

How was your summer Friend?

After crisscrossing the country to help spread the word about the [All of Us Research Program](#) and [The PRIDE Study](#) (and meeting so many lovely folks along the way), the PRIDEnet team is settling into our back-to-school routine this month – which includes restarting this monthly update to keep you in the loop. Enjoy!



## Bi+ friends: we see you... and we hear you too!

In honor of [Bisexual Visibility Day on September 23](#), we're excited to share key takeaways from two Community Listening Sessions with Bisexual+ folks we co-hosted with community partners last year.

We're so grateful to our attendees who opened up about the stigma of bisexuality, their worries about health insurance and finding culturally competent medical providers, and their reactions to participating in health research ([and more!](#)) – and we're grateful to you, too, for [taking a few minutes to learn more](#) and in doing so, helping PRIDEnet combat bi-invisibility in health care. Thank you!



## All of Us in the national spotlight!

We are delighted to share a little humblebrag with you: members of our [PRIDEnet team](#) are credited in a recent article featured in the [New England Journal of Medicine!](#)

As you may recall, the [All of Us Research Program](#) is an ambitious effort led by the National Institutes of Health to enroll more than 1 million people across the United States in a longitudinal health study.

In its desire to reflect the true diversity of the country, *All of Us* aims for 75% of participants to belong to groups who have been “underrepresented in biomedical research” and at least 50% of the cohort to be members of a racial and/or ethnic minority group. **For sexual and gender minority (SGM) communities, *All of Us* is historic because SGM people were welcomed and involved in the development and design of the study from the beginning. Additionally, all 1 million *All of Us* participants will be asked their gender identity, sex assigned at birth, and sexual orientation; this makes *All of Us* an extraordinarily powerful dataset for SGM-related health research.**

Do YOU want to be in that number? [Join All of Us today!](#)



## Where in the world is PRIDEnet?

Summer may be over, but our PRIDEfest outreach continues in high gear. (Yes, we're still celebrating Stonewall 50!)

We were thrilled to meet folks at Oakland PRIDE earlier this month, and we look forward to getting some face time in with our community at several upcoming events in the coming weeks:

- [National Trans Visibility March on DC](#)  
September 28, 2019 in Washington, DC
- [BECAUSE Conference](#)  
October 11-13, 2019 in St. Paul, MN

If we're headed to a city near you, please find us and say hello!

PS – This month marks 8 years since the repeal of “Don't Ask Don't Tell.” (Good riddance!) Implemented in 1994, this disastrous policy prohibited SGM service members from discussing their relationships while a member of the U.S. Armed Services. After numerous legal challenges, President Obama ended the practice and repeal became official on September 20, 2011. Thanks Obama!



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