

TITLE: Gender Identity and Expression and Adolescent Health in Oregon

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TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE: Policy makers, health care providers, program developers, educators, researchers, public health professionals

ABSTRACT: New in 2017, the Gender Identity and Gender Expression questions within the Oregon Healthy Teens Survey are important to exploring health behavior and experiences among transgender, gender non-binary, genderqueer, intersex/intergender, and gender fluid students. The questions allow the survey to be more representative of students' identities and help to capture a statewide snapshot of a key demographic group(s) with significant health disparities due to systemic oppression, enforcement of strict gender roles, and transphobia. The responses from the 2017 survey and beyond will be critical in further developing programming and policies that are responsive to these students' strengths and needs. They will also help address current system changes in Oregon needed to better protect transgender and gender non-conforming students.

The panel will explore how the questions were developed, how they will be revised, what the 2017 data tells us about gender diverse youth, and how community partners are using data to improve education and health services for gender diverse.

OBJECTIVE(S): By the end of this presentation, participants will ...

understand the need for inclusive data practices among youth.

understand limitations of the gender identity and expression questions.

understand key observations from the 2017 Oregon Healthy Teens survey for students who identify as transgender or gender diverse.

brainstorm improvements to the questions going forward.

understand how the data is being used by community partners with respect to education and advocacy.