



# Rainbow Health Ontario

Because LGBT health **matters**

**Information & Consultation**

**Education & Training**

**Research & Policy**

Rainbow Health Ontario is a province-wide program designed to improve access to services and to promote the health of Ontario's lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) communities.

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## WHO WE ARE

Rainbow Health Ontario (RHO) began operations in January 2008 and is based at Sherbourne Health Centre in Toronto.

RHO is staffed by a core team in our Toronto office and 14 part-time Community Outreach Workers, one in each of Ontario's Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs).

## WHAT WE DO

Although much has changed, the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people are often overlooked in our health and social service systems. Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long Term Care funds RHO to act as a catalyst in improving services, increasing knowledge, showcasing innovative practices and encouraging networking and collaboration. We offer services in English and French. Our activities include:

### Information & Consultation

- Maintaining a comprehensive website featuring searchable databases of LGBT health information, news and events
- Consulting with health and social service providers and community groups and conducting outreach in all LHIN areas

### Education & Training

- Providing a database of trainers across Ontario and developing special training initiatives and curricula
- Hosting a provincial conference offering education, networking and partnership opportunities

### Research & Policy

- Developing partnerships with researchers to gather LGBT health data and to encourage more LGBT health research in Ontario
- Promoting the uptake and integration of evidence into the development of public policy

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