



## **Innovations in Counseling: Working with Minority Populations- Part 2 Promoting the Intersectionality of Multicultural and LGBTQ Competency**

### **Webinar Follow-up Question and Answer Session with Michael M. Kocet**

#### **Question from Susan Dawn Streeter**

What are some practical strategies to find/engage with a supportive network of other counselors with similar social justice/advocacy beliefs and practices?

#### **Answer from Presenter**

That is a very crucial question, one in which there is no clear, definitive answer. As I mentioned in the webinar, there are some credentials, such as becoming a Registered Play Therapist (RPT) that have very strict guidelines and regulations regarding credentialing a counselor to be considered trained and “competent” in that particular area, however, especially in the area of multicultural competence, as a profession, we lack a clear, empirically or qualitatively supported measurement of competency. For example, we don’t currently offer a certification or credential in multicultural competency, or competency in working with a specific cultural group or clinical population. We would have to look at models of credentialing that currently exist, such as Registered Art Therapist, music therapists, etc. and develop similar competency measurements for multiculturalism and other areas.

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