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# LGBT Welcoming Designation for Adult Care Homes

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# Presenters

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# Historical Perspective

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- ADVSD identified inequities in its service to the LGBT community
- ADVSD founded the LGBT Alliance which has representation from staff, leadership, and community partners
- LGBT Alliance identified barriers existing for LGBT adults seeking welcoming care settings
- Developed the LGBT Welcoming Designation





# Adult Care Homes

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- 650 adult care homes in Multnomah County
- Each home serves up to five residents
- The Adult Care Home Program licenses and monitors homes that serve older adults and adults with disabilities





# Designation Components

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- Licenser and Operator Checklists
- Guidelines
- Code of Conduct
- Welcoming Symbol
- Training and Annual Continuing Education





# Review Process

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- LGBT Alliance Subcommittee Workgroups
- LBGT Alliance
- ADVSD Leadership
- County Public Relations
- Patrick Henry – County Counsel
- DCHS Leadership
- Consumers





# Operator Interest and Training

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- Identified 30 interested operators
- Operators attended three LGBT-related trainings that were designed in partnership with SAGE Metro Portland, an organization committed to advocacy for LGBT elders
- Nine operators completed all trainings and were ready for designation





# Designation Home Visit

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- Guidelines
- Code of Conduct
- Welcoming Symbol
- LGBT Resource Information for Residents







# ACHP Designation Sticker

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