

## LGBTQ+ Youth and Substance Use March 30, 2021, 12-1 p.m. CT

Please join [Illinois Helpline for Opioids and other Substances](#) and [Kenneth Young Center](#) for a special presentation on LGBTQ+ Youth and Substance Use.

Studies show that rates of substance use disorders are 2-4 times higher among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) youth than their heterosexual peers. LGBTQ+ youth report higher rates of cigarette, alcohol, and marijuana use, and are also more likely to use street drugs such as cocaine, methamphetamine, and injection drugs.

In this webinar for providers, we will learn about some of the barriers LGBTQ+ youth face and explore best practices for engaging and addressing their needs. We can all help create safer, more nurturing environments for LGBTQ+ youth.

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Please register in advance for this event.

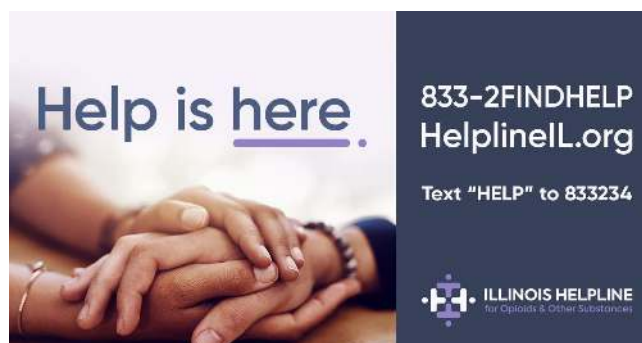
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***Kenneth Young Center (KYC)*** partners with communities to support people of all ages to navigate life's challenges through personalized prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery. KYC's LGBTQ+ Youth and Young Adult Center is a safe space for youth and allies to learn about self-expression and identity, while building strong interpersonal connections with other LGBTQ+ youth and young adults.

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