Technical Information



This training was developed under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Prevention Technology Transfer Center task order. Reference # 1H79SP081018.

For training use only.

Funding for this presentation was made possible by SAMHSA grant no. 1H79SP081018. The views expressed by speakers and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of HHS; nor does mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.



This webinar is now live.



It is being recorded.





Welcome

Central East PTTC Webinar

Culturally Responsible Services for Youths of Color

The Central East PTTC is housed at the Danya Institute in Silver Spring, MD

Oscar Morgan
Executive Director

Deborah Nixon Hughes
Project Director





Technology Transfer Centers

Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Each TTC Network includes 13 centers.



Network Coordinating Office

National American Indian and Alaska Native Center

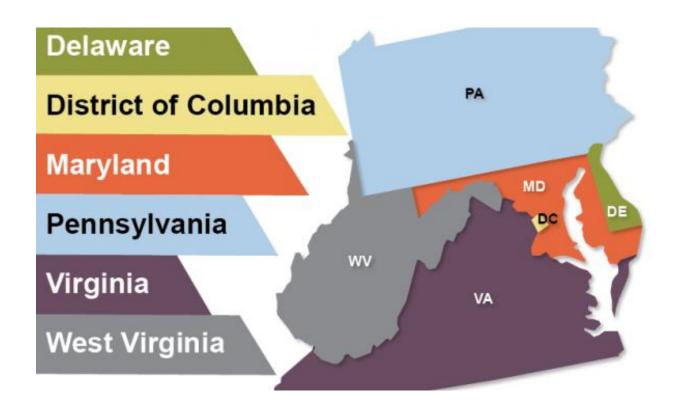
National Hispanic and Latino Center

10 Regional Centers (aligned with HHS regions)



Central East Region

HHS REGION 3





The use of affirming language inspires hope. LANGUAGE MATTERS. Words have nower. PEOPLE FIRST.

The PTTC Network uses affirming language to promote the application of evidence-based and culturally informed practices.



orientation ethnicity spirituality practices expression normalize care Matter shootings education change Racial space seem normal powerful NASW self Black gender affected Lives hate humility Diversity uncertainty sexual competency religious



PTTC Mission

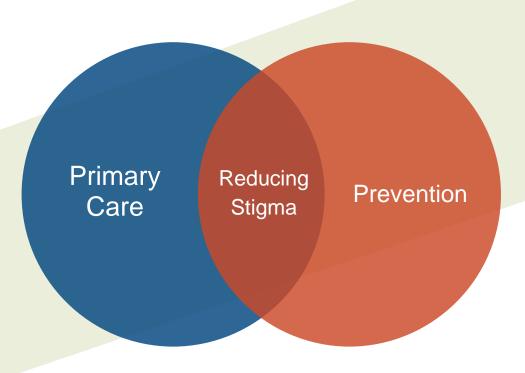




Central East PTTC Specialty Area

Engaging and Collaborating with Primary Care Providers for Substance Use

Prevention





Eligibility

Consistent with Regional, State and Local Needs



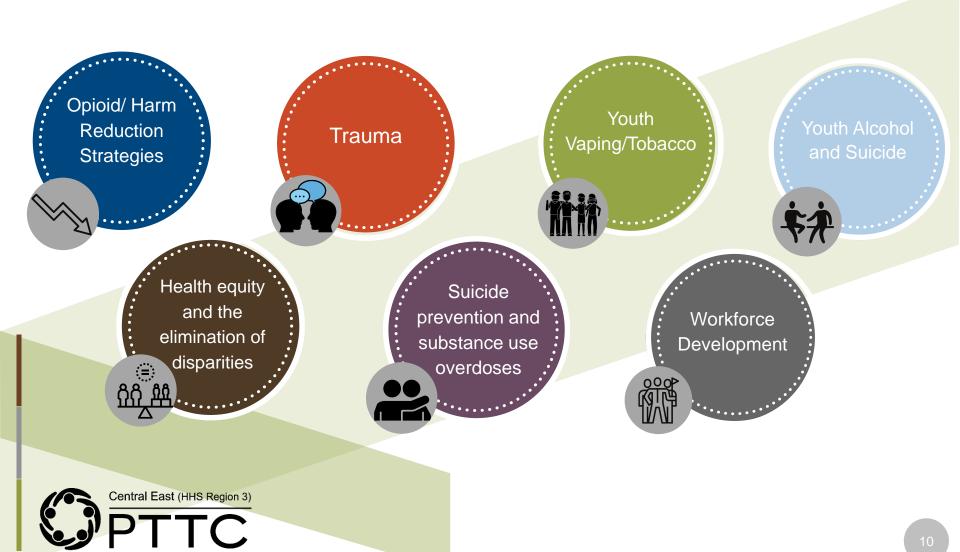
No Cost

Data Driven

EBPs provided by Subject Matter Experts



PTTC Focus Areas



Services Available





Technical Assistance









Facilitate Prevention
Partnership &
Alliances



Research Learning Collaborative







Literature Searches





Research Publication



Other Resources in Region 3



Central East (HHS Region 3)

ATTC

Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network
Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



Central East (HHS Region 3)



Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network

Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



Culturally Responsible Services for Youths of Color

Randall S. Leonard, LCSW-C
LGBT Health Equity Trainer
Chase Brexton Health Services

June 1, 2022





Presenter: Randall Leonard

Behavioral Health Therapist and Trainer The Center for LGBTQ Health Equity Chase Brexton Health Care, Baltimore MD

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW-C) specializing in the care of LGBTQ communities. Provides:

- Individual therapy
- · Assessments for gender-affirming surgery
- "Identity Talk" support group for Black trans and gender-diverse people

Additional Clinical Work Experience:

- Behavioral Specialist --
- **Emergency Department, Union Memorial Hospital**
- Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence Family and Children's Services
- People with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness Sheppard Pratt Health Systems

Education: Masters of Social Work
University of Maryland School of Social Work







Learning Objectives

01

Describe the strengths, challenges and needs of youth of color

02

Explain how to better engage and support ethnic minority community members and their children

03

Identify three specific ways to create a welcoming and cultural affirming environment for youth of color

ABUSE

NEGLECT

HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION



Physical



Emotional





Physical



Emotional



Mental Illness



Incarcerated Relative



Mother treated violently



Substance Abuse



Divorce

Adverse Childhood Events

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Image Credit: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation via NPR

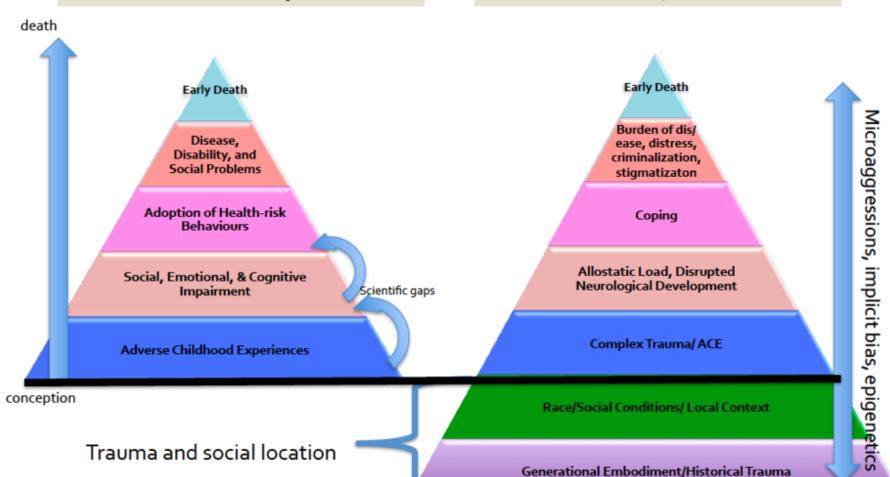
Early Death 67% Disease, Disability, Social Problems of the population Adoption of have at least 1 ACE Health-risk Behaviours Social, Emotional, Cognitive Impairment Disrupted Neurodevelopment Adverse Childhood Experiences

Trauma and Social Location



Adverse Childhood Experiences*

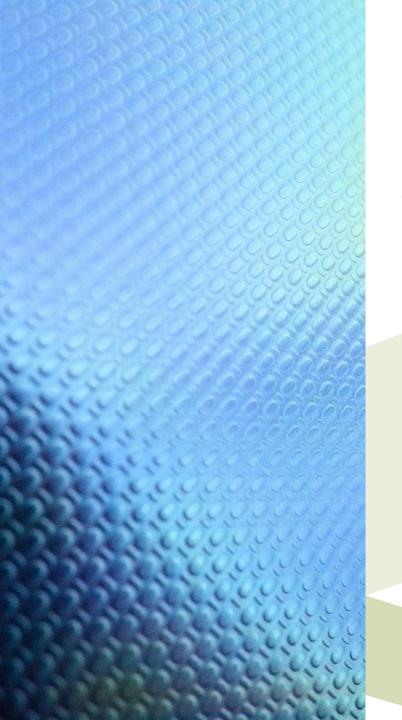
Historical Trauma/Embodiment



WHAT IMPACT DO ACEs HAVE?

As the number of ACEs increases, so does the risk for negative health outcomes





Community Concept: Seeking Help

People from a **dominant** cultural lens tend to assume that if they were in need, they would have an automatic right to help

Persons conditioned to hold subdominant culture lens may not have experienced agencies as helpful in the past. They may not believe that help is available or may not seek it out.

What is Cultural Humility?

- Other-centered interpersonal approach
- Ethical orientation of service delivery
- A commitment to understanding power dynamics
- Requires us to take responsibility for our interactions
- Acknowledges the limitations of our own cultural perspective
- "Borrow the client's glasses"





Cultural Humility Framework: Melanie Tervalon and Jann Murray-Garcia



Jann Murray-Garcia, MD, MPH



Melanie Tervalon, MD, MPH

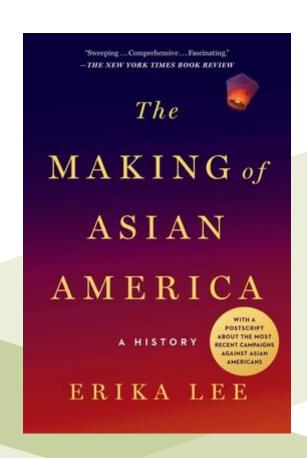
A lifelong commitment to self-evaluation and self-critique

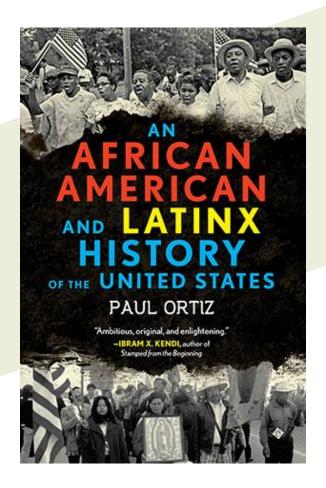
Redressing power imbalances in the patient-provider relationship

Developing mutually beneficial and non-paternalistic clinical and advocacy partnerships with communities

Advocating and maintaining institutional accountability the principles of cultural humility

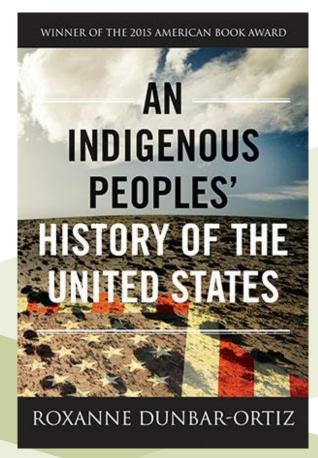
Important References on Cultural History

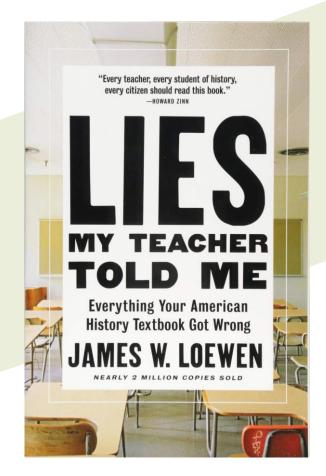






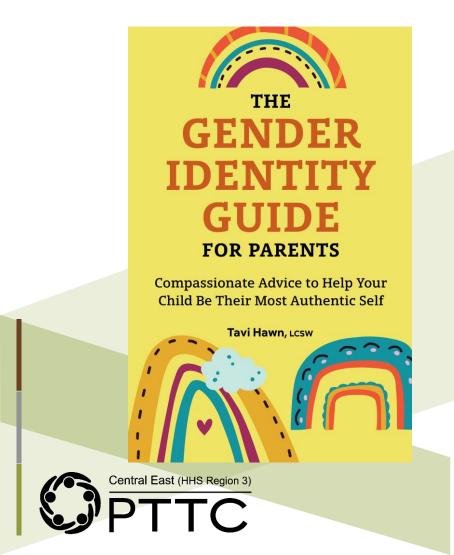
Important References on Cultural History

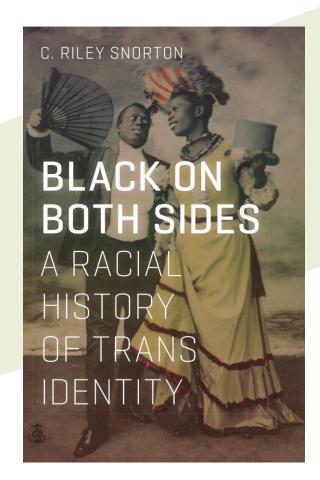






Important References on Cultural History





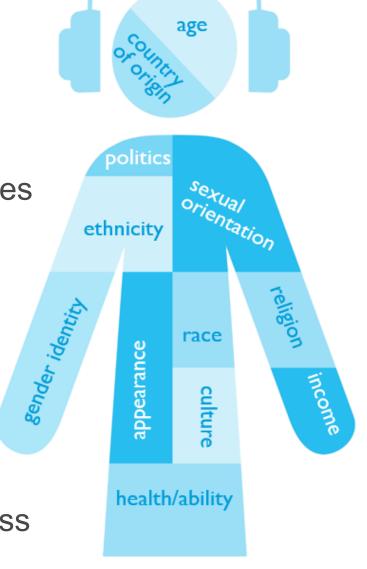
Multiple Facets: One Identity

 People possess multiple, layered and compound elements of self

 How an individual's multiple identities interact and intersect affects their experiences and shapes their perspectives

 "Intersectionality" helps clarify the ways in which a person can simultaneously experience privilege and oppression.

"Privilege" = More Power and Access





Sources: Crenshaw, Kimberle, 1989; Intergroup Resources, 2012

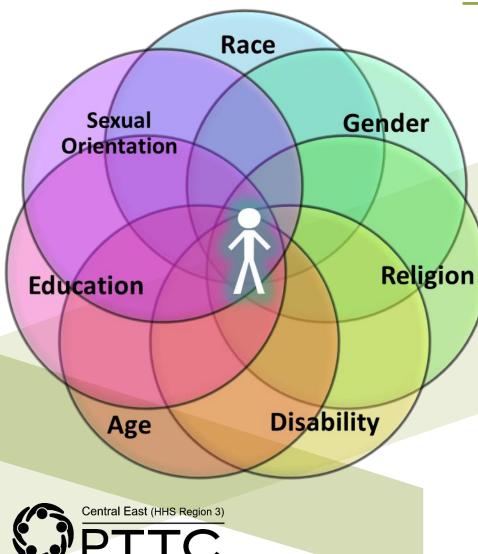
Intersectional Lives, Intersectional Needs





Dr. Kimberle Crenshaw

- Helps us describe relative personal and structural power
- "We live at the crossroads of our identities."
- Multiple marginalization = compound discrimination
- Cultural Humility approach can help bridge rapport across power dynamics



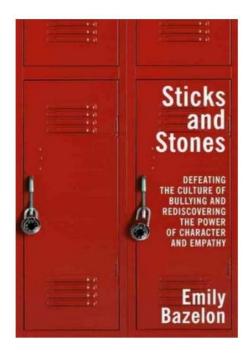
Intersectionality and Oppression

- Race, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, ability, age, and culture impact the way people experience violence
- Our own race, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, ability, age, and culture influence how we do trauma work





Social Messaging... Different = Deviant



Internalize societal phobia

Decreased sense of selfworth Guilt, Shame

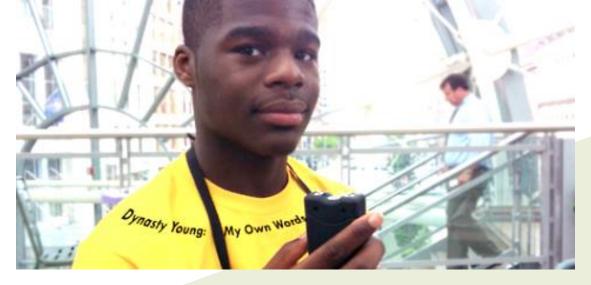
> Self-medication Substance abuse

Isolation, Lack social support & connectedness

Risk-taking behavior

Suicidality

Dynasty Young





In Indiana, 17 year old Dynasty Young was expelled for bringing a stun gun to school

- Other students taunted, threw rocks and bottles, followed him home
- Reported bullying to the school more than 10 times
- Mother gave him a stun gun for protection:
 "I did feel like there was nothing else left for me to do."
- Six students surrounded him at school threatening to beat him up
- Young discharged weapon into the air
- School police officers arrested only Young
- \$65,000 awarded in an out of court settlement, and Young was transferred to a new school



Jewlyes Gutierrez

- California: Jewlyes Gutierrez, 16 years old
- Defended herself against three girls who physically attacked her
- Video shows Gutierrez trying to run away
- All students involved were suspended
- Gutierrez was the only one charged: Assault
- Charges dropped after her sister created a national petition campaign
- Her mother said, "Preventing them [transgender youth] from expressing themselves is like asking them not to breathe."

Golgowski, N. (2019, January 10). *Transgender teen bullied at school faces criminal charges for fight which only suspended other girls*. New York Daily News.

Retraumatization: What Hurts?

SYSTEM

Having to continually retell their story

No choice in service or treatment

No opportunity to give feedback about services

Procedures that require disrobing

Being treated as a number

Being seen as their label (Addict, Schizophrenic, "Dirty")

Retraumatization: What Hurts?

RELATIONSHIP

Not being seen/heard

Violating trust

Failure to ensure emotional safety

Non-collaborative approach (Doing For rather than With)

Punitive treatment

Coercive practices

Oppressive language

The Most Powerful Thing You Can Say

you. i believe you. i belie you. i believe you. i believe you. i believe you. i belie you. i believe you. i believe you. i believe you. i belie you. i believe you. i believe you. i believe you. i belie you. i believe you. i believe you. i believe you. i belie you. i believe you. i believe you. i believe you. i belie you. i believe you. i believe you. i believe you. i believe ou. i believe you. i believe you. i believe you. i believe ou. i believe you. i believe you. i believe you. i believ rou. i believe you. i believe you. i believe you. i believ ou. i believe you. i believe you. i believe you. i believ



Trauma Support

- Create opportunities for peer connection
- Encourage skills in understanding and monitoring emotions, decision-making, self-care, and problem-solving
- Acknowledge and compliment even the smallest of changes
- Model appropriate communication styles even in charged situations
- Present discuss options and consequences; Encourage survivor to make their own choices
- Make sure referrals are LGBTQ-friendly. If there are no affirming options, prepare the client for what they can expect

Adapted from National Child Traumatic Stress Network





Breaking Down Microaggressions

"...I'm not being homophobic, you're being too sensitive..."



What are Microaggressions?

"Microaggressions are the everyday

- verbal, nonverbal and environmental slights,
- snubs or insults,
- whether intentional or unintentional,
- which communicate hostile, derogatory or negative messages
- to target persons based solely upon their marginalized group membership.
 - Dr. Derald Wing Sue



What are Microaggressions?

"In many cases these hidden messages may

- invalidate the group identities or experiential reality of target persons,
- demean them on a personal or group level,
- communicate they are lesser human beings,
- suggest they do not belong with the majority group,
- or relegate them to inferior status and treatment."
 - Dr. Derald Wing Sue



What are Microaggressions?

"The most detrimental forms of microaggressions are usually delivered by well-intentioned individuals who are unaware that they have engaged in harmful conduct toward a socially devalued group.

These everyday occurrences may, on the surface, appear quite harmless, trivial or described as 'small slights,' but research indicate they have a powerful impact upon the psychological well-being of marginalized groups, and affect their standard of living by creating inequities in education, employment and health care."

Dr. Derald Wing Sue



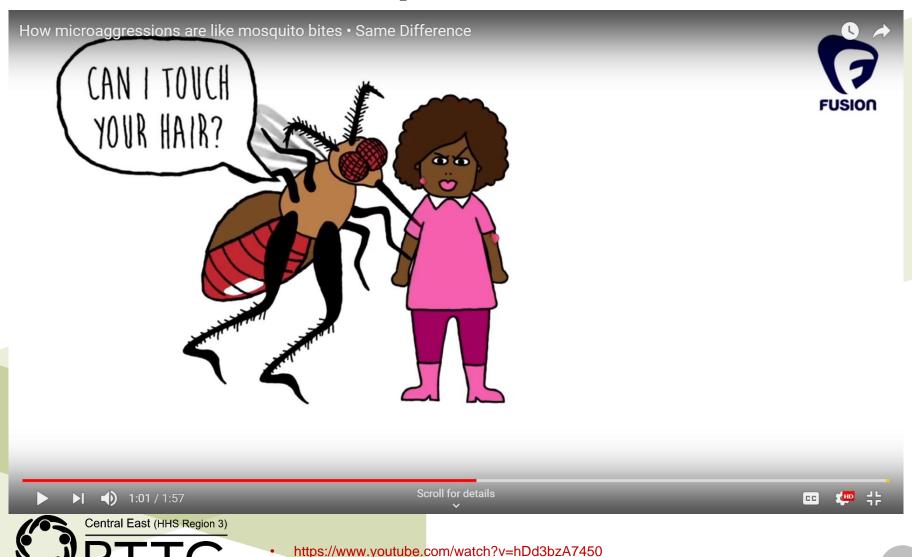
Common Messages Hidden in Microaggressions

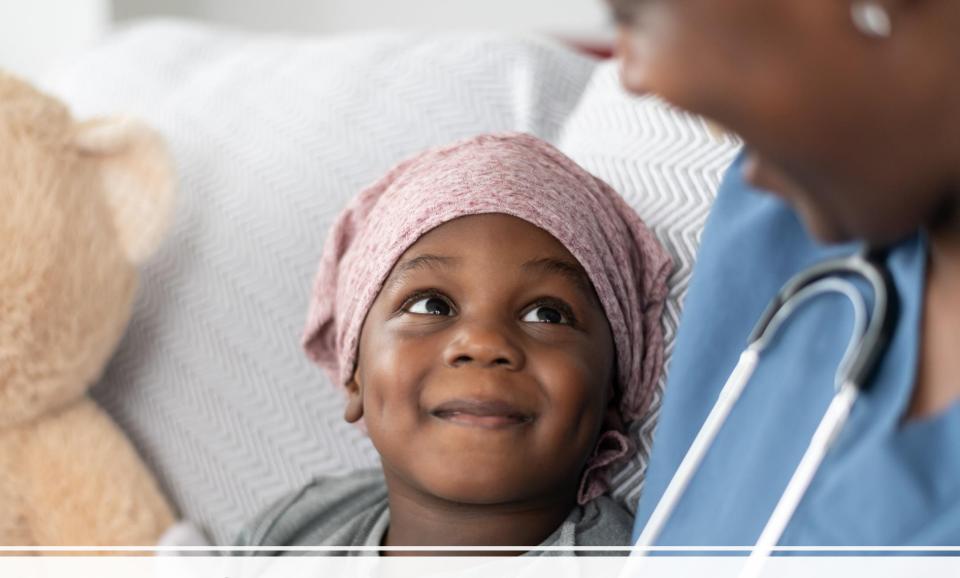
- "Where are you really from?"
- Asking assumptively for a person to teach words in their native language.
- "When I look at you, I don't see color."
- "I believe the most qualified person should get the job."
- "You're too emotional."
- "You're not emotional enough"

- "It's better now than it ever has been."
- "Everyone can succeed in this society, if they work hard enough."
- Relying primarily on statistics rather than verbalized lived experiences.
- "Nonbinary does not exist"
- Asking multiracial people which race best defines them



How Microaggressions Are Like Mosquito Bites





Cultural Identity Development

Adolescence: Developmental Tasks

- Create meaningful peer relationships
- Develop new coping skills in decision making, problem solving, and conflict resolution
- Adjust to maturing bodies and feelings
- Understand and express more complex emotional experiences

- Establish key aspects of identity
- Develop moral standards, values, and belief systems
- Establish autonomy and renegotiate relationships with adults in parenting roles



Five Stages of Racial Identity Development

Pre-Encounter

• The dominant culture surrounds the individual and they begin to absorb messages about their minority group

Encounter

An
 experience
 or group of
 experiences
 that causes
 the
 individual to
 become
 aware of the
 impact of
 racism on
 their life.

Immersion / Emersion

 The individual tries to surround themselves with people and experiences related to the racial identity that has been brought to the surface. Some are misled by the cultural stereotypes prevalent in the media

Internalization:

 The individual begins to incorporate a more fully developed understandin g of the "minority" group into their identity

Internalization -Commitment

• The individual has fully integrated their ethnic heritage into a single identity. They become able to be an emissary, someone who can respectfully share their uniqueness without crushing the uniqueness of another.





African American Psychology

AFRICAN AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGY. Table 1. European American-centered vs. African-centered ideals

European American-Centered Ideals

Individualism: The focus is on the individual—her or his interpretation of events and reaction to changing situations. The individual is the unit of analysis in research

Materialism: An emphasis is placed on material reality, and the acquisition of material goods. Material reality is that which is observed, manipulated, and quantified

Control of nature: An emphasis is placed on controlling nature—through science and development

Objective: An emphasis is placed on purporting to be "value free" and "unbiased" in fact finding

African-Centered Ideals

Collectivism: The focus is on the collective or the "tribe." One cannot understand an individual's functioning in a way that is divorced from the group. The unit of analysis in research is the group

Spiritualism: An emphasis is placed on spiritual reality, and the development of spiritual congruence with the Creator. The most important aspects of human existence are unseen, unobservable, and nonquantifiable

Harmony with nature: An emphasis is placed on harmonizing with nature, through a spiritual connection with the things of the world

Subjective: An emphasis is placed on acknowledging values and biases and using these to bring about the liberation of African people

Fairchild, Halford. (2000). African American Psychology.

RESOURCE: Shawna Murray-Browne, LCSW-C



- Decolonizing Black Thought in Therapy
- "Liberation-focused" framework steeped in cultural awareness

https://therapythatliberates.com/





Complex Adolescent Development

- Peer primacy of typical adolescent development is complicated if youth is bullied or excluded from social groups
- Developing moral reasoning developmental task is skewed if fundamental identity is seen as dangerous, unworthy, or immoral
- Lack of gender-affirming outlets for sexual exploration
- Fewer role models to mirror in identity formation
- Need time to discover, name, and disclose gender identity and sexual orientation
- Family rejection destroys developmental timeline









Special Focus: LGBTQ Youth

Queer Means "Invent and Create"

• As bell hooks defined:

"Queer not as being about who you're having sex with (that can be a dimension of it); but queer as being about the self that is at odds with everything around it and has to invent and create and find a place to speak and to thrive and to live."





Aspects of Queer Culture

- Reject boundaries and binaries
- Rules are flexible, regard as guidelines
- Mistrust of institutions
- Free self-expression through art and culture building
- Exploding norms to create disruption
- "Live and let live" attitude
- Freedom to explore sexuality in every direction
- Continual critique and reinvention of LGBTQ culture itself





LGBTQ Values: Families of Choice



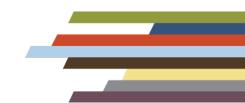
Image source: Abby, L. L., Rude, M., & Ford, T. (2021, May 7). This mother's day, i'm thankful for my little queer community. them.



Trevor Project 2021 Survey

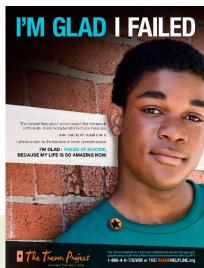
- More than 80% of LGBTQ youth stated that COVID-19 made their living situation more stressful and only 1 in 3 LGBTQ youth found their home to be LGBTQ-affirming.
- 70% of LGBTQ youth stated that their mental health was "poor" most of the time or always during COVID-19.
- 48% of LGBTQ youth reported they wanted counseling from a mental health professional but were unable to receive it in the past year.
- 75% of LGBTQ youth reported that they had experienced discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity at least once in their lifetime.
- Half of all LGBTQ youth of color reported discrimination based on their race/ethnicity in the past year, including 67% of Black LGBTQ youth and 60% of Asian/Pacific Islander LGBTQ youth.





RESOURCE: The Trevor Project





- Suicide prevention for LGBTQ people <25 years old
- Crisis intervention via phone, text, IM, virtual hang outs
- Research, education and training, media prevention campaigns



Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention Services











www.thetrevorproject.org



Unique LGBT Youth Risk Factors

- Family rejection
- Gender nonconformity
- Internal conflict about sexual orientation
- Vulnerability around time of coming out
- Early coming out

- Lack of caring adults
- Unsafe school
- Victimization
- Stigma and discrimination
- Previous attempt/s
- Exposure to suicide loss

Slide Credit: Webinar Suicide Prevention among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Youth: Expanding the Frame and Broadening Our Approaches, presented by E Malley, C Ryan, D Reynolds for Suicide Prevention Resource Center 1/18/11

"Coming Out" or "Inviting In"?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdCKe0QBuwQ





Skill Builder: How Should I Respond When Someone Invites Me In?

I have a thousand things to say to you, and a thousand reasons not to.

AUTHOR RACHEL WOLCHIN THEGOODVIBE.CO



- Acknowledge disclosure, assure confidentiality
- Respond to person's level of vulnerability
- Ask respectful open-ended questions, but let them lead the conversation
- Provide accurate information that avoids myths and stereotypes
- Provide support for positive family dynamics
- Connect to resources as needed

Skill Builder: Affirming Reponses to Disclosure

- "Thank you for trusting me."
- "I respect you."
- "Your confidence is safe with me."
- "Do you need help of any kind?"
- "It takes a lot of courage to tell your truth."
- "Have you been able to tell anyone else?"
- "Do you feel supported by the adults in your life?"
- "Now that you told me, how do you feel?"





Blaq Equity Baltimore





https://cbebaltimore.org/blackpride.html





Gender Identity Development in Young Children

PHOTO: MATER MEA AND J. QUAZI KING

VALIDATE IDENTITY



Your gender is valid

Esperanza M



Early Gender Development Awareness of Gender Identity



Between ages 1 and 2
Conscious of physical
differences between genders



At 3 years old
Label themselves as girl or boy



By age 4Gender identity is often stable
Recognize that gender is
constant



ADVANCING EXCELLENCE IN TRANSGENDER HEALTH



Nonbinary Identities

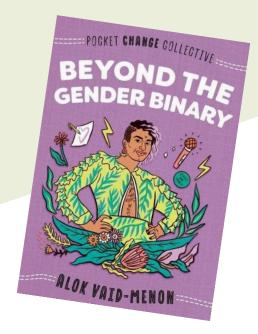


Writer, Performance Artist, Media Creator Alok Vaid-Menon

- Generational culture shift away from fixed identity labels toward embracing ambiguity and fluidity
- As language becomes more sophisticated, individuals are better able to describe their lived experiences

NO ONE GOES AROUND ASKING...
'BUT ARE YOU REALLY MORE BLUE
OR MORE GREEN?'
TEAL IS NOT BLUE-GREEN, IT'S
TEAL.

- ALOK VAID MENON
BEYOND THE GENDER BINARY





STAR TRACK Adolescent Health Program – University of Maryland





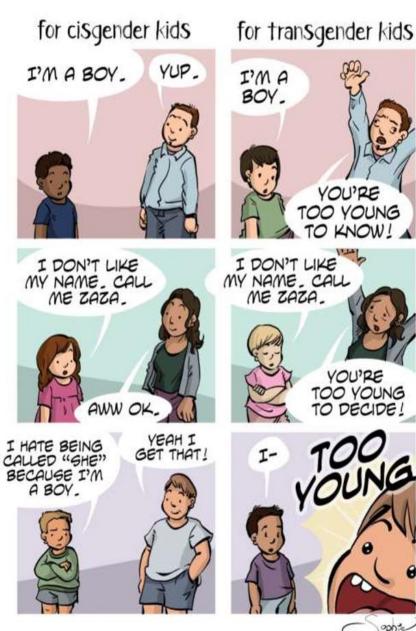


www.facebook.com/StarTrackBaltimore



How Young is Too Young to Know?

ffrmation





Misgendering and Deadnaming



- Can "out" someone and make them emotionally or physically unsafe
- Makes the person wonder if you are clueless or cruel
- Feels humiliating and disrespectful
- Damages your rapport
- If you are a helping professional, these mistakes can contribute to someone being so uncomfortable they do not get the care they need

SKILL BUILDER: Pronouns Matter

Gender-binary pronouns:

- She, Her, Hers
 - (Alex ate her food because) she was hungry.)
- He, Him, His
 - (Alex ate his food because) he was hungry.)



Gender-neutral pronouns:

- They, Them, **Theirs**
 - (Alex ate *their* food because they were hungry.) Currently most
- Ze, Hir
 - (Alex ate *hir* food because **ze** was hungry.)
- Just use **my name!**
 - (Alex ate Alex's food because Alex was hungry)

Chosen Name Use and Mental Health





www.jahonline.org

Adolescent health brief

Chosen Name Use Is Linked to Reduced Depressive Symptoms, Suicidal Ideation, and Suicidal Behavior Among Transgender Youth



Stephen T. Russell, Ph.D. ^{a,*}, Amanda M. Pollitt, Ph.D. ^a, Gu Li, Ph.D. ^b, and Arnold H. Grossman, Ph.D. ^c

- ² University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
- ^b University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- New York University, New York, New York

Article history: Received November 17, 2017; Accepted February 1, 2018 Keywords: Transgender; Youth: Depression: Suicidality

- This study asked in which contexts youth were being called by their chosen name- home, school, work, and with friends.
- Baseline characteristics were similar (mental health, SI, suicidal behavior by age, sexual identity, gender identity, race/ethnicity, access to free lunch, geographic location)
- Those who were using their chosen name in multiple contexts:
 - 29% decrease in suicidal ideation
 - 56% decrease in suicidal behavior
- Using a chosen name is life-saving!

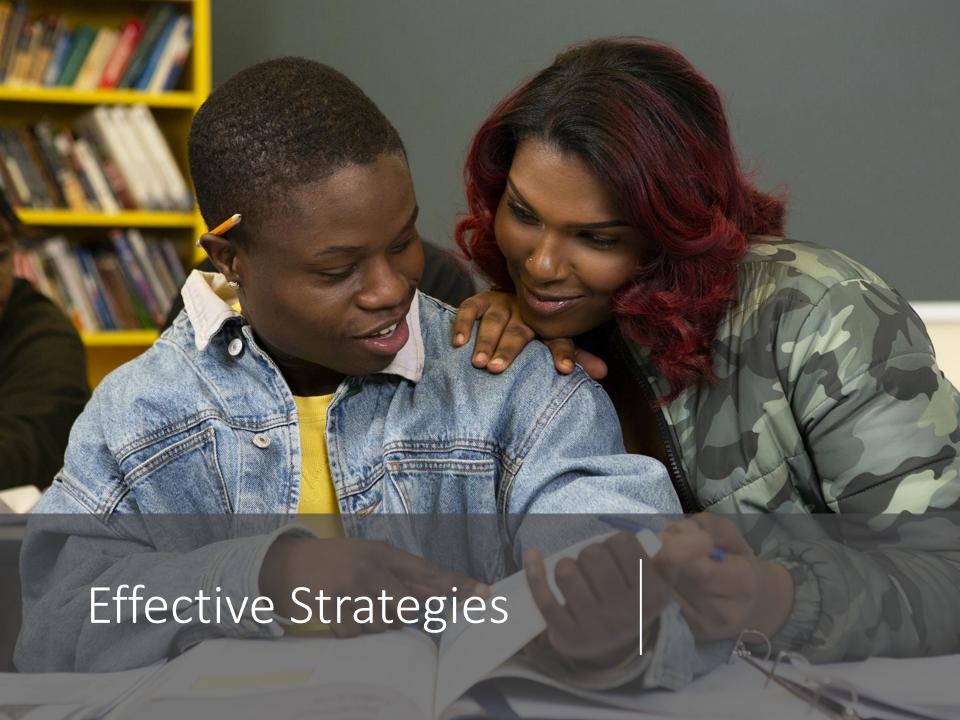


RESOURCE: Trans Maryland



www.transhealthcaremd.org





"Minority Stress" Treatment Principles

- Normalize adverse impact of targeted population ("minority") stress
- Facilitate emotional awareness, regulation, and acceptance
- Empower assertive communication
- Restructure minority stress cognitions
- Validate unique strengths of LGBTQ people
- Foster supportive relationships and community
- Affirm healthy, rewarding expressions of sexuality and gender.



Socially-Engineered Trauma

- Traumatic events rooted in social forces of oppression and inequality
- Examples include cisgender-heteropatriarcy, or legal, economic, and social power held by heterosexual cisgender males
- Therapy with families can focus on actual oppression rather than just suffering caused by it

(Shaia et. al 2019)



Socioeducation Interventions

- Socioeducation process of "demystifying" socially engineered trauma through raising awareness of oppressive macro systems (Shaia et. al 2019)
- Examples
 - Connecting clients with grassroots social justice movements
 - Providing education on economies or political movements
 - Referring to area advocacy groups



SHARP Framework

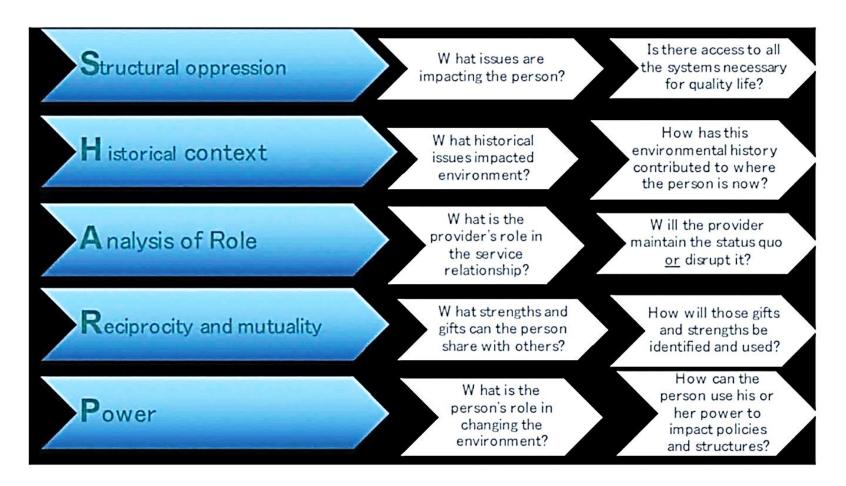


Figure 1. The SHARP framework (Shaia, 2019).



Shaia, Wendy & Avruch, David & Green, Katherine & Godsey, Geneen. (2019). Socially-Engineered Trauma and a New Social Work Pedagogy: Socioeducation as a Critical Foundation of Social Work Practice. Smith College Studies in Social Work. 1-26. 10.1080/00377317.2019.1704146. Originally designed for short-term treatment in relationship therapy

Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT)

Focuses on underlying thoughts, feelings, and unmet attachment needs within relationship bonding in the present moment

EFT allows LGBT individuals to process internal shame, as well as providing psychoeducation on uses of emotions.

"Pride is Anger aligned with Joy"



Skill Builder: Affirmative Therapy – Family Acceptance Project Interventions

- Most parents love their children and want them to be healthy and happy; however, their hopes and aspirations for their children are influenced by their culture, religious beliefs and other values that may be at odds with their child's sexual orientation and/or gender identity.
- The therapist should strive to meet the family where they are, by starting at the parents' current level of knowledge, attitudes, expectations and beliefs about their child's sexual orientation and/or gender identity.
- FAP's framework provides a resiliency-focused, strengths-based approach that supports parents' needs to be heard and understood from the perspective of their culture, values, beliefs and faith traditions.

Cohen, JA, Mannarino, AP, Wilson, K & Zinny, A (2018): Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy LGBTQ Implementation Manual. Pittsburgh, PA: Allegheny Health Network.



Assume that families love their children and want them to have a good life.





(Ryan & Diaz, 2011)

Meet families where they are.





Honor the family's cultural norms, traditions, and worldview



Use a strengths framework.





(Ryan & Diaz, 2011)



Randall S. Leonard, LCSW-C Presenter Email address





Contact Us



a program managed by



Central East PTTC website: www.pttcnetwork.org/centraleast

Danya Institute website: www.danyainstitute.org

Deborah Nixon-Hughes, Director: dhughes@danyainstitute.org

Danya Institute email and phone: <u>info@danyainstitute.org</u> (240) 645-1145

Funding for this presentation was made possible by SAMHSA grant no. 1H79SP081018. The views expressed by speakers and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of HHS; nor does mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.

