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Sussex Pride Marks Tobacco Free Delaware Conference Sussex Pride Health Launches Web Page to Address LGBTQ+ Tobacco Health Disparities

Sussex Pride marked today's Tobacco Free Delaware Conference, taking place today at the University of Delaware, by launching a new web page to address tobacco use in the LGBTQ+ community. The conference, titled "Tobacco Free for Every Delawarean" is meant to address health disparities related to tobacco use in the state.

The new page can be viewed at sussexpride.org/tobaccofree.

About 1 in 5 LGB adults smoke cigarettes, compared with about 1 in 7 straight/cisgender adults. When looking at trans adults the percentage of cigarette smokers is 35% higher than that of straight/cisgender adults. Estimates of smoking prevalence among LGBTQ+ youth range from 38% to 59%, compared to a prevalence rate of 28% to 35% for the total youth population.

"Delaware tobacco control programs should include representatives from LGBTQ+ organizations in disparity reduction planning and intervention development." stated Sussex Pride Executive Director David Mariner.

"Delaware public and private funders should recognize LGBTQ+ communities as a priority population for tobacco prevention and cessation services. Delaware needs evidence based interventions that are designed for priority populations, including the LGBTQ+ Community." he continued..

About Sussex Pride Health

The Sussex Pride Health Committee is working to reduce LGBTQ+ Health Disparities in Delaware. To learn more visit sussexpride.org/health. You can also find us on facebook at facebook.com/sussexpridehealth or on instagram at instagram.com/sussexpridehealth.

About Sussex Pride:

Sussex Pride works to celebrate, strengthen, and support the LGBTQ+ community in Sussex County and the state of Delaware, working through a social justice lens. We focus on arts & culture, health & wellness, social and support groups, and advocacy for our community.