



National Coalition *for* LGBT Health

LGBT Health Awareness Week

March 28 – April 1, 2011

The National Coalition for LGBT Health is pleased to announce its Ninth Annual LGBT Health Awareness Week, scheduled for March 28 through April 1, 2011. This year's theme, "Come Out for Health," is a call to action for community members, advocates, service providers, and governmental officials to recognize health and wellness as an essential part of the social justice movement for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals. The goals for this year's campaign are to:

- Encourage LGBT people to speak to their health care provider about their sexual orientation and gender identity
- Encourage medical, mental health, and other social service providers to create supportive environments for LGBT individuals receiving care or treatment
- Encourage federal and state officials, health-related professional organizations, faith-based institutions, and advocacy organizations to issue position statements supporting the inclusion of LGBT communities in health care delivery and health and wellness activities
- Encourage advocates and community members to tell their stories to policy makers about the importance of health and health care access for the LGBT community

The 2011 LGBT Health Awareness Week is supported by the membership of the Coalition, which is comprised of over 75 organizations from across the country. Participants on this year's planning committee include representatives from the Center for American Progress, CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers, the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, the Human Rights Campaign, Lambda Legal, the LGBT Caucus of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, Legacy Community Health Center, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the Network for LGBT Health Equity.