Do No Harm: Make Your LGBTQ Client Feel Safe & Respected in Therapy

Red-flag words: Offensive words you might use (without you knowing!) Intake session: questions about developing

Strategies to establish rapport and comfort Tips for discussing sex and sexuality

Talk About Sex!

Don't miss out on key info by ignoring the sex

Top or bottom? And other important questions to ask: flexible, changing sexual preferences and attractions

Varieties of sexuality

Protect the client from your own biases and assumptions

Coming Out

Stigma and its impact on mental health from childhood to adulthood

6 distinct stages with interventions

Navigate the 3 phases of coming out to avoid isolation and alienation

Fear, shame and rejection unique to this

Relationship concerns: family, friends, school or workplace

Finding a sense of belonging in LGBTQ community

Harmful and dangerous effects of conversion

LGBTO Adolescence

Coming out issues

It gets better but not before coming out Bullying and other safety issues contributing

Harm reduction adult dating apps such as Grindr, Scruff, etc.

Risk assessment for substance abuse Assess for suicidality Finding support

Gay Male

Develop a treatment plan and goals for unique challenges growing up gay male Accurate assessment of alcohol use with this high risk population

HIV & STI prevention strategies and risk and harm reduction

Generational differences informing different treatment plans

Internalized homophobia

Learn specific sexual terminology to avoid alienating your client

Lesbian

Develop a treatment plan and goals for unique challenges growing up lesbian Specific terminology that is helpful and damaging in this population Sex and sexuality: what to know, what to ask Strategies to manage gender dynamics Internalized homophobia manifests in development

Bisexuality

Learn strategies to help the anxiety of bisexuals in dating and relationships Internalized biphobia and bisexual development from childhood into adulthood

Compare and contrast male and female bisexuality

Transgender

Overcome the knowledge barrier Avoid using outdated treatment plans Learn and differentiate correct terms such as gender queer, gender fluid and cisgender Strategies to help your client tell their partner, families, friends and employers

Tips to discuss hormone treatments and surgical procedures

Crucial points for transgender teens medically and psychologically and how to create best treatment plan

Questioning

Avoid mislabeling a client and leading them down the wrong sexual identity path Differentiate between sexual fluidity from bisexuality, gay and lesbian identities Differentiate between sexual identity, sexual behavior and sexual fantasies

Working with LGB Couples

Dynamics of a same gendered couple including vulnerabilities and strengths Coming out discrepancy causing turbulence for couples

Recognize and identify how internalized homophobia creates conflicts Open relationships in gay male couples Sexual issues and strategies on compatibility, incompatibility, frequency and satisfaction

Working with Mixed Orientation Couples and Relationships

Specific stages of coming out as a mixed orientation couple

Specialized treatment programs for the straight spouses

Helping LGBTQ spouse integrate their identity into their mixed orientation relationships Learn how to identify which couples will succeed and which won't

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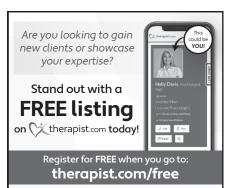
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I didn't know how to ask them about their sexual practices. And when I tried, I offended

Come to my workshop and I will equip you with the right tools and up-to-date information you need in this **rapidly changing population** to more effectively counsel your lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning clients, and couples.

You will learn specific strategies to better treat the unique challenges your client may be facing such as:

- self-acceptance and internalized homophobia
- non hetero-normative sexual behaviors and practices
- trauma and abuse from growing up LGBTO
- the difficult process of coming out

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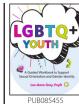
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