

LGBTQ+ Aging in Missouri



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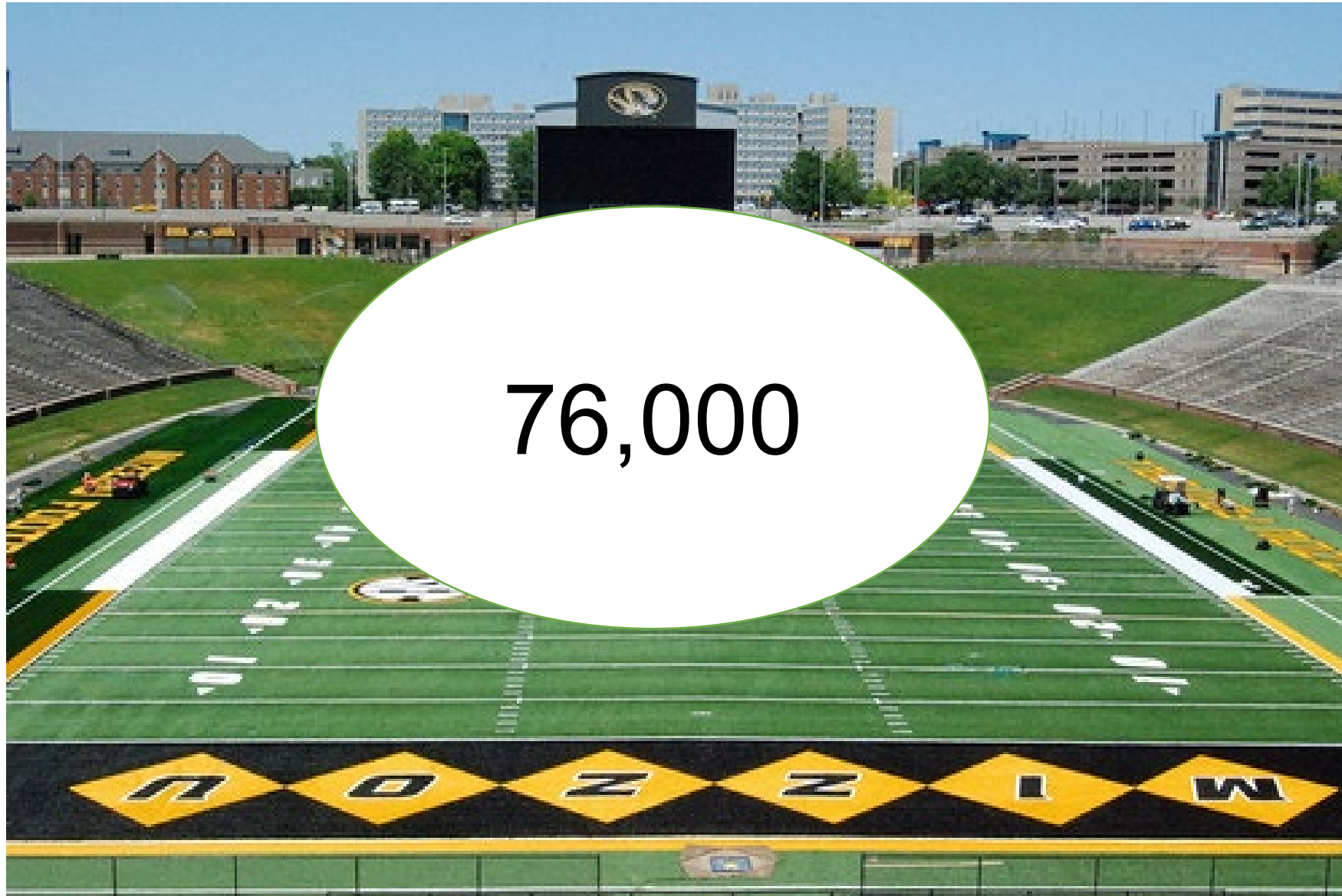
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SAGE is the country's largest and oldest organization dedicated to improving the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ+) older adults. Our [mission](#) is to lead in addressing issues related to LGBTQ+.

SAGE headquartered in New York City, offers a number of services throughout New York City including lead agency for the National Resource Center on LGBTQ+ Aging and the first LGBTQ+ Senior Center and partnerships with LGBTQ+, and Aging and Disability Organizations across the country.

National Resource Center on LGBTQ+ Aging

To provide ongoing and sustainable resource development, technical assistance, education, and training that supports the Aging and Disability Networks in providing culturally competent services to LGBTQ+ older adults and their caregivers.



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LGBTQ+ Older Adults Across the Country

- 20% of LGBTQ+ people avoid medical care due to fear of discrimination.
- 41% of LGBTQ+ older adults report living with a disability.
- Many fear having to re-closet as they age to access services.
- LGBTQ+ older adults twice as likely to live alone as they age and less likely to have children.
- SAGE study found 60% of LGBTQ+ older adults report lacking companionship and 50% feel isolated.



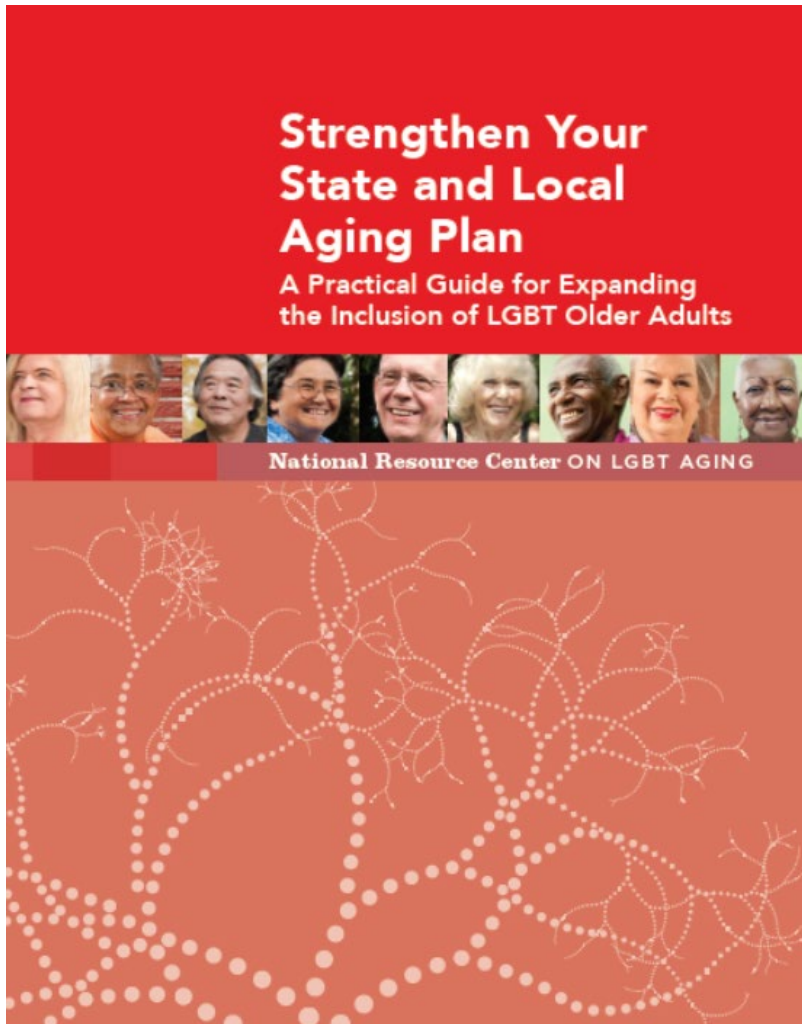
Current estimates indicate upwards of LGBTQ+ people age 55+ growing to 7 million by 2030.

Missouri Outlook

- Efforts underway at state and local level to include older LGBTQ+ community in Aging Plans.
- Active and growing MO LGBTQ Aging Alliance
- MO Long-term Care Communities participating in the national Long-term Care Equality Index
- Equal Housing Opportunity Commission release report on the need for LGBTQ+ supportive housing
- Record number of anti-LGBTQ bills introduced in the 2023 legislative session
- State legislature passed and Governor signed ban on gender affirming care for people under 18, people who are incarcerated, and people receiving Medicaid

Resources You Can Use





State & Local Success Stories

Key data and direct links to LGBT-inclusive research, assessment, data collection tools, and LGBT community partner listings

Sample LGBT-inclusive planning goals, objectives, and strategies

Best practices for LGBT-inclusive planning and outreach

LGBTQ+ Elder Hotline

**SAGE National LGBT Elder Hotline
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SAGECollab



ANNOUNCING



SAGECollab is a network of diverse organizations that partner with SAGE under the common goal of supporting LGBTQ+ older people in their communities. Together, we exchange ideas, explore public policy changes, and inspire each other to better support and empower older LGBTQ+ people everywhere.

Learn more:
sageusa.org/sagecollab

LGBTQ+ older people are diverse and live in every region of our country, from urban neighborhoods to rural counties—and everywhere in between.

SAGE is expanding to enable an ever more inclusive community-focused approach and increase capacity to reach more BIPOC, TGNB and rural elders and organizations, among other historically marginalized populations.

Creating more welcoming care for LGBTQ+ elders



- Skilled nursing facilities
- Health care organizations
- Assisted living communities
- Hospice and palliative care
- Long-term care communities
- Home health providers
- Anyone providing services to older adults

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What more can we do?

- Use resources available through SAGE to strengthen your efforts locally.
- Invite LGBTQ+ people and allies to serve on your boards and advisory committees.
- Assess the needs of LGBTQ+ people in your community.
- Commit to providing LGBTQ+ welcoming and inclusive services in your organization.
- Join the MO LGBTQ Older Adult Alliance
- The most important thing is to start. Choose an action you can take in the next month, 6 months or year and commit to greater LGBTQ+ Inclusion and Equity.

What is the MO LGBT Older Adult Alliance?

- This statewide group was formed in 2019 by AAAs, DHSS, SAGE and PROMO.
- The Alliance informs communities & service providers of inclusive practices that ensure LGBTQIA older Missourians feel welcomed & supported across the state. Focus is on education, resources & improving services.
- Meetings are virtual & are held every other month.
- Join us for our next meeting on **November 13th @ 1pm**
- Topic: Talking to your Family at the Holidays & How to Combat the Holiday blues
- See the flier for more information!

Talk to us! Table Top Discussion Questions:

1. What is your agency currently doing to reach out to LGBTQ+ older adults?
2. What next steps will you take between now & the next Summit related to services for LGBTQ+ older adults?
3. What topics would you like covered at future Alliance Meetings?

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