

EXPLORING THE NARRATIVES BEYOND THE NUMBERS: EXPERIENCES OF SYSTEMS- IMPACTED LGBTQ+ YOUTH OF COLOR

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Talk Description

Research has shown that LGBTQ+ youth are overrepresented in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, as well as among homeless youth populations. Within these contexts, LGBTQ+ youth also experience disparate treatment and outcomes when compared to their heterosexual and cisgender peers. This is particularly true for multiply-marginalized youth such as LGBTQ+ youth of color, as well as for transgender and nonbinary youth. This presentation will share findings from two Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) studies that use qualitative interviewing and photovoice methodology to illuminate the experiences and amplify the voices of systems-impacted LGBTQ+ youth and young adults of color, and share strategies for affirming, trauma-informed, and healing-centered practice, programming, and research.

About Sarah Mountz

Dr. Mountz's research, teaching, and practice focus on the experiences of LGBTQ+ youth in child welfare and juvenile justice systems using an intersectional lens. She is particularly interested in LGBTQ+, systems-impacted, and other youth activism and organizing, and issues of educational access for youth and young adults with foster care experience. Dr. Mountz was a caseworker in a congregate foster care facility for LGBTQ youth.

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