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Tanenbaum Launches Training Module: *LGBTQ+ Youth Health: The Role of Religion*

New York, NY, March 11, 2024: The Tanenbaum | Center for Interreligious Understanding launches its updated module, *LGBTQ+ Youth Health: The Role of Religion*, a free training module to help health care providers discuss sexual orientation and gender identity with patients and families of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds.

In 2023, at least 510 anti-LGBTQ+ bills were introduced in state legislatures across the U.S., many of which fell at the intersection of LGBTQ+ health and religion. With rising challenges to accessible care for LGBTQ+ youth of all backgrounds, Tanenbaum’s Health Care team created *LGBTQ+ Youth Health: The Role of Religion* to advance more inclusive and patient-centered care.

This module helps providers understand the health inequities and disparities that disproportionately affect LGBTQ+ youth, and to assess how social identifiers such as religion may impact LGBTQ+ youth patients.

“Considering the importance of religion as a social determinant of health and its impact on the overall well-being of individuals, the module, *LGBTQ+ Youth Health: The Role of Religion*, is at the front-line of transforming healthcare and religious thought for LGBTQ+ individuals, families, and communities, especially during a time of global division.” Said Christine Rodriguez, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, MDiv, MA, FNYAM of *Yale School of Nursing*.

“This significant contribution not only leads to the acquisition of new knowledge at the intersections of health and religion, but most importantly allows for the development of affirming organizational systems that ultimately strive to uphold inclusive models of healthcare delivery.”

This training module is a revision to Tanenbaum’s existing Advanced Learning Module published in 2014. What makes this training especially insightful is the incorporation of real stories using video clips from the Trevor Project’s 2023 documentary: *Learn with Love*.

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