

Advances in Suicide Prevention: Research, Practice, and Policy Implications for LGBT Populations Webinar

About the Webinar

When:

Thursday, July 10, 2014; 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Speakers:

Stephen Russell, Ph.D., University of Arizona, Interim Director, Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences. President, Society for Research on Adolescence

Ann Haas, Ph.D., Senior Consultant, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Caitlin Ryan, Ph.D., ACSW, Director, Family Acceptance Project, San Francisco State University

Moderator:

Julie Ebin, Ed.M., Senior Prevention Specialist, Suicide Prevention Resource Center, EDC

Description:

In its efforts to address behavioral health disparities, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has prioritized the goal of suicide prevention among vulnerable populations, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans. Despite strong indications of elevated risk of suicidal behavior in LGBT people, limited attention has been given to research, interventions, or suicide prevention programs targeting these populations. This webinar will offer participants up-to-date information about what is already known about LGBT suicide risk across the lifespan as well as what is being done to improve future research.

Dr. Russell will report on the findings of an expert panel focused on the need to better understand suicidal behavior and suicide risk in sexual minority populations. Dr. Haas's presentation will focus on recent efforts to address the critical need for valid, generalizable data on the sexual orientation and gender identity of individuals who die by suicide. This will include a brief review of how the lack of systematic data about suicide mortality among (LGBT) people significantly limits our understanding of suicide risk in these populations, and hence our ability to develop and implement appropriate and effective intervention and prevention strategies. Dr. Ryan will provide information about recent developments in the Family Acceptance Project, a research, intervention, education and policy project that helps ethnically and religiously diverse families to support their LGBT children in the context of their family, culture, and faith communities.

Learning Objectives:

- Review what is known about suicide risk among LGBT populations across the lifespan.

- Identify gaps in research and describe how this impacts our understanding of the scope of the problem and design of prevention strategies.
- Describe new work to develop and test a protocol for collecting postmortem data on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Explain a research-based health and mental health family support model that helps ethnically- and religiously-diverse families to support their LGBT children.
- Identify relevant resources available to researchers and practitioners.

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