

**National  
Resource  
Center** 

**ON LGBT AGING**

When SAGE and our 10 partner organizations launched the country's first-ever National Resource Center on LGBT Aging, we envisioned a profound change that would transform aging providers, LGBT organizations and LGBT older adults nationwide. The number of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender older adults continues to increase dramatically, and we want to ensure that they are supported in every way possible—through training, technical assistance and educational resources. One year later—only 12 months after we unveiled this historic resource—we look back on all that has been achieved. And it's cause to celebrate.

**A Historic Launch: Thousands visit our official web site, register for updates**

In February 2010, SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders) received a historic grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to establish the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging, the country's first and only technical assistance resource center aimed at improving the quality of services and supports offered to LGBT older adults. A few months later in October, SAGE—in partnership with 10 organizations nationwide—officially launches the web site for the National Resource Center.

**Within the first few weeks of its October 2010 launch, the web site generates:**

- More than 8,500 Monthly Visitors
- More than 16,000 Visits
- More than 38,000 Page Views
- More than 365,000 Hits
- More than 7,600 Registered Users



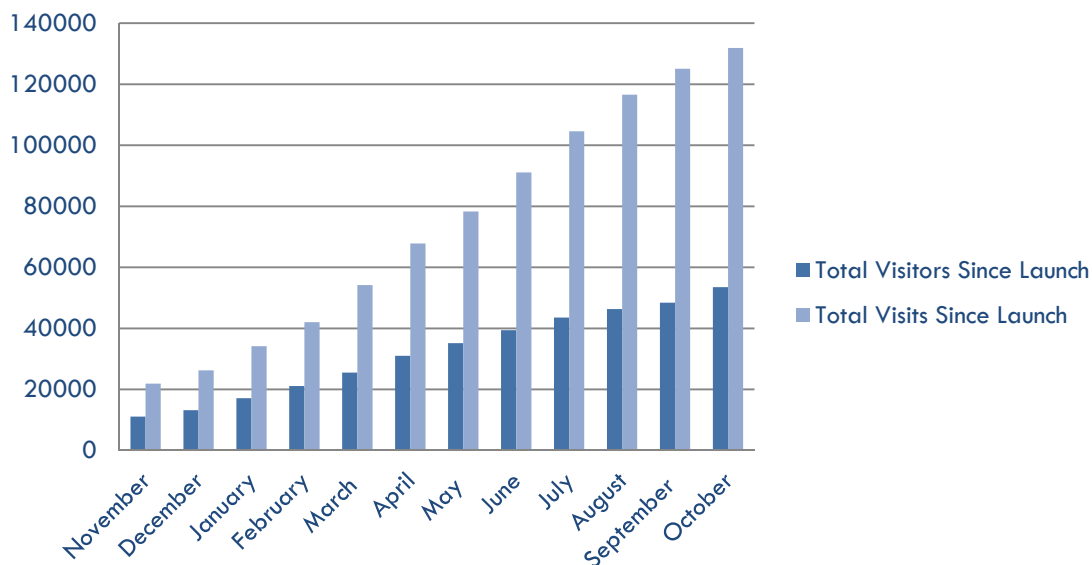
**SAGE's 10 national partners include:** the American Society on Aging, Hunter College, CenterLink; FORGE Transgender Aging Network, GRIOT Circle, The LGBT Aging Project, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, National Council on Aging's National Institute of Senior Centers, Openhouse and PHI. Learn more at [lgbtagingcenter.org](http://lgbtagingcenter.org).

## Online Achievement: An evolving online resource like no other

Since October 2010, SAGE has unveiled a range of online resources across topic areas. In March, SAGE launched a **caregiving** portal with resources for LGBT caregivers who are taking care of a loved one during a difficult time. In June, we released a variety of **legal and financial planning** resources, including an interactive state data map where older adults can pinpoint services in their communities. In September, as part of National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day, we unveiled various resources on **HIV and aging**, and in December, we will focus our attention on **housing and homelessness**. To date, we have added nearly 400 resources to the site, including 30 original articles, 60 publications and 23 multimedia resources such as videos, webinars and podcasts. These resources have been downloaded more than 40,000 times, and more than 1,100 people have registered for web updates.

Topics covered by the site include: **aging and ageism, bisexuality, cultural competence, disability issues, elder abuse, employment/workforce issues, end of life decisions, financial security, health and wellness, health care access, HIV and aging, homophobia and transphobia, lesbian/women’s issues, Medicaid and Medicare, mental health, racial equity, retirement, Social Security, spirituality and transgender issues**. Email us if you have suggestions at [info@lgbtagingcenter.org](mailto:info@lgbtagingcenter.org).

**Figure 1.** Between November 2010 and October 2011, the web site for the National Resource Center brought in more than 53,000 visitors (a nearly fivefold increase from more than 11,000 total visitors in November) and garnered more than 131,000 visits. On average, the site currently generates approximately 9,000 visits per month.





**“The U.S. Administration on Aging is proud to have played a part in the creation of a resource center designed to engage, empower and support mainstream aging providers, LGBT service providers and LGBT older adults. It will help ensure that LGBT elders have the supports they need to successfully age in place.”** —Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary for Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Learn more about the history of the center at [lgbtagingcenter.org](http://lgbtagingcenter.org).

As of October 2011, the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging has received more than 99 requests from 75 cities and 32 states for **LGBT cultural competency training**.

The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging **continues to train individuals** to serve as the training corps that will reach the many aging providers and LGBT organizations across the country. The current trainers include:

Seth Kilbourn, Openhouse	Sherrill Wayland, St. Louis, MO
Michelle Alcedo, Openhouse	Cherri Brooks, Alexandria, LA
Loree Cook-Daniels, FORGE Transgender Aging Network	Lisa Schatz-Vance, Albuquerque, NM
Alex Kent, SAGE	JM Sorrell, Northampton, MA
Hilary Meyer, SAGE	Scott Fearing, Rochester, NY
Doreen Bermudez, SAGE	Michael Roache, Charlotte, NC
Kate Waldo, PHI	Shari Wilkins, Denver, CO
Maureen Sheahan, PHI	Toby Jenkins, Tulsa, OK
Victor Pond, GRIOT Circle	Britta Larson, Chicago, IL
Terry Stone, CenterLink	Denise Spivak, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Lisa Krinsky, LGBT Aging Project	Doug Carl, Atlanta, GA
Cindy Bray, Richmond, VA	Natalie Pearce, Southfield, MI
Shannon Marling, Richmond, VA	Jackie McNeil, Kingston, NY
Ed Miller, Philadelphia, PA	Marilyn McCormick, Brentwood, MO
Kathi Boyle, Pittsburgh, PA	Max Fuentes Fuhrmann, Beverly Hills, CA
Susan Snyder, Seattle, WA	Mary Chilvers, North St. Paul, MN
Ruben Rivera-Jackman, Shoreline, WA	Lauren Fontanarosa, Portland, OR
	Nicole Mayo, Philadelphia, PA

The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging **has been featured in news stories** and web sites across the spectrum, including: *Aging Today*, *The New York Times*, *Change.org*, *Forbes*, *eCareDiary.com*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Windy City Times*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*, among many others.

## National Resource Center: **Advisory Council Members**

Annette Graham, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, KS

Barbara Satin, Minneapolis, MN

Christina Takada, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging

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Dan Pierce, Portland, OR (Former Executive Director of S.H.A.R.E)

Daniel Tietz, AIDS Community Research Institute of America (ACRIA)

David Godfrey, American Bar Association

Gary Stein, Yeshiva University School of Social Work

Hutson Inniss, National Coalition for LGBT Health

James Firman, National Council on Aging

Joel Olah, Aging Resources of Central Iowa

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Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez, AARP

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Mara Keisling, National Center for Transgender Equality

Mark Supper, Gay and Lesbian Elder Housing (GLEH)

Nancy K. Bereano, Ithaca, NY

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Professor Jean K. Quam, University of Minnesota

Professor Margaret Cruikshank, University of Maine

Randella Bluehouse, National Indian Council on Aging

Rea Carey, National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

Robert Nakatani, ACLU LGBT Rights Project, Berkeley, CA

Vera Martin, Apache Junction, AZ

Yanira Cruz, National Hispanic Council on Aging



**“I know that what I have learned in this training will be incorporated in my practice and enhance my professional development. I would certainly look forward to hosting this training again. Thank you for bringing us this insightful training which will enable us to serve our LGBT seniors effectively with respect and compassion.”** —Supervisor, Woodbridge Township Multi Service Program on Aging (Colonia, NJ)