



In celebration of LGBTQ Pride Month, Veteran Health Indiana is excited to announce numerous **virtual events** in which both Veterans and staff can participate. As always, please feel free to contact the LGBTQ Program Manager Dr. Heather Sperry (317-988-2152; heather.sperry@va.gov) with any questions, concerns, or should you need assistance in participating in any of these events.

Virtual LGBTQ Legal Clinic with Indiana Legal Services (ILS)

The Director of the Military Assistance Project and Director of the LGBT Law Project through Indiana Legal Services will be hosting a virtual legal clinic for any interested LGBTQ Veterans. There will be a particular focus on name and gender marker changes and military discharge upgrades. There will be opportunity for LGBTQ Veterans to ask questions and learn more about the resources available through ILS.

- Who is it for?
 - LGBTQ Veterans
- When is it?
 - June 15 from 2-4pm
- How do I join?
 - Please complete this form beforehand if you can in order to help streamline the clinic: https://ilsoi.legalservice.org/modules/matter/extern_intake.php?pid=129&h=daa817&

Supporting LGBTQ Friends and Family (Ally Training)

This is a presentation for Veterans and Staff who may not identify as LGBTQ themselves but have friends and family that are LGBTQ. This is an opportunity to learn about how to be an ally to these loved ones. There will be information on how to continue to grow in your allyship and learn about additional resources.

- Who is it for?
 - All (Staff, Veterans, Friends, & Family)
- When is it?
 - June 21st from 2-3:30pm
- How do I join?

- Microsoft Teams:
 - **Join on your computer or mobile app**
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 - **Or call in (audio only)**
 - [+1 872-701-0185,,353939670#](#) United States, Chicago
 - Phone Conference ID: 353 939 670#
 - [Find a local number](#) | [Reset PIN](#)

Transgender and Gender Diverse Care at MH Grand Rounds

This presentation is aimed at VA Providers and Staff, particularly those working in Mental Health. The focus of this presentation is education about transgender and non-binary identities. It will include information on the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), gender dysphoria, ways of supporting social and/or medical transitioning, and the importance of advocating for transgender and non-binary Veterans.

- Who is it for?
 - Mental Health Providers and Staff
- When is it?
 - June 17th from 11-12
- How do I join?
 - Contact LGBTQ PM for link access (heather.sperry@va.gov)

VA INVITES PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THE FIRST NATIONAL VIRTUAL PRIDE MONTH

WASHINGTON — On June 1, 2021 The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Resolution Management, Diversity, and Inclusion, invites the military-connected community to join us in the celebration of PRIDE month by attending our first VA National Virtual PRIDE event throughout the month of June 2021.

“Over 300 VA employees from across the country are working to present an event that is diverse, inclusive and informational as the VA continues to utilize technology to enhance the Veteran virtual experience,” said VA National Virtual PRIDE Lead, Lynn Berry. “VA National Virtual PRIDE gives volunteers, Veterans, allies and others a way to participate and learn about our LGBT+ Veterans and resources within the military-connected community.”

VA is dedicated to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion; we strive for the deepest roots of inclusion & diversity within the institution of The Department of Veterans Affairs and to facilitate bringing about understanding, education and awareness to remove barriers for the VA LGBT+ community. The VA National Virtual PRIDE event encourages participation by any person wishing to support the event(s) in a positive and safe environment. Our theme is “United for Equality.” Details forthcoming, including links to join events.