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Edmonton Pride Seniors Group

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Workshop Goals

- Explore gender/gender identity messages
- Understand lived experiences of LGBTQ2+ seniors
- Discuss welcoming and appropriate services
- How to integrate this information

Thinking About Gender / Gender Identity Messages

- Messages received from parents or family
- Messages received from peers or friends
- Messages received from community or media

Understanding LGBTQ2+ Seniors' Experiences

“The Good Old Days”

- Growing up LGBTQ2S
- Challenges
- Perceived Reality
- Code language

Important Terminology

- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity
- Transphobia and Homophobia
- Intersectionality
- Allyship

Today's LGBTQ2+ Senior

Implications

- Isolation
- Support structures
- Default presentation
- Health

The Positive Side

Strengths

- Creative Family Arrangements
- Roles
- Social Struggle
- Advocacy
- Community building

Making A Good First Impression

- Words have power
- LGBTQ2+ Seniors scan for safety
- Signal inclusion
- Examine gender lens

Navigating Next Steps



**OUR NEED
FOR COMMUNITY
DOESN'T FADE
AS WE AGE**



WORKING TO BUILD INCLUSIVE CARE ENVIRONMENTS FOR OLDER LGBTQ ADULTS

#RESPECTYOURELDERS



**HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA & BIPHOBIA
HAVE NO PLACE AT HOME**

Poster retrieved from The 519

Meaningful Inclusion

Commitments

- Training
- Confidentiality
- Social & Support Programming
- Policies and Procedures

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Questions

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