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Behavioral Sciences

Arthur G. McCann's 6th Annual Memorial Lecture

What's known now: Best practices for
helping LGBT+ youth in a diverse world

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All minority individuals possess unique needs that differ from the needs of the majority and other minority groups, and this is no different for sexual and gender minorities. Given the incidence of actions by people who aim to restrict the rights of sexual and gender minority (SGM) youth, along with greater visibility of SGM people in society at large, it is an opportune time to work in an area that is becoming a priority for more researchers and practitioners. To recognize what works best to support and educate SGM youth, helping professionals must learn about SGM youth and their school-age experiences; identify, create, and utilize advantageous interventions; and serve as competent role models and allies who challenge the status quo.

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