

# LGBTQIA+ Population Health Clerkship: Connecting with LGBT+ Resources for Student Enrichment

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### Introduction

This was a curriculum development project designed to create the program for the upcoming LGBTQIA+ Population Health Clerkship (PHC). The PHC as stated by the course description is a “two-week course required of all medical and nursing students in the fall of the second year. Its aim is to introduce students to public health concepts and to communities as a unit of care.” The LGBTQIA+ PHC is designed specifically to introduce students to the various public health and community resources for LGBT+ individuals. The students will primarily focus on resources in Worcester with various other site visits to community resources in surrounding towns and cities. The program will run from October 22nd until November 2nd.

### Objectives

This two week PHC will focus on:

- (1) learning about what resources are currently available for LGBT+ folk in the greater Worcester area.
- (2) working with these local organizations to further their efforts in providing LGBT appropriate care to the community of Worcester.
- (3) designing a research project and presenting findings at the end of the course.

### Community Resources

This is a list of the community programs that will be included in site visits:

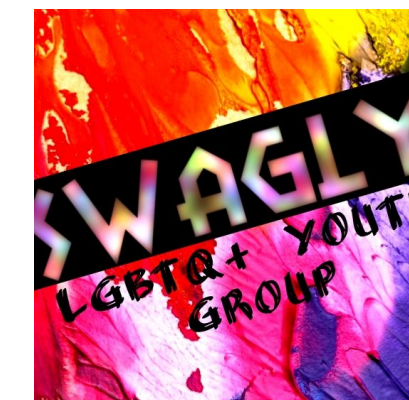
#### **AIDS Project Worcester**

provides a range of services for persons living with HIV/AIDS and those at greatest risk for HIV and Hepatitis C (HCV)  
-One of the largest centers for LGBT advocacy in Worcester



#### **SWAGLY**

Supporters of Worcester Area GLBT Youth  
- Weekly meetings and youth outreach



#### **ESWA**

Elder Services of Worcester Area  
- Worcester LGBT Elder Network (WLEN)  
- provide housing and care for LGBT+ elders  
- Rainbow Lunch Club



### Community Resources (Continued)

#### **Fenway Health**

Healthcare for LGBT+ individuals in the greater Boston area  
- LGBT focused care  
- Transgender healthcare drop-in support groups



#### **Planned Parenthood**

Multifaceted organization primarily focused on women's healthcare that will also begin to provide care for trans patients in the near future



#### **Family Health Center Worcester**

LGBT+ friendly healthcare center in Worcester



#### **Safe Homes**

provides safe and supportive services for LGBTQ youth



#### **LGBT Asylum Task Force**

Helps LGBT+ individuals who are seeking asylum in the United States raise funds and navigate the legal system



### Lecture Series

This is a list of the other programs designed to educate students on LGBT+ healthcare needs and disparities:

#### **Screening of the documentary, Transgender Parents**

This documentary shares the struggles and strengths of several trans women and trans men navigating different stages of parenting.

#### **Race, Power, Privilege**

A workshop focusing on the ways that race, power and privilege can shape one's experiences as a student, care provider, community member or person seeking health care.

#### **Department of Public Health (DPH)**

Behavioral Health & Sexuality Training

#### **Dr. Stuart Chipkin**

Lecture on the medical management of trans patients

#### **Transgender Patient Panel**

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