

First Regional Lesbian Health Conference!

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Exploring the Diversity of Lesbian Health

Friday-Saturday, September 11-12, 1998
University of Illinois at Chicago

The conference is spearheaded by a consortium of Midwest health professionals and organizations
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This conference will change how you think about health care

Creating Healthy Lives: Exploring the Diversity of Lesbian Health is a conference designed to address issues that pertain to the health and health care of lesbians. Organized by activists, health care providers, community organizations and government officials from the Midwest, the purpose is to educate and inform health care providers and lesbians alike on the specific needs of lesbians as health care consumers, while also addressing broader issues such as access to care and public policy.

Conference Objectives Include:

1. To educate the lesbian/bisexual women's community and health care providers on critical and current health issues, as well as barriers to care such as income, homophobia, racism, disability and ageism.
2. To educate health care providers and policy makers on the issues faced by lesbian and bisexual women in the health care system, thereby enhancing service delivery.
3. To explore strategies for increasing health promotion behaviors such as routine and preventive care; improving knowledge of HIV and STD risk factors; improve services for gynecological and reproductive health, substance abuse prevention and treatment and mental health.
4. To form cross cultural, intra-and interstate alliances and coalitions on lesbian and bisexual health issues.
5. To produce tools and information for local communities in the Midwest region.

- Keynote speakers **Judy Bradford and Marj Plumb** will address the most pressing issues of lesbian health, including the recent Institute of Medicine Committee meeting on Lesbian Health Research Priorities.
- This conference is the first Midwest regional conference dedicated to the diverse issues of lesbian health.
- This conference will facilitate information sharing, networking, and discussions to share successful models and tools for appropriate and accessible health care for all lesbians.
- Conference presentations will explore health issues for lesbians across the life span, including lesbian youth, families and menopause.
- Participants will have the opportunity to meet other lesbians and organizers across the Midwest, who are committed to ensuring high quality health care for all lesbians.
- This conference will provide a forum to discuss important and emerging issues with other women currently working in health related fields in the Midwest.
- The conference offers opportunities for individuals, organizations, and providers from across the region to share information and models for the successful development of lesbian health care provision.
- This will be a working conference, committed to developing networks for lesbians, and others who care for them across the region, to work collaboratively.



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c/o of Lesbian Community Cancer Project

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Keynote Speakers:

Judy Bradford is the Director of the Virginia Commonwealth Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory (SERL) within the Center for Public Policy, an interdisciplinary center for excellence.

Judy works at the national level in several areas of community health and understudied populations. She currently serves on review panels for several agencies in the Public Health Services and has served as a consultant of the Office of Women's Health Research in the National Institutes of Health.

Judy has significant interest and substantial background in women's health research. She works with the Mautner Project for Lesbian with Cancer, as evaluation consultant on a multi-year CDC-funded replication. With Caitlin Ryan, she conducted the National Lesbian Health Care Survey in 1994-95 and is currently working to establish an international network of lesbian researchers.



Judy Bradford

Marj Plumb was born and raised in a western suburb of Chicago. She left the Midwest in 1980 for San Francisco to begin work on the first west coast women's music and comedy festival and has worked in the gay and lesbian community as a health care administrator, activist and national organizer ever since. As a founding member of the DC-based Lesbian Health Advocacy Network she was intimately involved in the very first meetings with the Department of Health and Human Services to encourage them to include lesbians as an underserved population. She has recently left full-time employment with the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association so that she can finish a book on health policy advocacy and apply to graduate schools so that she can earn her Ph.D. in Public Health and teach, her first love. As a working-class, butch lesbian, Plumb speaks on issues concerning sexuality, race, class, and gender.



Marj Plumb

Conference Program

Friday, September 11, 1998

- 8:00-9:00 am** **Conference Registration**
- 9:00 - 9:45am** **Welcome Address:**
Featuring invited speakers Susan Wood, Ph.D., Deputy Director U.S. Public Health Service's Office on Women's Health; Sharon Green, Deputy Director, Illinois Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health; Dieth Hanssmaan, University of Illinois at Chicago; and Michelle Hoersch, Director of U.S. Public Health Service's Office of Women's Health, Region V; Sheila Lyne, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Public Health; Steven Potsic, M.D., MPH, Regional Health Administrator, Region V U.S. Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- 9:45am - 11:00** **Keynote Address:**
Judy Bradford, Ph.D., Director of Survey Research Laboratory at Virginia Commonwealth University; member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Lesbian Health Priorities
- 11:00- Noon** **Opening Plenary Panel:**
Barriers To Care for All: How Do We Secure Quality Care for All Lesbians, Bisexual, and Transgender?
- Noon - 1:30pm** **Lunch Session:** Caitlyn Ryan - Mental Health Issues of Gay Youth
- 1:30 - 3:00pm** **Concurrent Sessions I**
Conceptualizing Health of the Lesbian Community: An Overview of Critical Issues.
Issues of Access Youth Barriers to Care; Lesbian Health Research; Legal Issues of Lesbian Families; Internalized Homophobia; Bisexual Women's Issues in Context of Health; and Trans Health Issues.

- Sexual Abuse; Sexual Health and Safety; Self - Image; Lesbian Families - Psychosocial Aspects; Menopause; Alcohol, Substance Use, and Mental Health
- 5:00 - 6:30pm** **Lesbian Health Roundtable I**
Developing Community Public & Private Partnerships
- 6:30-8:00pm** **Networking Reception**

Saturday, September 12

- 8:00 - 9:00am** **Registration**
- 9:00 - 10:30am** **Saturday Keynote Address: Marj Plumb**
- 10:30am - Noon** **Concurrent Sessions III**
Building Sustainable Lesbian Health Models.
Breast and Cervical Cancer - Models for Intervention
Spirituality, Religious Institutions and Health
WSW and High Risk Populations
Lesbian Issues in Health Care Setting (Models of Care)
Using Media as an Organizing Tool
Lesbian Provider Forum
Creating Lesbian Health Networks
Lesbian Health Fairs
Artificial Insemination
Smoking Cessation
Rural Health
- Noon - 1:30pm** **Lunch Session:** Empowering the Midwestern Region: Tools for Organizing - Panel of Regional Leaders in Lesbian Health
- 1:30 - 3:00pm** **Regional breakouts to Develop Coordinated Networks**
- 3:00 - 4:00pm** **Information Exchange and Building Interstate Connections**
- 4:00 - 5:00pm** **Closing**

Registration Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail address (if available): _____

Phone: (daytime preferred) please include area code. _____

FAX: (if available) _____

Name of Organization/Clinic/School: _____

Access:

I need wheelchair access I need an ASL interpreter

I have other unique needs (specify): _____

Roommate Service:

Some registrants may have extra space in their hotel room. We will try to match these people up with other registrants who need hotel space. Please let us know if you want to participate in this service.

I need a roommate for my hotel room (note your hotel): _____

I need to be matched with someone who has space in her/his room

Child Care:

We expect to be able to provide child care for a limited number of children for \$15/day. Children must be between the ages of 2-8 years old. We regret we cannot accommodate infants or older children and confirmed advance reservations for child care are required.

I need child care. My child is _____ years old. Child's name: _____

Community Housing:

We expect to have a limited number of spaces in homes of Chicago area residents for conference registrants who do not wish to stay in a hotel. We regret that we will not be able to fulfill last minute requests for community housing.

I need community housing for: Friday, September 11 Saturday, September 12

(we cannot guarantee free housing space but we will attempt to meet all requests)

I will be driving to the conference Have allergies to cats/or dogs Require nonsmoking space

I can provide community housing. Please contact me.

Fees: \$75 (includes a box lunch on Friday, a continental breakfast and a box lunch on Saturday)

If postmarked or faxed after September 1 or paid at the door, the fee is \$100. A limited number of scholarship are available:

Please contact me about scholarship opportunities.

I need a vegetarian box lunch (this option may not be available if you register at the door)

(Registration forms mailed after August 28 may not be received before the conference.

Please register by FAX (773-561-1830) or at the door.) We will fax or mail a confirmation of your registration.

I am attending the conference and I would like to make an additional donation of \$_____ to support the conference's efforts to keep registration fees low.

I am not able to attend but I would like to make a donation of \$_____ to support the organizers' efforts to keep registration fees low and to assist in the important work of the conference.

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Chicago, IL 60640 or FAX this form and credit card info to 773-561-1830:

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Signature: _____

Please note: You are not registered until we receive both your registration form and your payment.

Questions, call 773-561-4462