

Cultural Awareness Bulletin

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Tools 2 Thrive

Source: Mental Health America

“Since 1949, Mental Health America and our affiliates across the country have observed May as Mental Health Month by reaching out to millions of people through the media, local events, and screenings.” MHA has released their 2021 Mental Health Month toolkit materials to assist with conducting awareness activities.

<https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month>

Will Justice for George Floyd Lead to Lasting Change?

Source: NPR

14-minute audio commentary

“As crowds gathered Tuesday evening after former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was found guilty of murder in the death of George Floyd, two themes emerged. Many expressed joy and relief for the verdict delivered by the 12-person jury. But they also said the work isn’t over, and the national debate over police violence and accountability can’t end with a single criminal trial.”

<https://www.npr.org/2021/04/16/988177800/will-justice-for-george-floyd-lead-to-lasting-change>

Mental Health Awareness Month

Source: NAMI

“For 2021’s Mental Health Awareness Month Nami will continue to amplify the message “You Are Not Alone.” We will use this time to focus on the healing value of connecting in safe ways, prioritizing mental health and acknowledging that it’s okay to not be okay through NAMI’s blog, personal stories, videos, digital toolkits, social medial engagements and national events.” You can submit your story or read the stories of others at

<https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>

Louisiana Anti-Trans Bill Dropped After Overwhelming Opposition

Source: Nicholas Reimann (Columnist with the Forbes)

“The Human Rights Campaign expects 2021 will soon become a record-breaking year when it comes to new anti-LGBTQ laws. At least 115 anti-trans bills have been introduced across 30 states, according to the Human Rights Campaign, which is the largest LGBTQ advocacy group in the United States.”

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/nicholasreimann/2021/04/28/louisiana-anti-trans-bill-dropped-after-overwhelming-opposition/?sh=25a993e11d54>