

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health

JSI in the United States



JSI is at the forefront of community and programmatic research on and strategies to improve the health of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people. Since 1995, JSI has worked to the study and improve the health outcomes for LGBT populations, who are disproportionately affected by stigma, a lack of access to health care, violence victimization, obesity, tobacco usage (smoking), STIs including HIV, and addiction.

Assessing Community Needs and Disseminating Findings

Qualitative Research and Evaluation – Conducting research on gaps in health and social service needs for LGBT communities. Through methods including surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews, and community-based participatory research, JSI designs and implements effective measures to reach out to LGBT people and identify their needs and assets.

Information Dissemination – Members of marginalized communities are hard to reach and have many unmet needs. JSI develops and disseminates information by traditional methods (e.g., presentations, publications), at forums (e.g., community meetings, LGBT health summits), as well through new media (e.g., internet, text messaging, social networking sites), and attending non-traditional venues (e.g., bars, clubs, rallies), to reach people wherever they are.

Providing Program Assessment and Capacity Building

Program Evaluation – Program evaluation improves the capacity of providers to improve services. JSI conducts both targeted and comprehensive program evaluations to better address concerns and meet the needs of LGBT clients. JSI has evaluated programs to train providers of programs serving LGBT youth, LGBT elders, and LGBT communities of color, to name a few.

Strategic Planning – Helping program managers design, refine, and improve the quality of new and existing programs by developing and clarifying mission statements, establishing priorities, and creating goal-oriented action plans.

Improving Services

Technical Assistance – Providing technical assistance (TA) to increase access to health and social services for LGBT populations. JSI TA includes capacity building at all levels – training on specific health topics, program development and evaluation, and organizational development.

Conducting Advocacy and Outreach

Policy and Legislative Development – Conducting research and providing data to support local, state, and national efforts to address policy issues that affect LGBT communities.

Coalition Building – Promoting, convening, and coordinating meetings, presentations, conferences, and networks with stakeholders to ensure that individual voices are heard and needs are met.

JSI works with public and private clients to address the nation's most pressing health issues.

Selected Clients

Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center
San Jose, CA

UCLA School of Law
Los Angeles, CA

Farnsworth Foundation
Boston, MA

The History Project
Boston, MA

LGBT Aging Project
Boston, MA

Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Boston, MA

Gay and Lesbian Youth Services
Brockton, MA

Rhode Island Foundation
Providence, RI

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