intervention

- [Engaging Bystanders to Prevent Sexual Violence](#)
- [Bystander Anti-Racism](#)
- [BullyBust](#)

Facts to Guide Action

- [Myths Preventing Social Action](#)
- [GLMA: Healthcare Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality](#)
- [22 LGBT Orgs You Need to Know](#)