

TOWARD A SAFE PLACE

LGBTIQA+ Domestic & Family Violence Training & Resources

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Toward A Safe Place is a half-day (4 hours) specialised training for health and community service organisations to equip workers with information and skills to better support LGBTIQA+ people who are experiencing family violence. This training has been developed by Catalyst Foundation, in consultation with BFriend, Pride of the South and a Steering Committee of relevant agencies.

Toward A Safe Place training is practical, discussion-driven and informed by current research and evidence-based practice.

Toward A Safe Place training aims to:

- Increase understanding about LGBTIQA+ people's experiences of family violence, its prevalence, patterns and impacts (including similarities and differences to other kinds of family violence).
- Increase understanding about the structural barriers facing LGBTIQA+ people and how this impacts their ability to seek & receive appropriate support for family violence
- Assist organizations to think through how they can make their workplaces and services more aware and responsive to the needs of LGBTIQA+ clients/staff/visitors, including those experiencing family violence.

The core principles of the Toward A Safe Place training are:

- Everyone has a responsibility to prevent and end family violence in all its forms
- LGBTIQA+ people deserve to live free from all kinds of violence and discrimination
- Every contact with health and community service providers matters and is an opportunity for inclusion and support
- A whole-of-organisation approach is necessary for inclusive, safe and supportive services

What's included:

- **Flyers & brochures for staff**

Toward A Safe Place training is recommended for services that have already completed a basic level of LGBTIQA+ cultural awareness training (or have equivalent practice knowledge) and also have good understanding of the general dynamics domestic and family violence.

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