



## LGBTQ2 Focus Group

Being LGBTQ2 is NOT a root cause of substance abuse

As I stated as I introduced this activity the focus of prevention is on the root causes of what we see to be the problem. To fix the problems we see, we need to change the environment that fosters the issue of substance abuse.

How are roots being addressed?

1. Changing social Norms
  - a. Established Non-alcoholic gay prom to replace goal of being old enough to go the popular gay bar.
  - b. Creating safe places without fear of rejection for who you are
2. Policy changes
3. Peer to peer groups (GSA, school groups, support)

How can we do better to address roots?

1. Change social norm through media use
2. Limit availability
3. Increase taxation on all alcoholic beverages (low point beer and others)
4. Community activities and facilities that offer zero tolerance
5. Alternative activities
6. Better education and community awareness of factual information

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