



*"The Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET), Lexington Kentucky, is located on the original homeland of diverse Native peoples who arrived over 10,000 years ago. The most recent among them were the Shawnee. Today, Kentucky is still home to over 25,000 Native people representing scores of tribal groups. CHET recognizes the injustices Native peoples have endured. Through this statement, we hope to begin the long process of healing."*

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## CHET's Weekly Communication Digest

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### 2022 Pride Month Message

According to [the Library of Congress](#), "The first Pride march in New York City was held on June 28, 1970, on the one-year anniversary of the [Stonewall Uprising](#)." This event marked a turning point in the United States regarding advocacy for the rights of members of the LGBTQ community. While significant gains have been made since the Stonewall Uprising, significant challenges still exist.

[Since 2020, reports of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity increased by 24%](#). This rate was highest among Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) LGBTQ individuals. [Individuals identifying as LGBTQ also experience health disparities](#) related to preventive cancer screenings, tobacco and alcohol use, and overweight and obesity which can be linked to institutional stigma and discrimination. Initiatives such as [LGBTQ\\* Resources](#), University of Kentucky's central hub for accessing information, groups, and services related to diverse sexual orientations and gender identities, are important for affirming the diverse identities that exist in UK's community. [Transform Health](#), a partnership of UK HealthCare providers who have the shared goal of meeting many of the unique medical needs of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, questioning and/or anywhere on this spectrum, as well as those who consider themselves on the transgender spectrum, tackles LGBTQ health disparities by providing high quality affirming healthcare services and training other healthcare providers. In 2021, Lexington received the [highest rating in Kentucky](#) among cities ranked in the Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index, based on inclusivity of laws, policies, and services for the LGBTQ community.

However, more work is needed to achieve health equity for members of the LGBTQ community. We encourage you to explore resources such as the [Central Kentucky LGBTQIA Resource Guide](#) developed by UK Libraries, and the [Human Rights Campaign's How to be an LGBTQ Ally](#) resource, and engage with local organizations such as the [Lexington Pride Center](#) and [Bluegrass Black Pride](#). As we celebrate Pride Month, let us recognize the impact of the LGBTQ community while contributing to efforts that support and build upon the important gains made since the first Pride March in 1970.

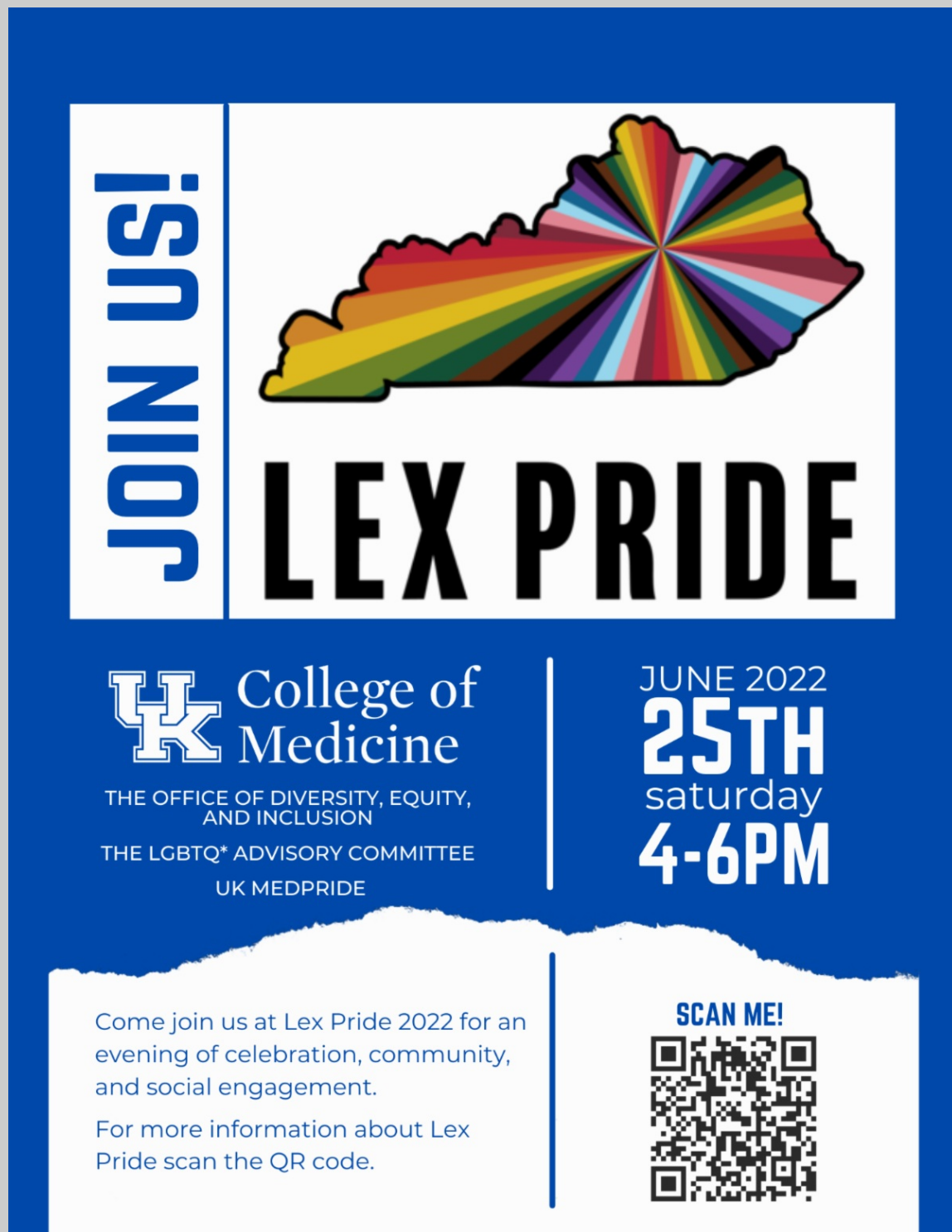
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### Lexington Pride Fest Meetup

The College of Medicine Office of Diversity Equity, and Inclusion & the LGBTQ+ Advisory

Committee are hosting a meetup at [Lexington's annual Pride Festival](#) taking place on **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. From **4-6pm**, which will be an opportunity to gather, connect, and explore the festival together.



The poster features a blue background with a white torn-paper effect at the bottom. On the left, the text 'JOIN US!' is written vertically in large, bold, blue letters. To the right, a rainbow-colored map of Kentucky is shown. Below the map, the words 'LEX PRIDE' are written in large, bold, black letters. In the bottom left, the University of Kentucky College of Medicine logo is displayed, along with the text 'THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION' and 'THE LGBTQ\* ADVISORY COMMITTEE UK MEDPRIDE'. In the bottom right, the event details 'JUNE 2022 25TH saturday 4-6PM' are listed. A QR code with the text 'SCAN ME!' above it is located in the bottom right corner.

JOIN US!



LEX PRIDE



THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY,  
AND INCLUSION  
THE LGBTQ\* ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
UK MEDPRIDE

JUNE 2022  
**25TH**  
saturday  
**4-6PM**

Come join us at Lex Pride 2022 for an evening of celebration, community, and social engagement.

For more information about Lex Pride scan the QR code.

SCAN ME!



## Pledge to Take the U.S. Trans Survey

The [U.S. Trans Survey \(USTS\)](#), administered by the National Center for Transgender Equity, is the largest survey of trans people in the United States. The USTS documents the lives and experiences of trans people in the U.S. and U.S. territories.

- The US Trans Survey is for all trans people age 16 and up.
- The USTS is for people of all trans identities, including binary and nonbinary trans identities
- The USTS is the main source of data about trans people for the media, educators, policymakers, and the general public, covering health, employment, income, the criminal justice system, etc.

- USTS reports have been a vital resource, including the reports on the experiences of people of color and reports by state.

[By submitting this pledge form](#), you'll receive email updates from NCTE about the USTS.



## Pride Month Events

### Pride Kickoff Party

June 24, 2022

Pivot Brewing

400 Delaware Ave Lexington, KY 40505

4:00-11:00pm

### Shelby County Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday, June 25, 12PM ET

Stargazer Plaza, 612 Main St., Shelbyville, KY 40065

### Cincinnati Pride Fest

Saturday, June 25, 12-9PM ET

Sawyer Point, 705 E. Pete Rose Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202

### Latinx Pride

Saturday, June 25, 5-8PM ET

La Casita Center, 223 E. Magnolia Avenue, Louisville, KY 40208

### Owensboro Pride Picnic

## Collaboration Column

UK HealthCare Language Services Director, Sarah Hesler, is seeking potential collaborators to develop and implement a grant project on addressing health disparities in patients with limited English proficiency (LEP) through access and utilization of language services. The Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has released the following funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for which applications are now being accepted:

- Announcement Number: MP-CPI-22-005
- Opportunity Title: Promoting Equitable Access to Language Services in Health and Human Services
- Award Amount: \$300,000 to \$375,000
- Estimated Total: \$3,000,000
- Application Due Date: July 15, 2022 by 6:00 p.m. ET

The initiative will support the implementation of policies, tools, resources, training, and practices that have been researched and have demonstrated effectiveness in informing individuals of limited English proficiency (LEP) of their rights to language services across the nation. OMH expects recipients/awardees to address health disparities among racial and ethnic minority populations and to demonstrate the impact of those efforts on outcomes and the overarching goal of advancing health equity.

If you are interested in collaborating with Sarah Hesler please email her at [sarah.hesler@uky.edu](mailto:sarah.hesler@uky.edu)

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## Biostatistics and Research Design Core

To request a consultation with the CHET Biostatistics and Research Design Core, please click the following link: [https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9GlfBA9n9aPOFlb](https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GlfBA9n9aPOFlb)

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