

# 2022-2027 ILLINOIS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PLAN HEALTH EQUITY AND HEALTH DISPARITIES: LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER (LGBTQ) COMMUNITIES



*It's all about finding – I'm connected with the LGBTQ community, and just finding an open and affirming provider that's not going to have bias about your sexual orientation is like a whole extra step and can be complicated for people to overcome and make sure that they feel safe with a doctor.*

White Non-Hispanic cancer caregiver from Williamson County - 39 years of age (2021, Community engagement focus group)



## What is health equity and health disparities?



### Health equity



Is the attainment of the highest level of health for all people



Are health differences closely linked with social, economic, and / or environmental disadvantages



## What are some strategies to address health disparities?



Cultural competency training for all staff

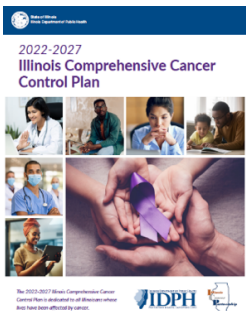


Core expectation of LGBTQ-welcoming behavior



LGBTQ - patient support teams

## Learn more



Find more information on health equity strategies in the 2022 - 2027 Illinois Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan by scanning the QR code or visiting:

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/cancer/2022-2027-illinois-comprehensive-cancer-control-plan.html>

