

# PLA Resources for ACA and Advancing LGBTQ Health Webinar

## Awareness & Prevention for Patrons

- Encourage patrons to improve their health literacy skills by completing health information courses on [Digitallearn.org](https://digitallearn.org).
  - [Online Health Information](#)
  - [Using Healthcare.gov to Enroll in Health Insurance](#)
  - [Using MyHealthfinder for Preventive Care](#)
- Add [MyHealthfinder content](#) to your library's website to share evidence-based health information with people who need it most.
- Help patrons find [LGBT-Friendly Insurance Enrollment Help](#).
- Promote [Healthy Family Habits](#) created by the National Center for Families Learning.

## Professional Development for Library Staff

### Health Insurance & The Affordable Care Act

March 23 marked the 10-year anniversary of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and with the ongoing pandemic, [millions of people have lost their employer-provided health insurance](#) since the crisis unfolded. Library workers and patrons who have experienced job loss can lean on [special enrollment](#) coverage options as part of the ACA, check their eligibility for [Medicaid](#) or the [Children's Health Insurance Program](#) (CHIP), and familiarize themselves with reliable health resources.

- Learn how to [assist patrons with health insurance enrollment](#).
- Become an [LGBT-Friendly Assister](#).
- Use promotional materials and graphics for health insurance enrollment before and during the open enrollment period of the Affordable Care Act beginning Nov. 1–Dec. 15, 2020. Free materials and editable assets can be found in the [Outreach Hub on Google Drive](#).

### Consumer Health Information

- Earn your [Consumer Health Information Specialization](#) (CHIS) provided by the Medical Library Association to acquire skills and knowledge needed to become a confident, expert provider of health information to your community.
- View the Medical Library Association's [suite of continuing education events](#) to develop your health information skills.
- Hire a [Health Literacy Specialist](#) (PDF) at your library to guide and promote evidence-based healthcare and prevention in a patron- and family-centric manner.
- Discover [training opportunities](#) provided by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.