Intimate Partner Violence within the LGBTQ+ Population

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Webinar Overview: Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is a pervasive problem within society, as such many counselors in their professional careers will find themselves working with individuals who have experienced IPV. When examining assessment and screening instruments there are many biases to be found. Effectively addressing these biases means examining the heteronormative language that drives not only these materials, but also societal attitudes at large.

This webinar will discuss (IPV) specifically within the LGBTQ+ population, bring awareness to the rate of IPV within the LGBTQ+ population, myths about IPV, barriers to assistance, dangers of heteronormative language and attitudes, problematic intake and assessment materials, and provide alternative assessment and intake materials. Specifically, through the use of Queer Theory we will present how to most effectively work with the LGBTQ+ community when screening, assessing, and/or communicating with clients about IPV.

Learning Objectives:
1) Queer Theory and IPV
2) Barriers to assistance
3) Assessments
4) Signs of IPV in same-gender relationships

Bree Crowley is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Central Florida. She received a B.A. in Sociology and Child and Family Development from Florida State University. Following that she completed her degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Argosy University-Sarasota. She is currently a member of the American Counseling Association and Florida Counseling Association. She is also the current president of the Florida Association For Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Counseling. Her passion is working with the LGBTQ+ population, substance abuse, and forensics. She is the co-owner of Infinity Counseling where we have a high focus on LGBTQ+ youth, adults, and their families, substance abuse clients, and reintegration. Bree Crowley previously worked in the Florida Department of Corrections as an LMHC on an in-patient unit at an all-male prison.

Ash Johnston is currently an intern in The Chicago School of Professional Psychology’s Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. She graduated with her BS in Psychology from Troy University- Dothan. As an intern, she has worked with Born Free Wellness Clinic and Infinity Counseling Services, LLC. She has practicing experience working with individuals recovering from addiction. In addition to her counseling work, she has also spent time working on projects that: explore ambiguous loss for families of transgender individuals; explain the importance of family of choice within the LGBTQ+ community, and the necessity of language considerations when working as an LGBTQ+ affirming counselor. Following the completion of her Master’s degree, Ash plans to continue her work in substance abuse as well as working with LGBTQ+ clients and their families.

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