

Example Social Work Training Youth Pride, Inc.

Workshop Title: Dealing with the Impact of Sexual Orientation on Youth in the Clinical Social Work Environment

Workshop Description: The workshop will provide an in depth look at the impact of sexual orientation on youth, and will provide techniques and strategies to be employed by clinical social workers as a means to create a safe and effective counseling environment. Through interactive exercises, discussion regarding common terms and definitions, and role-play exercises, participants will come to a better understanding of the issues facing lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer youth.

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Acquire up to date language to assist in providing inclusive clinical services to lesbian and gay youth.
- 2) Concrete tools for discussing the issues that impact lesbian and gay youth; including coming out, family situations, etc.
- 3) Learn ways to create a safe and inclusive clinical environment for lesbian and gay young people.
- 4) Identify strategies to reduce bias and increase sensitivity in work with lesbian and gay youth and their families.

Presenter Bios:

Presenter 1: Stump Olsen is the OUTspoken Program Coordinator at Youth Pride, Inc. Youth Pride, inc (YPI) is Rhode Island's only organization dedicated to meeting the social, emotional and educational needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQQ) youth. Stump Olsen has 13 years as a community advocate and organizer. She joined YPI in July 2002 as the OUTspoken Program Coordinator. Stump is an exemplary trainer and is experienced in social justice organizing, coalition building and program development. Stump is the lead developer of the OUTspoken speaker's bureau training curriculum. Along with providing trainings throughout the state for direct care providers, Stump oversees the training program for the members of the youth speakers' bureau known as the OUTspoken Playaz.

Presenter 2: The OUTspoken Playaz are a performance-based group of young people that use their life experiences to educate about homophobia, heterosexism, coming out and other issues that impact LGBTQQ youth through original skits, poetry, monologues and spoken word. The Playaz strive to increase awareness while providing a personal face to a very often invisible population. All youth members of the OUTspoken Playaz are required to complete an extensive training that prepares them with public speaking, leadership and facilitation skills.