Biography

Leslie Wright, MA, is a Community Research Liaison and Project Manager working at Kaiser Permanente Colorado’s Institute for Health Research. Leslie’s passion meets her work when she’s partnering with individuals and organizations committed to the equitable engagement of individuals and communities in social, physical, and spiritual wellbeing. She gravitates towards partnerships with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) community and the senior community and relishes opportunities to partner with LGBT seniors. She is a founding member of the LGBT SUSTAIN project, which identified strengths and challenges for LGBT seniors to age in place and was the impetus for the Colorado GLBT Center’s Care-Link. Leslie’s current projects involve building the capacity of patients and community members to critically assess and advise on the design, conduct and dissemination of health research; assessing bias, stereotype threat, and values affirmation as they relate to patient care and health disparities; an educational intervention for patients, care partners and clinicians focused on de-prescribing for optimal medication management; and assessing the feasibility of integrating palliative care social workers into the care team for skilled nursing facility patients and their caregivers to align goals of care and improve communication.
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