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Campus Safety and Suicide Prevention Symposium: Cultivating Caring Campuses

At Risk, Underserved and Vulnerable Populations: Supporting LGBTQ+ Students on Campus

Session Description

Suicide prevention programming has long been a “one-size-fits-all” approach, despite evidence that marginalized populations, and LGBTQ+ emerging adults in particular, experience significantly increased suicide risk (Ahuja, et al., 2015). This panel discussion will explore the needs of LGBTQ+ students on campus, identify barriers to mental health promotion and resources for LGBTQ+ students, and encourage all participants, including faculty, staff, and students, to be visible allies and break down barriers for the LGBTQ+ community on our Ohio campuses as a form of culturally responsive suicide prevention and mental health promotion. The discussion will feature personal and professional perspectives from across the state.

Session Objectives

- Attendees will gain an understanding of how bias-related incident reporting, harassment reporting, and Title IX offices can promote belonging and resilience among LGBTQ+ students.
- Attendees will be able to describe the impact of broader systems, especially our political environment, on LGBTQ+ suicidal ideation and mental health.
- Attendees will be able to identify the unique mental health risk and protective factors of LGBTQ+ college students and identify ways to support LGBTQ+ students on campus.

Amir Ahuja, Cecil Webster, Nicole Gibson, Athena Brewer, Steven Toledo & Steven Russell (2015) Bullying and Suicide: The Mental Health Crisis of LGBTQ Youth and How You Can Help, *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Mental Health*, 19:2, 125-144, DOI: [10.1080/19359705.2015.1007417](https://doi.org/10.1080/19359705.2015.1007417)



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