Sentence Completion: Myths and Stereotypes
(20 Minutes)

Purpose: This exercise allows spontaneous expression of feelings about homosexuality. Even lesbian and gay participants may be surprised by the intensity of their associations. Thus, it’s a good exercise for addressing internalized homophobia.

Read the following sentences:

FIRST SENTENCE: As a parent, if I found out my child were taught by a gay teacher, I would…

SECOND SENTENCE: If a close friend of mine who I assumed was straight told me (s)he was gay, I would feel…

THIRD SENTENCE: When I think of two people of the same sex making love to each other I feel…

FOURTH SENTENCE: As a parent, if I learned my child was lesbian or gay, I would…

FIFTH SENTENCE: If someone of my own sex made a sexual advance to me, I would…

SIXTH SENTENCE: If I were attending a weekend conference and I found out my roommate was gay or lesbian, I would…

SEVENTH SENTENCE: When I think about children who are being raised by lesbian or gay couples, I feel…

EIGHTH SENTENCE: What I admire about gay people is…

NINTH SENTENCE: What I don’t like about gay people is…

TENTH SENTENCE: Lesbian or gay people make me uncomfortable when…

REPEAT, THEN GET FEEDBACK.

People may want to share things they said or how they felt during the exercise.