LGBTQIA+ Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)

The LGBTQIA+ Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) at UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital offers evidence-based mental health care for adult members of the LGBTQIA+ community. The program provides support for those who are experiencing an abrupt or severe worsening of mental health symptoms related to:

- Life transitions or changes.
- Suicidal thoughts or attempts.
- Self-care and day-to-day living.

Program Components

The LGBTQIA+ IOP is a short-term, comprehensive outpatient treatment program. It recognizes the unique challenges of the LGBTQIA+ community and incorporates identity affirmation into treatment.

Participants receive three-hour group therapy sessions, three days a week, along with weekly individual therapy sessions and mental health medication management.

The program includes:

- Support for acute symptoms and crisis behaviors to encourage mood stability and a return to standard outpatient treatment.
- Support for relationships with partners, families, and communities.
- Trauma-informed care that acknowledges previous life or treatment experiences.

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About Us

UPMC Western Psychiatric is recognized by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation for LGBTQIA+ health care equality, excelling in:

- Foundational elements of LGBTQIA+ patient centered care.
- LGBTQIA+ patient services and support.
- LGBTQIA+ patient and community engagement.
- Employee benefits and policies.

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Referrals

To make a referral to the LGBTQIA+ IOP, please visit **UPMC.com/iopphpreferral**.



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