



INNOVATION PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY

County: Contra Costa

Review History

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Contra Costa Innovation Plan, Social Supports for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender Queer, Questioning, Intersex, 2-Spirit (LGBTQQI2-S) Youth Program will create a sustainable social-ecological model for prevention and early intervention against feelings of isolation and poor mental health outcomes among LGBTQQI2-S youth.

Contra Costa County recognized the need to better serve the often invisible population of LGBTQQI2-S youth through various community planning meetings, Innovation Idea Forms, Innovation Work Group meetings and feedbacks from TAY. The County seeks to learn if it can improve quality of services by focusing on issues of sexual orientation and gender while involving the existing family, peer network, and/or community members and organizations (such as religious groups). This Innovation work plan will determine if applying the Social Support Model to mental health services will improve the quality of services. It will test various methods of engaging, educating, and counseling LGBTQQI2-S youth as well as families, peers and communities that are interacting with the youth. If results of the innovation work plan show that applying a Social Support Model to services targeting the LGBTQQI2-S community improve the mental health outcomes of LGBTQQI2-S youth, then the county anticipates incorporating outreach programs for social network in its future LGBTQQI2-S mental health programming.

Staff Recommends: APPROVAL

BUDGET: \$ 1,454,228