**INCLUSION OF LGBT DATA IN AFSP GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Survey data suggests that individuals who are LGBT are at greater risk for suicide attempts ([Haas, Eliason et al. 2011](#_ENREF_1)). However, confirmation of this finding is needed across a wider range of samples and using a wider range of data collection methods. In an effort to learn more about this issue we suggest that all AFSP-funded researchers who are collecting original data systematically assess research participants for sexual orientation and gender identity.

For self-report assessments, please consider using the following questions, which have been recommended for inclusion in federal health surveys (<http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu>).

1. Do you consider yourself to be:

 Heterosexual/straight

 Gay/lesbian/homosexual

 Bisexual

 Not sure

 Decline to state

2. What is your gender? (check all that apply)

□ Male

□ Female

□ Transgender, Male-to-Female (MTF)

□ Transgender, Female-to-Male (FTM)

□ Transgender, do not identify as male or female

□ Not sure

□ Decline to state

If the proposed research will utilize previously collected data, we suggest the following format to describe who is included in your sample:

1. Sexual Orientation of participants (check all that apply):

 Heterosexual/straight

 Gay/lesbian/homosexual

 Bisexual

 Sexual orientation not specified

2. Gender of participants (check all that apply):

□ Male

□ Female

□ Transgender, Male-to-Female (MTF)

□ Transgender, Female-to-Male (FTM)

□ Transgender, not further specified

Reference

Haas, A. P., M. Eliason, et al. (2011). "Suicide and suicide risk in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations: review and recommendations." Journal of Homosexuality 58(1): 10-51.