

Leslie Wright

ABOUT

Leslie Wright, MA, is a Community Research Liaison (CRL) for the LGBTQ+ community as well as Kaiser Permanente Colorado members and workforce. Leslie has been a CRL for 13 years. Her advocacy work for underserved populations with Kaiser Permanente led her to the CRL position and she has never looked back. Leslie partners with LGBTQ+ non-profit organizations in Colorado and has served on many organization Boards. She currently is a board member with One Colorado, the states' leading LGBTQ+ advocacy organization. Leslie also is a pilot grant trainer and coach within the CCTSI Community Engagement and Research Core, where she's helped to develop training curriculum, guide projects, and serve on advisory boards for grantees.

CCTSI ENGAGEMENT

Community Research Liaison

- Education and Training Committee
- Pilot Grants Committee

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

She is constantly looking to improve health access and promote culturally responsible healthcare, placing her focus on equity and inclusion work. As of late, she has been working on an Aging in Place project that is looking to provide resources to aging LGBTQ+ seniors. She has found value in the way this work has solidified her advocacy and engagement efforts with the community, as well as legitimized the work she has dedicated her life to.



“Being a CRL is the bread and butter of what motivates me. This is good work we are doing.”

OUTLOOK

Through all of this work, Leslie feels grateful to have found her niche, a niche that supports authenticity, leadership, and communication. She feels as though her work is to build others up and bridge groups, which is what she hopes her community will do in these times of unrest. She also hopes to see LGBTQ+ seniors supported as they age, not needing to repress their identity, as their wellbeing will be taken care of regardless of their sexual orientation. Leslie has seen a huge amount of progress in her years of being a CRL, in her role as a conduit between the research and community worlds, in the roles of CRLs on the PACT Council, and even in the LGBTQ+ community as a whole, so there is no doubt that her efforts will be a cause for even more change.