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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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# **SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK, MARCH 16-22**

**When:** March 16-22, 2003

**Where:** National and local health awareness events presented by LGBT health organizations across the country

**Why:** To raise public awareness of the unique health concerns and health disparities among the LGBT communities

To educate medical and health care professionals in the area of cultural competency with regard to LGBT health

To educate the LGBT communities about the health issues that affect our lives in significant ways

For more information, visit [www.lgbthealth.net](http://www.lgbthealth.net)

The following is a schedule of events for the first annual National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Health Awareness Week in Washington, DC.

### **Monday, March 17**

- **Press Conference launching the National LGBT Health Awareness Week at National Press Club, 10:00 a.m. Includes new survey data to be released about LGBT Health presented by Witeck-Combs Communications and Harris Interactive.**
- **“How LGBT Health is Being Addressed by Mainstream Organizations” A Panel Discussion at the National Press Club 11:00 a.m. Participants currently include American Psychological Association, American Medical Association, American Public Health Association, National Association of Social Workers, and Society for Public Health Education**

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- **“Recent Court Cases Impacting the State of LGBT Health”  
Featuring Michael Adams, Director of Education & Public Affairs,  
Lambda Legal, National Press Club, 12:15 p.m.**
  - **“Courage, Strength and Wisdom” Exhibit by Artist Cindy Spreoul,  
Hosted by The Mautner Project, 1707 L. Street, NW, Suite 230,  
through March 21<sup>st</sup>.**
- **Tuesday, March 18**
- **Breakfast Reception with Members of Congress, Dirksen Senate  
Building, 8:00 a.m.**
  - **Visits to Congressional offices, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**A Partial List of Other Local Events Planned Around the Nation:**

***Boston***

Monday, March 17, 7 - 9 p.m.

*Fenway Community Health 7 Haviland Street, Boston (617) 927 - 6277*

A panel of experts will host an open discussion on the use of crystal methamphetamine in our community. Sponsored by HotMale and the Acupuncture Detox Program.

***Hartford, Connecticut***

Saturday, March 15, 9a.m. - 1p.m.

Health Screening Day

*The Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective, 1841 Broad Street, Hartford*

*(860) 278 - 4163*

STD Screenings (diagnosis and treatment), HIV counseling and testing (by appointment only), blood pressure and cholesterol screening, and Hepatitis A& B screening and immunization. No appointment is required for any services except HIV counseling and testing, which can be scheduled by calling (860) 278-4163.

***Houston***

Tuesday, March 18, 3 - 7 p.m.

LGBT Health Fair

*Montrose Clinic - 215 Westheimer, Houston, (713) 830 - 3000*

Free screening tests for diabetes, cholesterol, anemia, blood pressure, PSA, BIA, HIV, women's health exam, free counseling

***Los Angeles***

Tuesday, March 18, 7 - 9 p.m.

What's Up Doc? The Latest On LGBT Health

Forum on findings from the Report of the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Third LGBT Health Roundtable

*LA Gay & Lesbian Center Village at Ed Gould Plaza - 1125 N. McCadden Place, Hollywood,*

*(323) 993 - 7500*

Updates from health experts on the latest LGBT health issues, including sexual health, mental health, substance abuse, cultural competency, transgender health and domestic violence.

*Question and answer period followed by discussion.*

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### ***New York***

Saturday, March 15, 12 - 3 p.m.

Planet Hot Plate - Eating Ups and Downs and Ups and Downs: How Food Choices Affect Your Mood

*The Point CDC - 940 Garrison Avenue (in Hunts Point), Bronx, NY*

*(800) 4 - GAY - CARE*

Part of an eight-week workshop series addressing food and nutrition in the community.

Workshop is instructive and will include cooking and eating a healthy meal. Seating is limited.

Call to make a reservation.

### ***San Francisco***

Friday, March 21, 12 - 1p.m.

The State of the LGBTI Health Movement

*6th Floor Large Conference Room, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies - 74 New Montgomery,*

*San Francisco (415) 502 - 5593*

Join health consultant Pat Dunn, former Policy Director of the Gay & Lesbian Medical

Association, and UCSF LGBT Resources Coordinator Shane Snowdon for a candid overview of the LGBTI health movement--its key issues, events, players, and resources.

### ***Washington, DC***

Community Forum "Crystal Meth & the LGBT Community" Information will be offered on crystal meth: how it effects the body, mind, spirit & sexuality of our community & resources will be shared on safety & recovery. Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

Out to Quit – smoking cessation educational workshop on smoking in the LGBT community and the importance of being smoke free. Tips and techniques for quitting and for supporting those who want to quit. Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Hepatitis A & B Screening and Immunization at Whitman-Walker Clinic's Elizabeth Taylor Medical Center. Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

"Courage, Strength and Wisdom," an Exhibit by Artist, Cindy Spreoul

Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. , Hosted by The Mautner Project, 1707 L. Street, NW , Suite 230, Washington, DC

Dating Support Group for Gay and Bisexual Men. "Men Working Toward Healthy Dating and Healthy Relationships" 6:45 - 8:00 PM, 1432 U Street

One In Ten Reel Affirmations Xtra's Screening - "Walking on Water" is the award-winning WALKING ON WATER. This film is a refreshingly unsentimental story about how people deal with loss and grief from AIDS. The film screens at 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. on Friday, March 21 at the Jewish Community Center's Goldman Theater. Tickets are \$8 and are available at the door. The box office opens at 6 p.m.