

SAGE's National LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Initiative (NHI)

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SAGE's NHI provides information that helps LGBTQ+ elders and allies make informed decisions when it comes to housing. For LGBTQ+ older people, finding a place that's welcoming—where they can feel free to be themselves and be treated respectfully and compassionately—is a mainstay of our program.

Expanding Beyond the Walls of Our Cities: The Second Annual Openhouse LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Services Virtual Symposium

On October 18 and 19, under the direction of Openhouse in San Francisco, SAGE co-hosted the second annual housing services [virtual symposium](#) with the generous support of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. Round table conversations were held online at this event where elders, researchers, and rural community organizations shared knowledge and personal anecdotes. Beyond metro hubs, speakers discussed the service and cultural needs of Indigenous, Black, and rural communities, giving housing developers the chance to learn about the particular context of LGBTQ+ elders in communities that are often overlooked by dominant housing conversations. They also emphasized the holistic wellness approaches that truly turn a house into a home. The keynote address by renowned activist and community supporter Dr. Imani Woody, founder and CEO of Mary's House for Older Adults, Inc., brought the evening to a poignant conclusion.

If you missed it, you can [watch the event recordings here](#). [The recordings offer a Spanish interpretation as well as English and Spanish closed captioning](#). Thanks to our partners at [TuttleCo](#) for helping to produce another amazing virtual event!

NHI Housing Development Toolkit Modules 8 and 9 are Live!

SAGE has launched the final two modules of the [Housing Development Toolkit](#), a guide featuring strategies for developers, nonprofits, and community-based organizations to develop LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable housing. This resource addresses various components of outreach, design, financing, marketing, and cultural competency along various stages of the housing development process! Here you may access the first

seven modules, which cover community involvement and buy-in, tenant outreach, creating affirming marketing, vetting partnerships with mission alignment, using data as evidence, establishing responsibilities and expectations, and intentional design. The final two modules focus on intersectional LGBTQ+ aging cultural competency meeting challenges with flexible solutions.

Register for Free Virtual Housing Developer Trainings Today!

This summer, the NHI launched [free trainings](#) for affordable housing developers, property managers, and service providers! These self-administered trainings focus on the development, management, and service provision needs specific to LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable elder housing. Topics include fair housing regulations, trauma-informed design, role definition, community engagement, establishing key partnerships, culturally relevant service provision, marketing tools, and more!

The 9 modules are **free** for anyone interested, and registrants can take the online trainings at their convenience. We developed this training series through an online platform to easily reach housing stakeholders interested in developing affordable housing to fit the needs of LGBTQ+ aging communities. [Learn more and register here.](#) Please reach out if you have any questions!

Pennsylvania Roundtable

With generous support from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation and our partners in Pennsylvania, the NHI is excited to announce our upcoming virtual event – [Creating Home: A Roundtable to Discuss LGBTQ+ Elder Housing in Pennsylvania](#). This roundtable conversation focuses on the specific housing needs of LGBTQ+ elders in Pennsylvania. With housing advocates and service providers from across the state, it will investigate creative solutions to the housing instability faced by LGBTQ+ elders. We are excited to welcome to this event anyone in Pennsylvania who is interested in exploring affordable housing solutions for LGBTQ+ elders. If you reside in Pennsylvania and would like to participate in this conversation around LGBTQ+ elder housing, please [REGISTER HERE](#) for this exciting discussion. If you have questions or want more information about this event, please contact tgodwin@sageusa.org. We hope to see you there!

Apply for a Microgrant with SAGE's Equity Innovation Lab!

SAGE is thrilled to launch our new microgrant program, the [Equity Innovation Lab Pilot!](#) This microgrant program will grant up to \$5k and offering technical assistance and networking to small, under-resourced local BIPOC, TGNC, and/or rural serving and led LGBTQI+ elder community groups and organizations across the country. The application is now open and closes Friday, November 18, 2022. Please share with your networks and apply if you meet the eligibility criteria! You can reach out to equityinnovation@sageusa.org with any questions!

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Be well, friends!*