

**NCTSN Culture and Trauma Series:
Trauma among Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Youth**

Objectives

1. To raise awareness of the degree of vulnerability to abuse and neglect that gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender adolescents face.
2. To identify the stages of sexual identity development as it relates to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth.
3. To discuss various barriers (both on a micro and macro level) that gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender adolescents face in coming to terms with their sexuality.
4. To provide concrete examples of interventions that can be made to assist gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth in safely exploring their sexuality.