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## **The *Journal of Homosexuality* Publishes Report on Suicide and Suicide Risk in LGBT Populations**

Twenty-six leading researchers, clinicians, educators, and policy experts have released a comprehensive report on the prevalence and underlying causes of suicidal behavior in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgenderism adolescents and adults, which offers sweeping recommendations for closing knowledge gaps and making LGBT suicide prevention a national priority. The report, titled "[Suicide and Suicide Risk in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Populations: Review and Recommendations](#)" and published in the special issue of *Journal of Homosexuality*, is especially timely in light of multiple suicide deaths among LGBT youth in recent months.

Despite four decades of research pointing to elevated rates of suicide attempts among LGBT people, national suicide prevention initiatives, including the 2001 U.S. *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention*, have given scant attention to suicide risk in sexual minority persons. "With this report and recommendations, we hope to move LGBT suicide prevention squarely onto the national agenda and provide a framework for actions aimed at reducing suicidal behavior in these populations," said Ann Haas, PhD, lead author and Director of Prevention Projects for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). "It's time for the federal government, suicide prevention agencies, mental health professionals, policy makers and LGBT organizations to join together to bring this problem out of the closet and work toward effective solutions."

"This special issue, *Suicide, Mental Health, & Youth Development*, from the *Journal of Homosexuality* is aimed to confront the alarming level of self-harm behavior in sexual minority people." says John P. Elia, PhD., Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Homosexuality*. "My hope is that the articles contained in the issue serve as a call to arms to address the mental health of LGBTQ populations and, including the structural issues such as homophobia and discrimination that threaten their psychological well-being."

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