

Additional SOGIE Resources suggested by UConn School of Social Work Innovations Institute through their June 3, 2024 TA Telegram newsletter:

Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Young People

The Trevor Project released the [2024 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Young People](#), which highlights the experiences of more than 18,000 LGBTQ+ young people ages 13 to 24. The findings underscore that LGBTQ+ young people continue to report high rates of mental health challenges, suicide risk, and associated experiences of anti-LGBTQ+ victimization.

LGBTQ+ CoE Pride Month Podcast Series

Innovations' Center of Excellence (CoE) on LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity has partnered with the Mid-America Prevention Technology Transfer Center to bring you four unique podcast episodes in honor of Pride month. New episodes will drop each Thursday throughout the month of June - [Pride Month Podcast Series \(lgbtgequity.org\)](#)

Strengthening Protections for LGBTQ+ Youth in Foster Care (Part 2)

In April 2024, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released a historic final rule that directs State and Tribal agencies to fully implement existing protections for LGBTQ+ youth in foster care. Read [Part 1](#) on the basics of the new federal rule and the ways it protects LGBTQ+ children in foster care.

In recognition of Pride Month, this Policy Corner focuses on ways that states can go beyond the [latest HHS rule](#) to further protect youth involved in the child welfare system with diverse sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGIE).

Below are examples of state policy mechanisms curated by [Innovations' SOGIE Center](#) that focus on protecting and supporting this population in child welfare systems:

- State agency policy and regulations can explicitly prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity for youth in the child welfare system.
- States can mandate in statute that transgender youth be treated in accordance with their gender identity, including placements.
- States and agencies can implement data collection on SOGIE status in child welfare agencies by setting up data fields within existing data collection mechanisms so that SOGIE data can be entered, and by training child welfare workers to ask youth about their SOGIE.

For lessons learned and best practices for state child welfare agencies and system builders, visit Innovations Institute's [SOGIE Center](#). For information on how to support the well-being and safety of LGBTQ+ children involved with public systems, [contact Innovations Institute](#). You can also sign up for our SOGIE Center newsletter [here](#).

Resources:

- [Child Welfare Work & Resources](#) (The National SOGIE Center)
 - [Asking About SOGIE Implementation Guide](#) (QIC-LGBTQ2S)
 - [LGBTQ Youth: State Laws, Regulations, or Agency Policies Related to LGBTQ Youth in the Child Welfare System](#) (Movement Advancement Project)
 - [The Cuyahoga Youth Count: A Report on LGBTQ+ Youth Experience in Foster Care](#) (QIC-LGBTQ2S)
 - [Protecting the Rights & Providing Appropriate Services to LGBTQIA2S+ Youth in Out-of-Home Care](#) (Child Welfare Information Gateway)
 - [Moving Beyond Change Efforts: Evidence & Action to Support & Affirm LGBTQI+ Youth](#) (SAMHSA)
 - [Creating an Affirming Culture & Climate for LGBTQIA2S+ Children & Young People in Child Welfare](#) (Capacity Building Center for States)
 - [LGBTQIA2S+ Resources](#) (Children's Bureau)
- [Designated Placement Requirements Under Titles IV-E & IV-B for LGBTQI+ Children](#) (Federal Register)

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