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One Iowa to Host Midwest LGBTQ Older Adults Conference

[Des Moines]-- One Iowa, a statewide LGBTQ organization, will host the **Midwest LGBTQ Older Adults Conference on Wednesday, August 7 from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Goodwill of Central Iowa Headquarters in Johnston.** Formerly known as the LGBTQ Senior Summit, this annual event provides workshops and networking opportunities to address the needs of older LGBTQ people in Iowa. This year's theme is "Legacy and Empowerment", and older LGBTQ individuals and service providers who work with them are encouraged to attend and connect with one another.

"76 percent of LGBTQ adults are anxious about having 'adequate family and/or social supports to rely on as they age' according to 2018 AARP data," **One Iowa Interim Executive Director Courtney Reyes said.** "That number is far too high, and that's why we've worked with our LGBTQ Older Adult Advisory Council to develop a conference specifically targeting areas of highest concern for this community. We look forward to connecting community members with resources and equipping service providers with the skills they need to serve LGBTQ older adults through this event."

Jacqueline Boyd, founder and owner of The Care Plan, the country's first LGBTQ-centered care management company, will present opening and closing keynote addresses. As part of The Care Plan's leadership, Boyd has consulted with national and local organizations like SAGE, Howard Brown Health Centers, AIDS Foundation Chicago, and Affinity Community Services to enhance services offered to LGBTQ+ older adults.

Other session topics include:

- Mental Health
- Addressing Social Isolation
- Political Engagement
- LGBTQ History
- Legal Rights

Tickets for the Midwest LGBTQ Older Adults Conference are \$25 and include light breakfast and lunch. **Registration opens at 8 a.m., and programming will begin at 9 a.m.** [A full agenda and online ticketing page can be found here.](#)

Press are welcome at this event.

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