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# SAGE's Housing and Community Building Initiatives

LGBTQ+ older adults often deal with challenges in finding housing that is accepting of their identity. SAGE upholds its commitment to ensuring that the LGBTQ+ community's earliest advocates can find safe and affordable housing at any age through various initiatives.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Approximately 50% of same-sex older adult couples face discrimination when searching for housing.
- Around 90% of transgender and gender non-conforming older adults fear discrimination when searching for a home.

## The National LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Initiative (NHI)

### What is the NHI?

SAGE's National LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Initiative (NHI) was founded in 2015 as a response to the growing housing needs of LGBTQ+ older adults. The NHI addresses the growing housing needs of LGBTQ+ older adults through several strategies: training housing stakeholders on LGBTQ+ cultural competency, advocating for policy to ensure that LGBTQ+ elders can access welcoming housing, educating individuals about their housing rights, and assisting developers in successfully building LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable housing for older adults.

### How does the NHI reach folks?

SAGE's NHI assists many housing developers and other stakeholders in creating LGBTQ+ affirming and age-friendly spaces for their communities. The NHI provides technical assistance and support through consultation, resource sharing, and networking between stakeholders. We engage with new stakeholders through conferences and speaking engagements, hosting events on LGBTQ+ elder housing, and partnerships with local LGBTQ+ and aging services organizations.

### How can folks contact the NHI?

Learn more and sign up for email updates at: <https://www.sageusa.org/what-we-do/national-lgbt-housing-initiative/>.

### About SAGE's Baltimore Housing Work

The NHI is supporting development of LGBTQ+ affirming and affordable elder housing in Baltimore. This partnership includes Pennrose, a local housing developer in the city with experience in building LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable housing. The NHI is working to connect with community members and organizations in Baltimore who are interested in LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable housing for older adults.

To learn more or get involved, email Thomas Godwin at [tgodwin@sageusa.org](mailto:tgodwin@sageusa.org).



## The Long-Term Care Equality Index (LEI)

### What is the LEI?

The Long-Term Care Equality Index (LEI) is a joint project of SAGE and the Human Rights Campaign designed to promote equitable and inclusive care for LGBTQ+ older adults in residential long-term care and senior housing.

### How does the LEI reach folks?

The LEI is the first national benchmarking tool for LGBTQ+ inclusion in senior housing and long-term care communities. With free resources, technical assistance and a biennial survey, the LEI helps communities implement, strengthen, and innovate their LGBTQ+ inclusion efforts. The LEI report formally recognizes communities leading in LGBTQ+ inclusion across the country.

### How can folks find the LEI?

You can access the LEI at: [www.sageusa.org/lei](http://www.sageusa.org/lei)



## SAGECare

### What is SAGECare?

SAGECare is a leading LGBTQ+ aging cultural competency provider with decades as a leading educator, providing training programs and strategic guidance to help improve the lives of LGBTQ+ older adults.

Our training and consulting work is developed using SAGE's deep expertise in LGBTQ+ Aging and its network of experts and older adults.

### How does SAGECare reach folks?

SAGECare provides training and consulting to the long-term care industry in providing LGBTQ+ Culturally Competent Care. Our clients include Residential Communities, home care organizations, and any organization that serves older adults.

The SAGECare Credential is awarded to organizations that have trained with us and can guide you to find competent care for yourself or your loved ones.

### How can folks access SAGECare?

To learn more or access SAGECare support, visit our website: [sageusa.care](http://sageusa.care)

## Resident Services

### What are SAGE's Resident Services?

Resident Services is a branch of SAGEServes that supports the residents of Stonewall House and Crotona Pride House, two LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable housing developments for older adults in NYC. SAGE's Resident Services staff act as the primary care management service providers for the residents of these affordable housing developments.

### How does Resident Services reach folks?

Resident Services staff work directly with the tenants and property managers of Stonewall House and Crotona Pride House to support tenants in these developments. Resident Services staff also work closely with our SAGE Center Brooklyn and SAGE Center Bronx staff to reach residents, as these SAGE Centers are on the first floor of Stonewall House and Crotona Pride House, respectively.

### How can folks reach Resident Services?

Learn more about Resident Services by visiting the SAGEServes website: [sageserves.org](http://sageserves.org) or by contacting Hector Delgado at [hdelgado@sageusa.org](mailto:hdelgado@sageusa.org).