



Survey of LGBTQIA+ Older Adults in California: From Challenges to Resilience

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This document outlines general information for Survey of LGBTQIA+ Older Adults in California: From Challenges to Resilience. The goal of the frequently asked questions (FAQs) included is to support facilitators, community stakeholders, and interested participants with prevalent details of the survey.

Q: What is the purpose of this survey?

A: This survey is designed to collect information about the experiences and needs of the LGBTQIA+ community in California in order to improve the services and policies that affect them. The survey is voluntary and anonymous, and your responses will be kept confidential and secure.

Q: Who is conducting this study?

A: This study is being conducted by a team of researchers from CITRIS Health at UC Berkeley, University of California San Francisco (UCSF), and Openhouse. The California Department of Aging (CDA) is providing the funding for this study.

Q: Do I qualify to take the survey?

A: To qualify, you must identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, be 50 years or older, and be a California resident.

Q: What does LGBTQIA+ stand for?

A: LGBTQIA+ is an acronym that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and other identities that are not captured by the previous terms. The plus sign (+) indicates that there are more identities than those listed, and that the acronym is inclusive of all people who identify with a sexual orientation or gender identity that is different from the normative expectations of their society.

Q: How can I participate in the survey?

A: The survey is conducted online and can be accessed by visiting https://ucsf.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBDSgcZPTREuqvY. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete and is anonymous and confidential.

Q: What languages is the survey available in?

A: English, Spanish, Tagalog, Chinese

Q: Why is this survey important?

A: This survey is important because it will provide data and insights on the health care needs and experiences of LGBTQIA+ older adults in California. [According to previous studies, this population faces significant barriers in accessing health care, such as lack of timely care, difficulty finding providers, unfair](#)

[treatment, and higher rates of delaying or not getting needed care](#)¹. This survey will help inform policy makers, health care providers, California's Master Plan on Aging, and advocates on how to improve health care access and quality for LGBTQIA+ older adults.

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