SARTAC: LGBTQIA



THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO IDENTIFY AS LGBTQIA

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What is SARTAC?

- Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center
- Online clearinghouse for information
- A partnership between regional technical assistance centers



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Learning Objectives

- History of the movement
- People's identity
- How to join a support group

LGBTQIA+ Identity

- Lesbian
- Gay
- Bisexual
- Transgender
- Queer or Questioning
- Intersex
- Asexual or Aromantic
- + is spectrums of sexuality and gender



Gay Rights are Civil Rights: Where it got started

Stonewall, New York City 1969

- Riot and uprising at the Stonewall Inn in 1969
- Beginning of the modern Gay Rights Movement

Gay flag

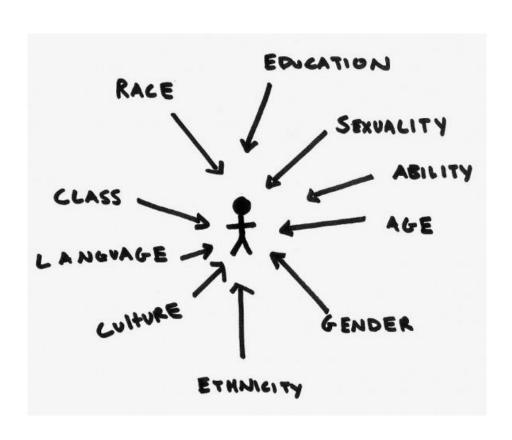
- Originally created in 1978 by Gilbert Baker
- The meaning of the colors red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, green for nature, blue for serenity, and purple for spirit

Gay marriage

- Vermont Civil Unions in 2000 signed by Governor Dean (David)
- California 2013
- Declared legal in all 50 states in 2015 by the Supreme Court



Intersectionality



- You are more than just your disability
- It is okay to be disabled and have a sexual identity
- It is a part of who you are
- People with disabilities can be sexual and desire sexual relationships

Your rights as a LGBTQIA+ person

- You have the right to marry who you want to marry
- You have certain protections from discrimination in the work place
- The rights of LGBTQIA+ are under attack
- Things are changing everyday
 - Click on this link for the latest:
 https://www.lgbtmap.org/equality-maps

How to join a support group: Find out what is available in your community

- Pride centers An LGBT community center, or pride center (from gay pride), is a building which hosts services for non-heterosexual youth, seniors, adult men and women, and trans individuals, as well as an organization which owns and maintains such a building on a non-profit, non-political.
- Safe spaces can provide a break from judgment, unsolicited opinions, and having to explain yourself. It also allows people to feel supported and respected. This is especially **important** for minorities, members of the LGBTQIA community, and other marginalized groups.
- It Gets Better Project's mission is to uplift, empower, and connect lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) youth around the globe.

Community events

- Gay Pride events many states have them in June
- Regular meetings for specific groups



Resources

- Prideability
 - https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh3gFN29tuyiH0s-UgUEvwx9CGSB yN4MS
- Intersection of LGBTQ history and disability
 - https://epgn.com/2020/10/20/the-intersection-of-lgbtq-history-and-disability/
- GLBT Legal Advocates and Defenders national website
 - https://www.glad.org

Small Group Questions

- If you are have questions about self identity, do you know who to call?
- What are the same things between self advocacy and the LGBTQ movement?
- Do you know of any resources in your state or nationally that support the gay community?

Resources

Resources for self advocacy groups can be found at www.selfadvocoacyinfo.org

