

Hosted by the South Southwest MHTTC

Train the Trainer Event for Creating Affirming Environments for LGBTQ People Receiving Services



WHEN

August 2-4, 2023
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM CST

WHERE

Austin, TX
In-Person

WHO

Eligible applicants are located in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and the tribal communities in these areas.

REGISTER

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to apply by June 8th!



ABOUT

Are you an experienced facilitator who is committed to fostering LGBTQ-affirming environments in behavioral health? We encourage you to apply for the Train the Trainers Event so that you can bring the *Creating Affirming Environments for LGBTQ People Receiving Services* training to your community!

During the Train the Trainers Event, experienced facilitators will introduce *Creating Affirming Environments for LGBTQ People Receiving Services*, prepare people to conduct the training, and discuss common questions that come up when facilitating a training on gender identity and sexual orientation.

Have questions? Email us at southsouthwest@mhttcnetwork.org.

PRESENTERS



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WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TRAIN THE TRAINERS EVENT?

People are eligible to apply for the Train the Trainer Event if they are located within U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region 6. Region 6 covers the following communities: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and the tribal communities in these areas.

People may apply for the Train the Trainers Event as individuals or as a co-facilitation team (up to 2 people total). If accepted as an individual, you may be paired with another facilitator from your state/community who also completes the Train the Trainer Event.

We encourage all people to apply, including:

- People with direct services experience in behavioral health settings (case workers, peer support specialists, clinical staff, etc.)
- People with experience in administration and executive leadership of behavioral health settings
- People who identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ communities
- People with strong training facilitation experience

Two people from each state/community in Region 6 will be accepted into the Train the Trainers Event, for a total of up to 14 participants.

The South Southwest MHTTC will cover participants' lodging, transportation, and daily per diem. CEUs will be provided.

WHAT IS THE CREATING AFFIRMING ENVIRONMENTS FOR LGBTQ PEOPLE RECEIVING SERVICES TRAINING?

Creating Affirming Environments for LGBTQ People Receiving Services is a four-hour training that provides an overview of terms, concepts, and identities that people working in the behavioral health field should know to cultivate affirming environments for LGBTQ people. A 2018 report from the Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health showed that most providers in Texas do not hold overtly prejudicial attitudes towards LGBTQ clients. However, the report also revealed that most providers lack the knowledge, skills, or awareness to provide appropriate care to LGBTQ clients. *Creating Affirming Environments for LGBTQ People Receiving Services* aims to bridge the gap many providers feel by offering basic information, resources, and guidance for people working in behavioral health agencies on how to support LGBTQ people receiving services.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE TRAIN THE TRAINERS EVENT?

After the successfully completing the Train the Trainers Event, participants will be able to conduct the *Creating Affirming Environments for LGBTQ People Receiving Services* in their community. Additionally, the South Southwest MHTTC may provide financial support for participants to conduct at least one *Creating Affirming Environments for LGBTQ People Receiving Services* training.