We envision a world where adults and children, of all gender identities and expressions, can live safe, healthy, productive and meaningful lives at home, school, work, and in their communities. We are particularly interested in advancing the health, wellness and quality of life of girls, women and LGBTQ+ individuals. Housed within the School of Health and Human Sciences CWHW provides interdisciplinary, community-informed solutions to specific social issues that build on the strengths and expertise of our university, faculty, students and our partners in the community, while also providing educational opportunities for students. Our work is managed through four initiatives:

- **LEARN: LGBTQ+ Education and Research** advances the health, wellness, and quality of life for people who are or identify as LGBTQ+ through interdisciplinary research, creative activity, education, practice, and community engagement.

- **Program to End Gender-based Violence** seeks to reduce gender-based violence through interdisciplinary research, educational activities, and community partnerships.

- **Program for the Advancement of Girls and Women in Sport and Physical Activity (PAGWSPA)** advances safety and gender equity in sports and physical activity through research, educational activities, and community partnerships.

- **Breastfeeding and Feminism International** supports the annual Breastfeeding and Feminism International Conference and related publications, research and education.

**LGBTQ+ Projects**

Across our initiatives we specifically seek to improve the health, wellness and quality of life of LGBTQ+ individuals, both on and off campus

**Research**

- **Building the capacity of NC’s domestic violence service providers better meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals who experience partner violence.** In partnership with the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence we received a two-year grant from the NC Governor’s Crime Commission to advance our work in this area (2017-2019). This project strives to build the capacity of domestic violence programs in N.C. to provide comprehensive, safe and effective services for LGBTQ+ people who have experienced intimate partner violence. Our partners on this project are the UNCG Campus Violence Response Center, the NC Coalition against Domestic Violence, and domestic violence programs in Asheville, Durham, Greensboro, and Manteo, NC. We will apply for funding to continue this project for another two years.

- **Helping universities prevent and respond to sexual violence experienced by LGBTQ+ students.** In partnership with the NC Coalition Against Sexual and Assault we completed a statewide study to provide guidance to colleges as they improve their sexual assault prevention and response programs. We are collaboration with NCCASA and a campus consortium to identify “best practices” for improving campus’ ability to prevent and respond to sexual violence experienced by LGBTQ+ students.
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- **UNCG Campus climate survey**: CWHW leads this campus wide assessment of student experiences with various forms of gender-based violence and harassment by peers, staff and faculty. Our survey has identified that LGBTQ+ students are at elevated risk for interpersonal violence; thus, our campus wide team of faculty, staff and students is working to both prevent and improve our response to all students, with particular attention to those at elevated risk. As a follow up to our 2017 survey, we conducted interviews with LGBTQ+ students to further identify how we can better prevent and respond to the violence they experience.

**Education**

- LEARN hosted a campus wide Ashby Dialogue (Spring 2018) on ‘HB2: Bad policy, Fake News, Real Impact”. Through 2 dialogues geared toward students, and a symposium for the campus and wider community, we explored HB2 as a legal and media phenomenon and how the policy and its impact affected LGBTQ+ communities. A key strength of our Ashby Dialogue is that it was developed and implemented by a planning team from around campus and co-sponsored by a several different units, including Residential Colleges, the Humanities Network and Consortium, the Office of Intercultural Engagement LGBTQ+ Outreach and Advocacy and UNCG Libraries.

- Our annual Breastfeeding and Feminism International Symposium regularly includes presentations and discussions the center on the experiences, concerns and needs of LGBTQ+ parents as they navigate parenting and infant feeding and the health/medical care center.

- We are writing a piece for the 6th edition of the classic *Breastfeeding and Human Lactation* on approaches to making our language around infant feeding and parenting more inclusive of LGBTQ+ identities and experiences.

**Safe Communities**

LEARN is a collaborator and sponsor of a variety of campus activities and actions designed to increase awareness around LGBTQ+ issues and make the campus safer.

These include:

- Host the LEARN Safe Communities Subcommittee to address structural issues to improve LGBTQ+ students life and experiences at UNCG. Members of the subcommittee are drawn from a range of units supporting student life and experiences (e.g., creating Gender and Sexuality Learning Circles, improvements to student assessment and electronic data systems, and admissions processes)

- Regular Lunch and Learn conversations sponsored by the UNCG Office of Intercultural Engagement; recent topics have included discussions on mental health, faculty research, career services, rape and pop culture, and inclusivity in study abroad

- Safe Zone trainings for faculty and staff sponsored by the UNCG Office of Intercultural Engagement

- Helped establish the LGBTQ+ Graduate Student Organization