



Statement on NC House Bill 2

MHA of Central Carolinas promotes mental wellness through advocacy, education, and prevention. Our programs are available to individuals with mental health concerns regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. As such, MHA strongly opposes any legislation on the local, state, or federal level that would discriminate against any individual based on any of these measures.

MHA recognizes that LGBT youth are nearly twice as likely to be verbally harassed or physically assaulted at school, and are four times more likely to attempt suicide compared to their non-LGBT peers¹. Moreover, eleven percent of LGBT adults said they are worried about depression/anxiety as a personal health risk, compared to 6 percent of heterosexuals². Stigma and discrimination against LGBT individuals who have mental health concerns continues to deter individuals from seeking treatment. As such, MHA of Central Carolinas opposes HB 2, the Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act.

¹ <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/bullying-and-gay-youth>

² <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/lgbt-mental-health>