PRIDES Learning Series

2026 Webinars: Free and Open to All!

Sessions will be held on Zoom | ASL Interpretation Provided

Hidden in Plain Sight: Late-Identified Developmental Disabilities, Culture, and the Journey to Belonging

With Dennis Tran | September 30, 2026, 12 - 1pm

Many LGBTQ+ individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities spend years navigating life without understanding why they feel different. While some receive diagnoses early, others are identified much later in life, or never receive one at all, because of cultural stigma, limited access to services, implicit bias, or societal expectations. Within many Asian American communities, the model minority myth, pressure to succeed, and cultural silence around disability and mental health can further delay recognition and support.

Creating Space for the Culture of Neurodiversity in Queer Spaces

With Jillian Nelson | October 20, 2026, 11am - 12pm

Neurodiversity is quickly becoming a widespread vocabulary word. But what is it? Join Jillian Nelson to examine the cultural significance of neurodiversity and explore how we can create accessibility and space in our queer communities to include everyone!

Culture, Identity, and Disability: A Two Spirit and LGBTQI+ Perspective on Belonging, Sexuality, and Living with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

With Héctor Manuel Ramírez | November 17, 2026, 11am - 12pm

This presentation explores the intersection of culture, identity, and disability through a Two Spirit and LGBTQI+ lens. We'll examine belonging, sexuality, and the lived experience of individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, honoring traditional teachings while addressing modern challenges of acceptance, self-advocacy, and community. Attendees will gain culturally grounded tools to support belonging and healthy identity development.

Beyond Inclusion: Building Belonging at the Intersection of TGI and IDD

With Alex Bass, Anthony Languren & Luna Perez | December 8, 2026, 11am - 12pm

Utilizing a trauma-informed and intersectional lens, this presentation explores the unique experiences of transgender, gender-diverse, and intersex (TGI) community members with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Participants will examine how ableism, cisnormativity, and heteronormativity intersect to create barriers to affirming care, safety, and belonging.

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