



FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Understanding and Working with LGBTQ Youth

Dates: Monday, March 20, 2017- Habitat for Humanity: 824 Memorial Dr SE, Atlanta, GA 30316 – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-and-serving-lgbtq-youth-and-young-adults-registration-atlantaga-tickets-32628124599>

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 - Hephzibah Children's Home, 6601 Zebulon Rd, Macon, GA 31220 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-and-serving-lgbtq-youth-and-young-adults-registration-macon-ga-tickets-32600292352>

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

In 2015, CHRIS 180 achieved status as a "Leader in Supporting and Serving LGBT Families and Youth" from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. This rigorous program brought us to the forefront of protecting and serving this population which often faces severe discrimination, bias and maltreatment.

Comprehensive LGBTQ cultural competency training is essential for individuals and organizations that want to utilize best practices. The CHRIS Training Institute (CTI) provides training for clinicians, social workers, caseworkers, managers, supervisors, administrators and others that work with LGBTQ youth and families. This training ensures these individuals and organizations are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to support and serve their LGBTQ clients. LGBTQ youth are at a higher risk for mental illness, homelessness, drug abuse and suicide and are in need of the support and advocacy to decrease these risks. This interactive and engaging training can be successfully applied with diverse groups and across varied settings. The training will allow participants to leave with best practices tools to help inform individual roles as well as policies and procedures for working with LGBTQ youth.

“Once a young person who is LGBTQ enters the foster care system, his or her caseworker is an important link to support and safety. It is therefore critical that a young person’s caseworker has the capacity, understanding and willingness to support the child’s social and emotional development while in foster care.”

– Bryan Samuels, former Commissioner, U.S. Administration on Children, Youth and Families

The one day - 6 hour training will help participants to:

- Understand common language/terminology and concepts including the identity continuum
- Identify issues of risk, challenge and trauma specific to work with LGBTQ youth and young adults
- Learn strategies to manage personal beliefs with professional responsibilities
- Understand their role and how to be supportive of LGBTQ youth
- Understand best practices for working with LGBTQ youth