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

HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA & BIPHOBIA HAVE NO PLACE AT HOME

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Meaningful Inclusion

Commitments

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