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Cancer Disparities in the LGBTQ+ Community

Presentation description: LGBTQ+ individuals experience higher rates of breast and chest cancer than their cisgender or heterosexual counterparts. This session will explain the root causes of these disparities and provide tips for how to provide culturally humble care to the LGBTQ+ Community.

Learning Objectives

1. Describe cancer disparities in the LGBTQ+ community.
2. Explain the root causes for cancer disparities in the LGBTQ+ Community
3. Identify tips to provider culturally humble care to the LGBTQ+ Community.

Bio

Julia M. Applegate directs the Equitas Health Institute at Equitas Health where she leads LGBTQ+ health education, research and community engagement efforts to improve the health and wellness of LGBTQ+ communities across Ohio and beyond. Prior to joining Equitas Health, Julia directed the LGBTQ Health Initiative at Columbus Public Health.

Julia is experienced in curriculum design, education and public health programming/policy development. She has worked in public health programs focused on women's health, HIV/AIDS, and LGBTQ+ Health. With over 20 years of academic teaching experience, Ms. Applegate is a skilled trainer and experienced presenter who has designed curricula, conducted Train the Trainer programs and presented at local, state, national and international conferences on public health, HIV/AIDS, gender and sexual orientation topics. Her trainings have focused on questions of health equity, diversity and inclusion-focusing primarily on marginalized and underserved communities. Ms. Applegate has worked on numerous federal grants and is experienced in grant writing and implementation. She has done policy and program development at the local, state and international level as a government employee and as a member of a Board of Directors.