

LGBT anti-bullying intervention registration

Study description

School is the place where students not only acquire knowledge but carry out an important part of their social life, learning to interact and socialize with others, especially peers. In such a period of building and affirming self-identity, there is a risk of being the target of bullying, determined by certain physical characteristics, social status, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and others. From this point of view, it is important that the school is as safe a space as possible, and that teachers know how to react in such sensitive contexts.

In this project, we will focus on identities related to students' sexual orientation, and the potential problems that may arise in these cases. The intervention is intended for teachers and was developed based on scientific evidence from specialized literature. The intervention contains elements of information, practicing empathy, and learning strategies to manage bullying in schools. If you decide to participate, you will also be asked to complete a series of questionnaires in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. The duration of the intervention (which also involves completing the questionnaires) is approximately 2 hours and will be done online (it will be necessary to use a device with a video camera and microphone - only the instructors will have access to the image projected by you). Afterwards, you will be contacted to complete questionnaires to follow up the impact of the intervention.

Who initiated the study?

This online intervention program was initiated by the Department of Psychology of the West University of Timișoara, Romania. The study received favorable ethical approval from the West University of Timișoara. The number of the notice is 74505/10.11.2022.

Who is eligible to participate?

Anyone who is over 18 years old, speak Romanian fluently, and works as a pre-university or university teacher, or school counselor can participate.

Privacy:

The results of the questionnaires are confidential, and no unauthorized person will know about your participation in this study. They are also collected in such a way that they cannot be associated with your personal data. The data will be stored online and on password-protected servers, to which only the researchers of this study have access.

What benefits do I have?

You will learn more about sexual orientation, the problems faced by students of different sexual orientations. In addition, each participating teacher will receive a certificate of participation that they can use to enhance their professional portfolio. Also, 10 randomly selected teachers will receive a voucher worth 500 lei. The raffle will take place in February/March 2023.

Risks involved:

This study does not involve any risk to your physical or mental integrity.

Your consent to participate means that:

- You agree to the processing of personal data, in accordance with those presented above.
- You have read information about the project, had the opportunity to ask questions about the study, and are satisfied with the answers provided.
- You understand that the information obtained during the study will be processed and stored in an electronic database, secured with a password.
- You understand that you have the right to withdraw from the study at any time, without further justification.

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