

## Webinar Wednesday | August 18, 2021 | 1-2:30 pm EDT

### Prevention Tools: Building Inclusive Communities for LGBTQ Youth

#### About the Presenters

**Mike Freeman** (he/him/his) holds a Master's in Psychology specializing in LGBTQ Youth Studies. Mike's position at the Los Angeles LGBT Center focuses on addressing substance misuse, leading prevention initiatives focused on LGBTQ youth and building capacity for a coalition. Supervising school-based programs, he and his team provide training and support to students, teachers and administrators to make impactful changes on school campuses in Los Angeles and nationwide. He has brought his experience to national conferences helping prevention workers identify strategies to make their communities more inclusive for LGBTQ youth. Mike has over 10 years of experience working with LGBTQ youth and communities.

**Kevin McCloskey** (he/him/his) has worked in non-profit organizations for over 25 years, and he focuses on the development of communities, youth and families. Kevin started a non-profit organization in a diverse, low-income community of San Diego focused on community organizing, launched a Creative Arts Academy for children and youth and was the co-founder of Brave Trails, an LGBTQ Youth summer camp. He had the unique experience of working with many faith-based organizations, experiencing firsthand the intolerance and homophobia found in many faith communities. Currently, Kevin is the Associate Director of Youth Development and Education at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. In this role, he works with a team of staff and volunteers who serve hundreds of LGBTQ young people through a myriad prevention programs, including educational assistance, support groups, housing services, school-based engagement and mentorship.