



The LGBTQ-Affirmative Therapist Guild of Utah

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In-Service Schedule 2014-15 Membership Year

Most regular Guild meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, unless otherwise specified in the schedule—please check the listings and descriptions for changes in dates, times, and location for some of the meetings. Typical agenda for our in-service meetings:

8:00 – 8:15 a.m.	Refreshments & Networking
8:15 – 9:45 a.m.	In-Service Program

Meetings are conducted at the offices of MindBody Wisdom (77 South 700 East - #200) unless otherwise specified in the schedule – NOTE: please park in the upper (outside) parking lot. This location is accessible for anyone with limitations of physical mobility.

CEU's have been approved for all in-service programs by Utah NASW and NBCC (courtesy of the Utah Mental Health Counselor's Association); CEU's are free for Guild members & \$5 for non-members

Most in-service meetings are video taped and posted on the Guild website for member-only access. CEU's are available for on-line viewing of in-service sessions.

Program Offerings:

09/18/14: **“Building Bridges: An Update on the Group of 8 Dialogue Process”**

This session will provide a forum to update Guild members about the work of the “Group of 8” who have been meeting since April 2013. This group, comprised of a diverse representation of providers across the spectrum of approaches for dealing with sexual/gender orientation conflict, is seeking to find common ground to bridge the historical divides. The session will provide an opportunity for Group of 8 members to share about their process of dialoguing for over 120 hours spanning 17 months and to allow Guild members to ask questions and solicit feedback.

Presenter Panel: Jerry Buie, LCSW (Pride Counseling Center); Lee Beckstead, PhD (Aspen Grove Counseling); Shirley Cox, LCSW (BYU School of Social Work); David Pruden (NARTH); Marybeth Raynes, LCSW (Private Practice); Jim Struve, LCSW (Private Practice)

10/16/14: **“Responding to Homeless LGBT Youth”**

It's estimated that about 5000 unaccompanied youth experience homelessness in Utah each year, with 30% of those experiencing homelessness for more than one year. Of this population, national statistics show 40% self-identify as LGBT. Almost 70% of those report being rejected by their families, often with them being kicked out of their homes. The percentage who are actually LGBT could be considerably higher. Safe and Sound is a Utah-based organization that is providing resources to respond to the needs of these LGBT homeless youth.

Presenter: Rachel Peterson, Coordinator, Safe & Sound

- 11/20/14: **“The Impact of Recent Court Rulings & Legislative Actions”**
 This session will explore the ways in which recent court rulings and legislative actions/non-actions will ease or complicate the lives of LGBT individuals, their families, and allies. Also, a look ahead to the coming months and what to expect from the Courts and the Utah Legislature.
Presenter: Clifford Rosky, Professor of Law, University of Utah and/or the **Executive Director**, Equality Utah
- 12/04/14 **“BDSM: Beyond 101 - Addressing the Intricacies of Kinky Sex”**
 Note: 1st Thurs Our “BDSM 101” in-service last year addressed the basics of Kinky Sex. This year’s session will focus on the intricacies of what constitutes consent and how partners negotiate the boundaries of abusive/non-abusive sexual interactions. Particular attention will be given to the dynamics of consent for partners who have a history of sexual assault, domestic violence, or have a cognitive disability.
Presenters: SweetGeekGoddess - a fun loving masochist and service submissive, is a founding member of the National Leather Association of Utah and keeper of the website www.kinkabuse.com; **Kara Posner**, CMHC & **Jake Van Epps**, M.Ed
- 12/13/14 **“CHRISTMAS WITH MISFITS”**
 Note: 2nd Sat. Plan-B Theatre World Premiere play by Julie Jensen
 4 – 6 p.m. Four short plays about what is wrong - and could be right! - with Christmas. Spend the holidays with some folks who may just be a little more interesting than those at your Christmas dinner.
Post-Performance Salon: A 1 hour Guild-specific Salon Discussion will follow this production, to provide an opportunity for members of the Guild to discuss the play with the **Playwright, Director, and Actors.**
 This performance and post-play salon will be conducted at Plan-B Theatre, 138 West Broadway, Salt Lake City)
 NOTE: 2 hours of CEU’s available for attending the play and the salon.
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- 1/09/15 **“Sex Trafficking”**
 Note: 2nd Fri. Geralyn Dreyfous was instrumental in the production of the pioneering film, “Born Into Brothels, which exposed the realities of international sex trafficking. This presentation will focus on the continued prevalence of this issue in Utah and the United States. (“Born Into Brothels” is available for viewing at Netflix for those who want to watch the film before this in-service meeting.)
 5 – 7 p.m.
Presenter: Geralyn Dreyfous, Utah Film Center, Founder/Board Chair
 Joint session with WPP, AWP, & the Guild
Location Note: This program will meet at The Den – University of Utah Student Union
- 02/19/15: **“Understanding Islamic Teachings & Traditions About Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation”**
 This session will provide an overview of Islamic historical traditions and contemporary teachings about gender identity and sexual orientation.
Presenter: Peter Von Sivers, Associate Professor of History, University of Utah
- 3/07/15: **“A/VERSION OF EVENTS”**
 Note: 1st Sat. Plan-B Theatre World premier by Matthew Ivan Bennett
 4 – 6 p.m. A claustrophobic road-trip about healing at different speeds, getting trapped in the wrong memories, and whether we can ever outrun ourselves.
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3/14/15

“Ethical Strategies for Dealing With Sexual/Gender Orientation and Religious Conflicts: Healing the Rifts Within Our Professions and Communities” (Tentative Title)

This 6 hours Ethics Workshop will continue the dialogue process from the “Building Bridges” workshop that was conducted by the Guild in March 2013 and that has continued with the Group of 8.

Presenters: Lee Beckstead, PhD and Jim Struve, LCSW (Plus members from the Group of 8 – TBA)

(This workshop will be conducted at the University of Utah School of Social Work – Guild members will be eligible for discounted registration.)

3/19/15:

“Understanding the Lives of Individuals Who Are Intersex”

This session will provide an overview of issues facing individuals who are intersex. Included will be an exploration of clinical approaches for working with clients who are intersex.

Presenters: Breeze Hannaford, LCSW – Facilitator, Transgender Group at Utah Pride Center; Candice Metzler, MSW - President, Transgender Education Advocates of Utah & Facilitator, Transgender Youth Group at Utah Pride Center

4/11/15:

“PILOT PROGRAM”

Note: 2nd Sat. Plan-B Theatre World Premier by Melissa Leilani Larson

4 – 6 p.m. What if you were called to serve in the restoration of polygamy?

You could blog about it. An intimate look at first love, second wives and last chances.

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04/16/15:

“Working With Couples When A Partner Comes Out As Gay/Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender”

This session will explore the therapeutic dynamics of couples therapy when a partner comes out. How to guide a mixed orientation couple through the complicated maze of maintaining constructive communication and negotiating changes in the relationship dynamics.

Presenters: Terri Busch, LCSW and Marybeth Raynes, LCSW

05/21/15:

"Current Issues Facing LGBTQ Adolescents"

An update on current trends in working with LGBTQ youth

Presenter: Josh Bytendorp, LCMHC – Youth Services

06/18/15:

“Aging Within the LGBT Community“

An exploration of issues and trends about aging for LGBT individuals.

Presenters: Jerry Buie, LCSW – Pride Counseling & Charles Lynn Frost – SAGE Utah