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NATIONAL LGBT ELDER **HOUSING** INITIATIVE

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Welcome Home!

Explore our new consumer housing portal with interactive map, resources, LGBT age-friendly housing developments, and latest news.

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HOMES SHOULD BE OUR HAVENS – SHELTERS SAFE ENOUGH TO BE OURSELVES AS LGBT PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY AS WE AGE.

Yet too often this aspiration does not match our realities. Research and experience show that when we apply for housing in independent senior living communities, or attempt to rent and buy apartments and homes, we routinely encounter discrimination, and our housing choices become even starker. Moreover, a lifetime of discrimination has reduced the support networks and economic security of many LGBT older people, leaving us vulnerable to housing instability at a critical point in our lives.

THE PROBLEM

Around the country, LGBT older people face profound challenges in obtaining LGBT-welcoming housing—a problem that will increase significantly as the elder population doubles in the next few decades, and more “out” and empowered LGBT people age into their retirement years.

Find out some key facts on the LGBT older adult population. >>

ECONOMIC INSECURITY

Because of a lifetime of discrimination, LGBT older people often enter their retirement years with high rates of economic insecurity and smaller support networks, which heighten their need for housing security. Review *Out and Visible*, a new research report on LGBT older people, ages 45-75. >>

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

Extensive research shows that LGBT older people often encounter profound discrimination when seeking housing in independent senior living communities—an experience that extends into the broader housing market when they attempt to rent and buy apartments and homes. Look at a 2014 report on housing discrimination against older same-sex couples. >>

LACK OF LEGAL PROTECTIONS

LGBT older people lack legal protections at the federal and state levels that would prevent and correct housing discrimination—and where protections do exist, LGBT people are generally unaware of those rights. Read the latest updates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. >>

IMAGINE A NEW REALITY



SAGE has launched a national, multi-year LGBT elder housing initiative to ensure that millions of LGBT older people can access welcoming LGBT housing in all its forms.

Here are 5 keys to our initiative:



**BUILDING
HOUSING**



**TRAINING
PROVIDERS**



**CHANGING
POLICY**



**EDUCATING
CONSUMERS**



**EXPANDING
SERVICES**

SAGE will invest in building model LGBT elder housing in select communities, while sharing our model nationwide to create more LGBT elder housing.

In cities and towns throughout the country, LGBT older people should have the option to

live in affordable, LGBT-friendly senior housing developments. Learn more about new housing project developments nationwide. >>

Read the full policy brief here. >>

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- Equal Rights Center
- HELP USA
- Los Angeles LGBT Center

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- Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
- Equal Rights Center
- HELP USA
- National Caucus and Center on Black Aging
- National Hispanic Council on Aging
- Openhouse
- Dr. Imani Woody, Mary's House

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SAGE thanks the Calamus Foundation and the Ford Foundation for their generous support in helping to bring awareness about the economic security issues facing LGBT older people, including housing.

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