



Oregon's First Older Adult LGBTQ+ Survey

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Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health
and Recovery

Survey



Survey Background & Participation

- Need and Request
- Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Aging & People with Disabilities
- Advisory Committee
- Community Survey: participation by 1,402 LGBTQ+ Older Adults across Oregon

Survey Goal & Purpose

“I am concerned about my future as I, and the people in my community, grow older. I worry about who will take care of us, and I wonder who I’ll be able to turn to for help as my body gets more feeble.”

- Goal: Understand the risks, needs and strengths of demographically diverse LGBTQ+ Oregonians aged 55 and older, including those not represented in previous studies
- Purpose: Produce publicly available findings to be used for advocacy, training, education, program and policy development and other purposes

Community Involvement

Community members and organizations were involved in:

- Making suggestions on survey advisory committee members
- Education and outreach to publicize the survey and encourage community members to participate
- Sharing the research report results
- Engaging in next steps

Oregon Survey Community Partners

- AARP Oregon
- Aging Well Program of Cascade AIDS Project
- Alzheimer's Association
- EngAGE NW
- Governor's Commission on Senior Services
- HIV Alliance
- Metropolitan Community Church of Portland
- Oregon Home Care Commission
- Oregon LGBTQ+ Aging Coalition
- Quest Center for Integrative Health
- PRIDE Foundation
- SAGE Metro Portland

And Members of the Oregon LGBTQ Older Adult
Survey Advisory Committee

Next Steps

- Oregon Office of Aging & People with Disabilities (APD) steps:
 - Identify areas in which APD has oversight or responsibility
 - Develop action plans
 - Foster/build ongoing community partnerships and collaborations
 - Implement State Plan on Aging statewide focus on service equity
 - Raise awareness and align with other state and community driven initiatives
 - Convene prioritization meeting

Links

- [Survey Website](#)
- [Survey Report](#)
- [Survey Executive Summary](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [Oregon LGBTQ+ Older Adult Survey Results Presentation and Discussion](#)

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