

Bystander Intervention Training in Marginalized Communities



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Workshop Agenda

- Welcome + Introductions
- Bystander Intervention: What is it? Who is it for?
- What about Us?
- Transforming and Innovating: Tips and Tricks
- Questions and Answers

Workshop Objectives:

- Gain intermediate level knowledge of principles behind bystander intervention.
- Learn how to create and customize a bystander intervention curriculum to your community.
- How to elicit buy-in among participants

Who we are:

- About Oasis: Oasis is a drop-in, resource, and support center for LGBT youth ages 14-24. Our mission is to save lives, build community, and develop young leaders who can change the world.
- Oasis is a youth-adult partnership in which young people and adults come together for shared teaching, learning and action. Oasis is located in Tacoma, WA.

Our path to sexual assault prevention:

- For 27 years, Oasis has been providing HIV prevention services to LGBT youth in Pierce County, WA.
- Six years ago, with the help of WCSAP and OCVA, we began providing sexual assault prevention and community responding to LGBT youth.

Peer Advocacy Mission Statement:

(This is an example- modify to your organization)

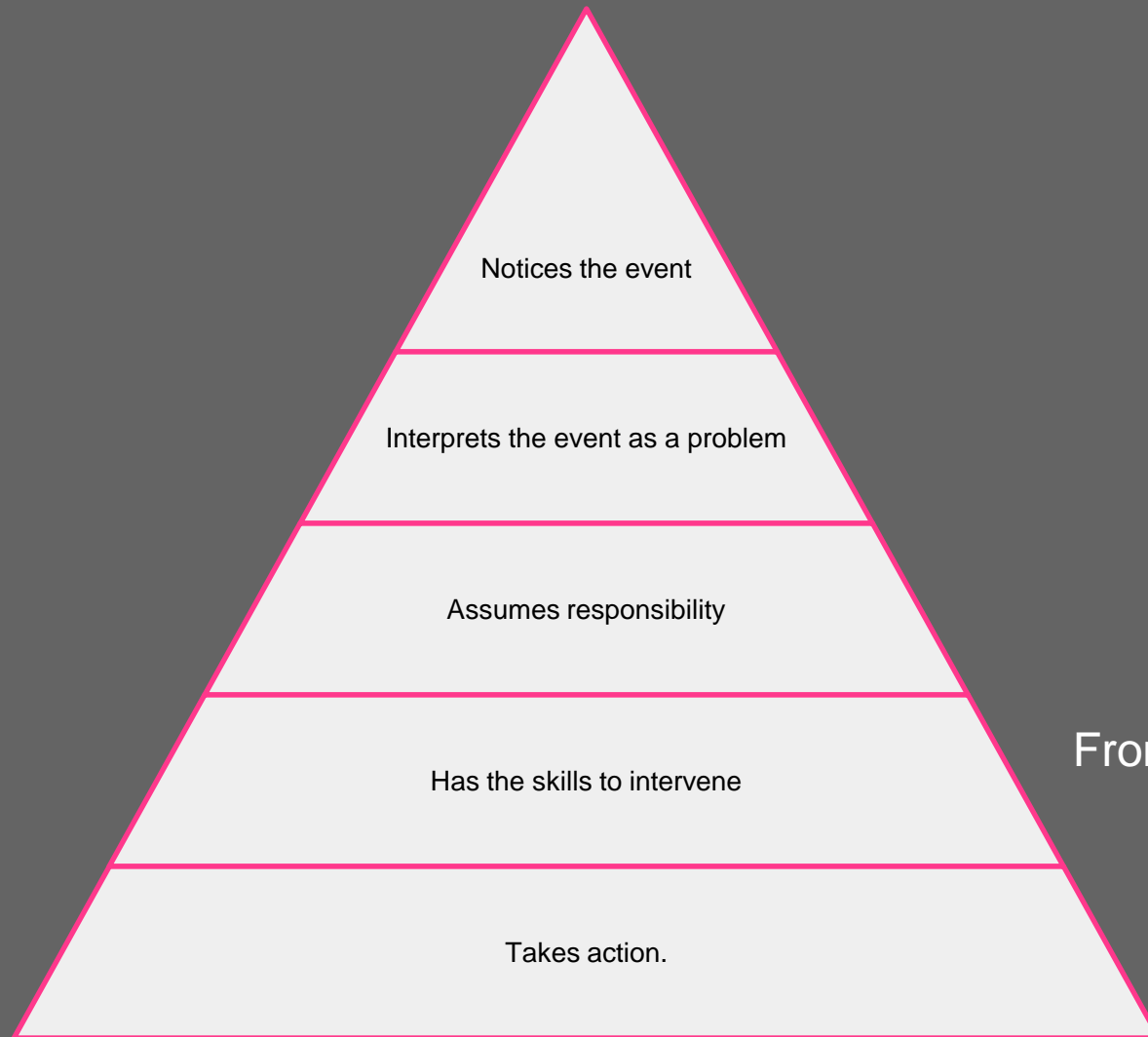
O.P.E.N. (Oasis Peer Education Network) empowers youth to become leaders and teachers in the LGBTQ community inside and outside of Oasis. We do this by educating, providing tools with which we can all take action, and providing the space for queer youth to use their personal assets to contribute to sexual assault prevention.

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**What is bystander
intervention?**

Bystander Intervention is a process in which a person:



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S.E.E.

- Safe
- Early
- Effective

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What about Us?

Challenges and opportunities for
marginalized communities

Example of activity for youth:

- Get into small groups.
- Brainstorm and write down a realistic scenario of sexual violence from your community.
- Brainstorm a 1) direct and 2) indirect way to intervene.
- Direct = addressing the situation person to person
- Indirect = calling for help (dialing 911) or talking with someone else who might be able to help (non-emergency situation)

Steps to Making Your Own Program

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Step One

- Conduct a needs assessment -
- What do people know and what do they want to know?

Step Two...

- Gather relevant statistics and information about sexual violence and assault in your community

Step Three!

- Research other Bystander Programs. What can you borrow/adapt? Step Up is basic, free, and adaptable.

Ash and Raphael (Oasis peer advocates) talk with Erin about Bystander Intervention...Why is Bystander Intervention for LGBTQ youth important?



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