SARTAC: LGBTQIA

THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO IDENTIFY AS LGBTQIA

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What is SARTAC?

- Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center
- Online clearinghouse for information
- A partnership between regional technical assistance centers
- Funded by Administration for Community Living
Learning Objectives

- History of the movement
- People’s identity
- How to join a support group
LGBTQIA+ Identity

- Lesbian
- Gay
- Bisexual
- Transgender
- Queer or Questioning
- Intersex
- Asexual or Aromantic
- + is spectrums of sexuality and gender
Gay Rights are Civil Rights: Where it got started

- **Stonewall, New York City 1969**
  - Riot and uprising at the Stonewall Inn in 1969
  - Beginning of the modern Gay Rights Movement

- **Gay flag**
  - Originally created in 1978 by Gilbert Baker
  - The meaning of the colors red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, green for nature, blue for serenity, and purple for spirit

- **Gay marriage**
  - Vermont Civil Unions in 2000 signed by Governor Dean (David)
  - California 2013
  - Declared legal in all 50 states in 2015 by the Supreme Court
Intersectionality

- You are more than just your disability
- It is okay to be disabled and have a sexual identity
- It is a part of who you are
- People with disabilities can be sexual and desire sexual relationships
Your rights as a LGBTQIA+ person

- You have the right to marry who you want to marry
- You have certain protections from discrimination in the workplace
- The rights of LGBTQIA+ are under attack
- Things are changing everyday
  - Click on this link for the latest: [https://www.lgbtmap.org/equality-maps](https://www.lgbtmap.org/equality-maps)
How to join a support group: Find out what is available in your community

- **Pride centers** An LGBT community center, or pride center (from gay pride), is a building which hosts services for non-heterosexual youth, seniors, adult men and women, and trans individuals, as well as an organization which owns and maintains such a building on a non-profit, non-political.

- **Safe spaces** can provide a break from judgment, unsolicited opinions, and having to explain yourself. It also allows people to feel supported and respected. This is especially important for minorities, members of the LGBTQIA community, and other marginalized groups.

- **It Gets Better Project’s mission** is to uplift, empower, and connect lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) youth around the globe.
Community events

- Gay Pride events many states have them in June
- Regular meetings for specific groups
Resources

- Prideability
  - https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh3gFN29tuyiH0s-UgUEvwx9CGSBvN4MS

- Intersection of LGBTQ history and disability

- GLBT Legal Advocates and Defenders national website
  - https://www.glad.org
Small Group Questions

- If you have questions about self identity, do you know who to call?
- What are the same things between self advocacy and the LGBTQ movement?
- Do you know of any resources in your state or nationally that support the gay community?
Resources

Resources for self advocacy groups can be found at www.selfadvocacyinfo.org