

What Does Gaylesta Do?

▼ In The Public Eye

REFERRAL SERVICE: As a public service, the Gaylesta referral service provides information and therapy referrals to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the greater Bay area. The Referral Service can be reached, toll free, at 888 869-4993 or via our website at www.gaylesta.org. A referral directory is also published and distributed to members and community agencies

MARKETING: Gaylesta advertises in local papers, 'event' publications, and maintains an online presence through Google and other web marketing campaigns.

STREET FAIRS: Gaylesta participates in LGBT-related street fairs and events, as well as some professional conferences. Being a host at a Gaylesta booth is an excellent way to build practices and get to know your colleagues.

WEB: Gaylesta has a website, online marketing campaigns, and hosts personal web pages for its members.

EDUCATION FORUMS: Gaylesta hosts frequent events on topics related to LGBT mental health, free for Gaylesta members and open to other professionals or to the public at large. Gaylesta is an approved provider of CEUs for LMFTs and LCSWs, and hopes soon to be for psychologists .

SPEAKERS: Members of Gaylesta are available to speak on various topics of interest, to sit on panels, or to answer questions.

▼ For Our Members

SOCIAL EVENTS: Dinners, networking events, and just fun get-togethers are a great opportunity to meet new people and to stay in touch with old friends. Working as a psychotherapist can be isolating; this is a chance to relax and have some fun. Socials are often our best-attended events.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: At least once a year, a membership roster is sent out to the entire membership. It is useful for referrals, consultation, and networking.

DIVERSITY: We endeavor to assist building cultural competency and proficiency in our membership. We support outreach to interested multiracial, multicultural clinicians of diverse sexual orientations to sustain their involvement and leadership within Gaylesta. Our work on issues of diversity and oppression is directed toward healing past experiences of separation, by respecting, understanding, and celebrating our differences as well as our commonalities.

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**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,
Transgender Psychotherapist
Association of the Bay Area**

NEWSLETTER: Our quarterly newsletter includes articles, announcements of upcoming events, plus listings of therapy groups, office space rentals, consultation groups, etc. It is free to members and for a fee to outside organizations and individuals. It's a great way to advertise upcoming events and to stay informed about what is happening in Gaylesta.

SATELLITE GROUPS: Creating ways for members and LGBT psychotherapists throughout the entire Bay Area to meet for support, education, and networking.

PRELICENSED COMMITTEE: Our prelicensed members join together to provide support for internships, licensing exams, etc. The needs of our prelicensed members are different from the licensed members and this is one way that we define and meet those needs.

Gaylesta was established as an unincorporated association in 1988 to help break the isolation and create community for gay and lesbian mental health workers. In 1997, Gaylesta incorporated as a non-profit corporation to serve as a professional association of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender psychotherapists in the San Francisco Bay Area.

OUR PURPOSE

is to promote awareness of mental health issues specific to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community;



to promote the value that is provided to the community through the services of our members;



to promote awareness of cross-cultural issues such as race/ethnicity, age, ability, nationality, sexual orientation, gender, and class within our membership and with other mental health workers;



to promote the practices and careers of our members;



to develop an exchange of information relating to the field of mental health within the LGBT community;
to teach and disseminate educational material; and,

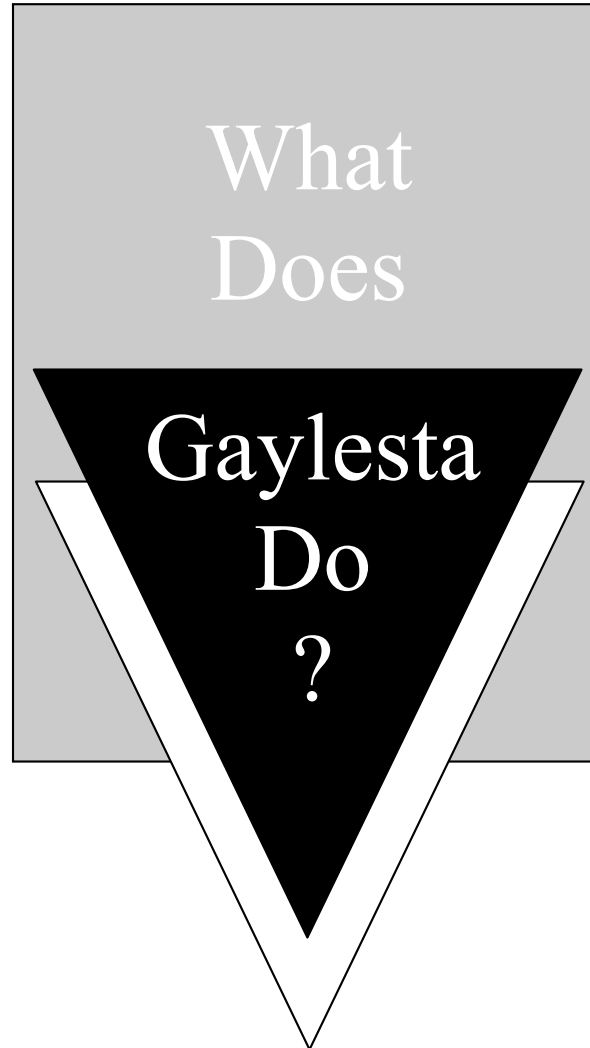


to provide the opportunity for both professional and social interaction among our members and the mental health community.

Qualified individuals are encouraged to join Gaylesta.

**For an application, call us at
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**or visit our website at
www.gaylesta.org .**



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