

Working with LGBTQI Youth: A Culturally Comprehensive Approach

According to the latest Center for Disease Control Youth Risk Behavior Survey, youth who are part of the LGBTQI community are significantly more at risk for struggles with mental health, addiction, homelessness and suicide. Youth who identify as LGBTQI are more likely to be marginalized and to become victims of violence and exploitation

Youth-serving professionals and other adults have a unique opportunity to help alleviate these disparities by creating safe, affirming environments for all youth. This workshop will present a culturally comprehensive approach to understanding the needs of this youth subpopulation and strategies for creating positive relationships and environments that allow them to thrive.

Attendees will:

- discuss general cultural competency components;
- identify specific issues of working with the LGBTQ youth population; and
- identify best practices in working with the LGBTQ youth population.

Speaker: Morgan Bow, MA, Regional Coalition Coordinator, Indiana Youth Services Association and Co-chair for the IPATH LGBTQIA Committee

Morgan Bow has a master's degree in criminal justice with a research focus in human trafficking. In her current role with the Indiana Trafficking Victim's Assistance Program (ITVAP), Morgan works to educate communities on understanding, identifying and responding to human trafficking and will be co-chairing a new working group through IPATH that will address education about and prevention of exploitation of LGBTQIA persons.

Community Partners: [Girls, Inc. of Shelbyville/Shelby County](#), [Shelby County Youth Assistance Program](#)

IYI Resources on this topic: [Adolescent Health and Wellness](#) Subject Guide; [Healthy Relationships and Social Skills](#) Subject Guide

Connect: Feel free to bring your program or resource information to share and to arrive early to stay after for additional networking.

For more information about this event or resources from the Indiana Youth Institute, contact IYI Outreach Manager [Alison Palmer](#).

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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RSVP via [Shelby County YWC](#). If you have trouble with link, please go to www.iyi.org/ywc or email [Debbie Jones](#).

**Note: If Shelbyville Central Schools are closed due to weather this event will be canceled and rescheduled.*

FREE: Lunch will be provided.

