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**JUNE 2020: PRIDE Edition**

**Indigenous Queer 2-Spirit+ (IQ2S) Newsletter**



**50 Years of Pride Celebration!**

We have come a long way, clawing for every inch for our equal rights, and look what we have accomplished. We can now legally get married to each other, the government recognizes a third gender outside the binary—Gender X, and now the U.S. Supreme Court says federal law protects LGBTQ workers from discrimination. What will come next?

**Landmark U.S. Supreme Court Ruling.** According to UCLA's Williams Institute, The LGBTQ community is made up of approximately 1 million workers who identify as transgender and 7.1 million lesbian, gay and bisexual workers. The landmark ruling will extend protections to millions of workers nationwide and is a defeat for the Trump administration, which argued that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act that bars discrimination based on sex did not extend to claims of gender identity and sexual orientation...[Read more here](#) #LGBTQ equality.

**Stonewall Inn, New York, 51 years ago LGBTQ History.** Transgender people, drag queens, blacks and Hispanics played outsized roles during many of the earliest milestones of the gay rights movement. Today, however, these same groups have been denied many of the benefits of the revolution they sparked. They led the riots at Stonewall in New York in 1969, Compton's Cafeteria in San Francisco in 1966, and Cooper Do-nuts in Los Angeles in 1959. [Read here!](#) Also read more about the [first gay pride here!](#)

**What does PRIDE Mean Now?** Fifty years after the first Pride check out LGBTQ voices on the challenges and possibilities during these troubled times. [CHECK OUT PRIDE 2020!!](#)



**Celebrate Pride in New Mexico**  
*Santa Fe Pride 2020 Goes Virtual!*  
 Saturday, June 27, 2020 @ 12-4pm

*'Live' Santa Fe Pride 2020 Event*  
 Postponed until Sat., Sept. 19, 2020  
 @ 11:30am-5pm

*'Live' Albuquerque Pride 2020 Event*  
 Postponed until Sun., Sept. 13, 2020  
 @ 10am-11pm

*Taos Pride 2020*  
 Aug. 6-8, 2020  
 Subject to change



**Social Media & Community Care**  
 Facebook @iaiaprevention/Instagram  
 @iaia\_prevention

LGBTQ Affirming Care [Bright Spaces NM](#) &  
[National Queer & Trans Therapists of Color](#)  
 Network  
[Rural LGBTQ+ Resources](#)

**Websites**  
 Diné Equality (<https://www.equalitynavajo.org/>)  
 Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico  
 ([www.tgrcnm.org/](http://www.tgrcnm.org/))  
 EQNM (<http://eqnm.org/>)  
[New Mexico Gay Straight Alliance Network](#)  
 NativeOUT @nativeout also on Facebook:  
 2Spirit, Native LGBTQ, Indigiqueer News



**COVID-19 Resources for Safety & Support**  
 IAIA Library has put together an [extensive LibGuide](#) for all things COVID-19 related.  
 LGBTQ Community and COVID-19  
[READ HERE!](#) Human Right Campaign (HRC)

**IAIA Events**  
 Virtual Graduation check IAIA.edu for updates!  
 Visit <https://togetherapart.iaia.edu/> to post a community message of love, support, & reflection

**BLACK LIVES MATTER (BLM)**  
 Read statement from our college President Dr. Martin [here](#) or check out IAIA.edu

**JUNE 2020**

IAIA Mission: *To empower creativity and leadership in Native Arts and cultures through higher education, life-long learning, and outreach.*

**Toney Johnson, he/him**  
**Ru Stempien she/they,**  
**Ohdesa Freedbird, they/him**

Indigenous Queer 2-Spirit+ (IQ2S)

**Celebrate Pride!**

**Diné Pride 2020 | LGBTQ Indigenous Youth Panel**

Wed., June 24, 2020 @ 5 pm – 6:30 pm

**Diné Pride 2020 | Sovereign Nations Leadership Panel**

Thurs., June 25, 2020 @ 6 pm – 8 pm

**Diné Pride 2020 | Extravaganza Drag Show**

Sat., June 27, 2020 @ 8 pm – 9 pm

**NYC Pride Special Broadcast Event**

Sun., June 28 @ 12:00 to 2:00 pm EDT

**Trans Pride Los Angeles**

Jun 19 at 7 pm – Jun 20 at 9:30 pm PDT

**World's 1st Global Pride 2020!**

Sat., June 27, 2020 @ 12 am – 11:59 pm UTC+01

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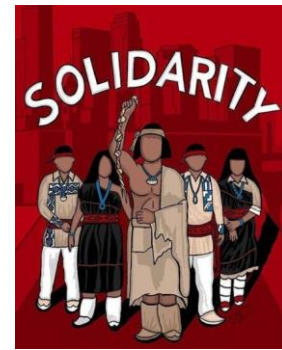
New Mexico Crisis and Access Line  
855.622.7474; Warmline (Peer Support)  
855.466.7100

[The Trevor Project](#)

[The Translifeline.org](#)

[Anxiety/Depression/Substance Abuse/Addiction Concerns](#)

[NM Resource Guide care for LGBTQ](#)



In the era of the [coronavirus](#), traveling and gathering are not options for many. But that should not hinder the spirit and mission of Pride: to remind community members and allies that they are not alone, but part of a greater push for equality, and to elevate the voices and causes central to L.G.B.T.Q.+ people and other marginalized groups. And with the [uprisings](#) in response to the [deaths of George Floyd](#) and other black people by the police, Pride is taking on a greater significance. It's more important than ever that every queer person in our community – many who are also people of color – raise their voices in protest which has always been a part of PRIDE. [Read more HERE!](#)



“In celebration of the beginning of Pride month, I created this piece. You can see four Diné (Navajo) trans women standing together in harmony. I left these sisters' relationship ambiguous. Are they blood sisters, chosen sisters, clan sisters? I wanted to leave that up to the viewer. I chose the four sacred Navajo colors, tigai (white), doot'izh

(turquoise), hitso (yellow), and lizhin (black), to show balance and cohesion between the sisters...There's sacred medicine in indigenous queer people being together. As a reminder always take pride in your Diné culture. Never be ashamed of it, embrace it, flaunt it, share it with other Diné. If you look closer, I did not add breasts and kept the silhouette agender. Trans comes in many shapes and sizes...There's beauty in embracing the body Diyin Dine'é (The Holy People) made us into. Lastly, the background is used to show how being Diné trans can be in harmony with the land. Our beauty comes from our ancestors and the land. Our homeland is beautiful and thus we're beautiful...” ps: inspired by R.C. Gorman, Follow [@https://www.instagram.com/asdzaa\\_tleehonaei/](https://www.instagram.com/asdzaa_tleehonaei/) Image: “Four Navajo Transgender Sisters”

**LGBTQ2S+ NEWS**

**The coronavirus lockdown has dramatically worsened mental health for LGBTQ people...**A new survey from the queer wellness website OutLife shows that the COVID-19 quarantine is negatively affecting queer people's mental health. The negative impacts were most pronounced for women, trans people and people of color...[Read HERE!](#)

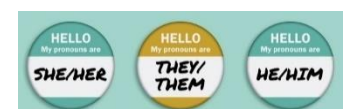
**Supreme Court rules in favor of LGBTQ immigrants by upholding Obama's DACA program...**The ruling will help 700,000 immigrants in the U.S. including LGBTQ people who would face persecution if deported back to their countries of birth...[Read HERE!](#)

Safety 1<sup>st</sup>! It's always best to check the **CDC guidelines** if you're going to a public event and use the buddy system!

**People of Color (POC) Thirty-nine percent of LGBTQ adults identify as people of color,** including 15 percent who identify as Latinx, 11 percent as Black, two percent as Asian Pacific Islander, and one percent as Native American. This is more diverse than the overall U.S. adult population, which is 65 percent white. The higher representation of people of color in LGBTQ communities is in part related to age. With increasing acceptance of LGBTQ people, younger generations are more likely to be out as LGBTQ. [READ HERE!](#)

**PRONOUNS**

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Why do they matter?  
More than 100 pronouns:  
[CLICK HERE!](#)  
Videos: [ACON Pride Training!](#)

**Celebrate PRIDE healthy & safely 😊**