

Understanding the rise in suicide attempts in Latina teens



About the Webinar

This webinar examines the high rate of suicide attempts by adolescent Latinas in the United States and what explains it. The presenter will review research findings, theoretical explanations, and approaches to intervention with the teenagers and their families.

Learning Objectives

- To understand the epidemiology and research on suicide attempts by adolescent Latinas in comparison to other ethnic and racial youth.
- To acquire knowledge about the multiple factors (individual psychology, family, social, culture, gender, etc.) that come together in Latina teenagers' suicide attempts and examine preventive interventions that can be undertaken in schools and the importance of family-centered interventions.

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About the Presenter

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Dr. Zayas' career has balanced clinical and research experiences, focused primarily on Hispanic, minority and immigrant families and their children. The cultural basis of parenting and improving parenting practices has been central in much of his work. His research is best characterized as "cultural psychology," the intersection of culture and mental health. In addition to his research on the phenomenology of suicide attempts among adolescent Latinas, he conducts research on the influence of clinician and patient ethnicity in the psychiatric assessment process,

and on the cultural adaptations of interventions for diverse ethnocultural children, youth and families. His research has been supported by major public and private institutions and organizations. He serves on numerous scientific panels. Dr. Zayas is the recipient of the 1993 Economic and Cultural Diversity Award from the American Family Therapy Academy and the 2000 Rafael Tavares Scientific and Clinical Practice Award from the Association of Hispanic Mental Health Professionals.

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