NALGAP Today

NALGAP assists in the development of major resources, such as the Healthy People 2010: Companion Document for LGBT Health; CSAT’s Provider’s Introduction to Substance Abuse Treatment for LGBT Individuals (2001) and its accompanying Curriculum (2007) for training providers in the use of the Provider’s Introduction.

NALGAP publishes newsletters, policy statements, and special reports—in print and at its website, www.nalgap.org.

NALGAP members frequently consult on government and private sector projects addressing LGBT tobacco, alcohol, and other drug problems and solutions.

NALGAP holds an annual conference on LGBT substance abuse prevention and treatment which provides the most current thinking and information.

Since 1979, NALGAP has served as the one national and international voice of conscience and advocacy about alcohol, tobacco, and other drug concerns for LGBT individuals and communities.

NALGAP: The Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Addiction Professionals & Their Allies is a membership organization founded in 1979 that is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse, and other addictions in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender communities.

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1979 Fifteen lesbians and gay men at the Rutgers Summer School of Alcohol Studies formed the first national organization to address lesbian and gay alcohol/drug issues and treatment.

1980 Co-sponsored (with NCA) the first national conference track on lesbian/gay alcoholism and published its papers.

1980 NALGAP members taught the first-ever course on lesbian/gay substance abuse at Rutgers Summer School of Alcohol Studies.

1981 Published NALGAP Bibliography & Facilities & Services Directory.

1987 Published the first annotated bibliography of literature on alcoholism and lesbians and gays.

1994 Published Prevention Policy Statement and Guidelines.

1998 Added “Serving the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Communities” to the name to be more inclusive.

2000 Received a $10,000 Challenge Grant, Technology Expansion Grant, and technical assistance from the Gill Foundation.

2001 Members made major contributions to Healthy People 2010: Companion Document for LGBT Health and to CSAT’s Provider’s Introduction to Substance Abuse Treatment for LGBT Individuals.

2003–present NALGAP contributes to the UK/European Symposium on Addictive Disorders.

2005 NALGAP participated in the first-ever meeting of LGBT Leadership with a US Surgeon General and met with the every department director of SAMSHA to discuss LGBT Health Care.

2006 Rejoined with NAADAC in co-sponsoring annual addictions treatment conference.

2007 Chose the Williams-Nichols Archive & Library for LGBT Studies, at the University of Louisville, KY as the NALGAP archives repository.

2007 Changed the name to NALGAP: The Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Addiction Professionals & Their Allies.

2007 CSAT published the Training Curriculum (written by two NALGAP members) which was designed to accompany the Provider’s Introduction. With CSAT and Prairielands ATTC, NALGAP sponsored the first day-long training based on the Curriculum and continues to work on Training the Trainers.

2008 Became a partner with SAMSHA in Recovery Month.

2008 With the National Coalition for LGBT Health, NALGAP is working to ensure the inclusion of the 29 health objectives that address LGBT populations in Healthy People: 2020, published by the US DHHS.

**NALGAP’s Mission**

To confront all forms of oppression and discriminatory practices in the delivery of services to all people and to advocate for programs and services that affirm all genders and sexual orientations. NALGAP provides information, training, networking, and advocacy about addiction and related problems, and support for those engaged in the health professions, individuals in recovery, and others concerned about the health of gender and sexual minorities.

**NALGAP’s Goals**

- To create alliances with LGBT and other professional organizations to ensure that issues specific to LGBT tobacco, alcohol and drug abusing and addicted clients receive respectful and culturally competent services.
- To ensure that the substance abuse field create a safe and supportive atmosphere for both clients and staff members who may be lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender
- To form a network for support, communication and advocacy among LGBT and other concerned individuals and organizations to share our experience, strength, hope, ideas, research, problems and solutions regarding the prevention and treatment of LGBT substance abuse.