**Benjamin Mays Center, Bates College, Lewiston Maine**

 **Tuesday March 1st 2016 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Is your agency or school** a safe and welcoming place for young people who are transgender or gender non-conforming? Would you like to increase your understanding of the unique challenges faced by these young people – and improve your skills for supporting their healthy growth and development?

This free workshop is for you!

Transgender and gender-nonconforming youth have often experienced misunderstanding, discrimination and harassment in youth serving programs and schools. Homelessness is also a critical issue as one in five transgender individuals have experienced homelessness at some point in their lives. Youth workers and educators can play a critical role in the lives of young people who may not have family support, and serve as advocates for inclusive and affirming policies in their settings.

**Training objectives:** Some previous training on LGBT youth issues would be helpful but is not required. Participants in this workshop will gain knowledge and skills in:

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**Please join us** at this interactive workshop, sponsored by New Beginnings HIV Prevention Program, Outright Lewiston-Auburn, and the Maine Dept. of Education. Each participating agency or school will receive a packet of resource materials for building inclusive environments.

**Trainers:** Jody Pierce-Glover, Prevention Educator at New Beginnings and Penny Sargent, Coordinator of Outright L-A. The trainers bring decades of experience working with GLBTQ youth in community-based settings and schools.

**The workshop is free** of charge and lunch will be provided. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come basis. .6 CEU’s are available from the University of Maine based on completion of the workshop.

***Bonus for 2015: All participants who complete this training are eligible for FREE registration at the statewide Comprehensive Sexuality Conference on April 8th, 2016.***

**Registration deadline, Monday February 23, 2016**

**Please share this announcement with your colleagues. Thanks.**

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 **REGISTRATION FORM**

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**Position: Email:**

**Special Needs (dietary or other):**

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Space is limited and registration will close when capacity is reached

**Please do NOT register if you cannot attend the ENTIRE day**

Please return to: Jody Pierce Glover, New Beginnings, 436 Main St., Lewiston, ME 04240. You can fax it to New Beginnings at 795-4080, or email your registration info to: info@newbeginmaine.org.

**Register online at:**  [A Place For Everyone 2016](https://entry.donorsnap.com/forms/oForms.aspx?id=ODY5NDZiMDAtZWE3My00NDQzLWEyMjYtNDRjZjEwMzNjMTcz)

You will receive a confirmation notice with directions and more details.

Questions?? Call Jody at 795-6048, ext. 217 or email: [jody@newbeginmaine.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cjpierceglover%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CDXT68CB6%5Cjody%40newbeginmaine.org)