OUTLINE

Create a Safe Therapeutic Space

Offensive words to avoid Intake session: how to ask about developing identity Approach transgender compared to LGBO Strategies to establish rapport and comfort

Identity Formation and Coming Out

Identity development Internalized homo/bi/trans -phobia The decision to come out Strategies to overcome fear, shame, and rejection in the coming out process Bullying and safety issues

Clinical Considerations and Interventions

Treatment strategies for Depression Anxiety Self-harming behaviors Suicidality Substance abuse Shame Importance of family acceptance

Impact with other cultural identities Research limitations and risks of psychotherapeutic approaches

What you Need to Know about **Differences within the LGBTQ** Spectrum

Lesbian Youth Confront invisibility Facilitate positive self-esteem Gay Youth Explore gender role expectations Sexual health Substance use **Bisexual Youth** Understand bisexuality as a legitimate identity Harmfulness of bisexual erasure Transgender Youth Assess need/desire for gender transition Options for gender expression Puberty blocking **Questioning Youth**

Make space for exploration and fluidity Reduce pressure to self-label Avoid mislabeling a client

Clinical Strategies for Working with Families

Coming out to family members Parents' reactions and resistance

- Techniques to work with unsupportive families Support youths' LGBTQ identity Practical tips to help parents and siblings work towards increased
- acceptance and support Navigate religious beliefs Facilitate support networks

LGBTQ-Affirmative School Environments

Tips to assist parents with school advocacy

Coach youth towards self-advocacy Strategies to manage mistreatment Cyberbullying Face to face bullying

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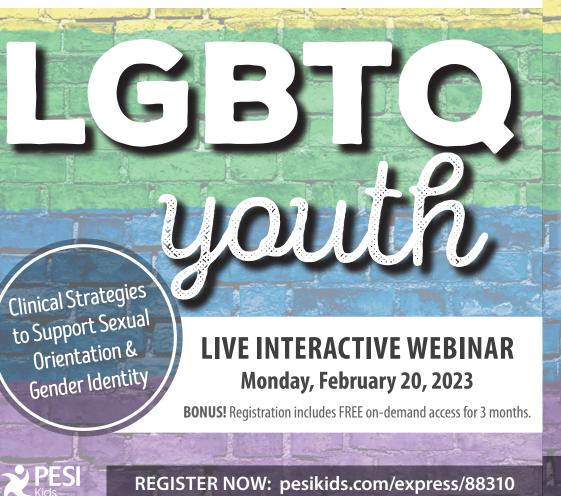
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Practical tips to help families become more supportive

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REGISTER NOW: pesikids.com/webcast/88310 A 9-year-old boy took his own life, just days after coming out to his peers as gay, due to the severe bullying he received. Sadly, he is not alone, suicide rates among LGBTQ youth are rising at an alarming pace.



As a clinician, how do you approach a

sensitive topic like gender identity without offending

your clients? How do you navigate the LGBTQ spectrum, with its unique terminology and challenges? How are you supposed to help an LGBTQ youth client when their parents are not on board?

You are not alone in struggling with these types of questions. Join expert and author, Deb Coolhart, PhD, LMFT as she draws on her nearly 20 years of working with LGBTQ youth. Deb will show you effective clinical strategies for:

- The coming out process
- Bullying
- Suicide, anxiety, shame, depression, self-harming
- Making healthy choices
- Thriving in school
- Developing support networks

Working with these youth and families can be complex, requiring the balance of many seemingly opposing viewpoints. As a clinician, there is nothing more rewarding than facilitating these changes and watching families discover their own path towards understanding.

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Deb Coolhart, PhD, LMFT, is a private practice clinician and an assistant professor in the marriage and family therapy department at Syracuse University. She has been doing therapy with LGBTQ youth and their families for nearly 20 years. She created the transgender treatment team in Syracuse University's Couple and Family Therapy Center, where she trains and supervises masters students to work with transgender people and their families.

Dr. Coolhart has several publications on clinical work with LGBTQ youth. Her recent work has focused on transgender youth and their families. She has developed a tool for assessing youths' and families' readiness for gender transition treatments, published in the Journal of Marital and Family Therapy. She has also published multiple manuscripts on supporting transgender youth and families in therapy and advocating for trans-affirmative school environments. Recently, she co-authored a book, The Gender Quest Workbook: A Guide for Teens and Young Adults Exploring Gender Identity. Additionally, Dr. Coolhart has conducted research on transgender people and their family relationships and the experiences of LGBTQ homeless youth.

Speaker Disclosure

Financial: Dr. Deborah Coolhart maintains a private practice and has an employment relationship with Syracuse University. She is a published author and receives royalties. Dr. Coolhart receives a speaking honorarium, book royalties, and recording royalties from PESI, Inc. She has no relevant financial relationships with ineligible organizations.

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Lee-Anne Gray, PsyD. \$29.99 \$22.99*



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