



## **SOCIAL JUSTICE, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION KEYNOTE: ARE WE THERE YET? GENDER EQUITY IN RECOVERY SETTINGS**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Social justice, diversity and inclusion have been the subject of two previous keynotes at the annual ARHE conference. This year we are continuing the tradition of addressing this important topic but will begin addressing different topics within this overarching theme. Gender equity in recovery settings is the first topic we will tackle. Women represent just over 57% of the undergraduate college population in 2015 and are projected to climb to nearly 58.8% of the total college population by 2024. While not nearly as underrepresented as people of color in collegiate recovery programs (CRPs), women do make up a smaller share of CRP participants at 42.8%. While women are just as likely as men to become addicted to substances, they have lower rates of substance use and substance use disorders overall, and experience unique obstacles to treatment. Women of color may face additional obstacles and are at greater risk of being subjected to violence. We invite men, women, and trans-folk alike to join our feminist recovery panel as we delve into issues of equity and inclusion. While some have deemed feminism, "the other "F" word, we will talk about how feminism benefits everyone. We bring an intersectional lens - realizing that no one shows up or experiences life through one aspect of identity. Our panelists will share from research, personal experience, and program data in order to describe how current societal structures inhibit the opportunities for women to get sober and work a program of recovery and the negative impact on men, collegiate recovery programs, higher education, and society as a whole. Considering an individual, group, and institutional framework for feminism, we hope to inspire attendees to challenge themselves to bring a feminist lens to their work to better create equity and access within collegiate recovery.

## **FINDINGS FROM TRANSFORMING YOUTH RECOVERY'S 2017 RECOVERY CENSUS**

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In 2013, Transforming Youth Recovery (TYR) published the 38 Assets for Building Collegiate Recovery Capacity as a guide for its early stage grant program, Seeds of Hope. In 2014 and 2015, TYR surveyed its network of grantees to further validate the initial findings. In 2017, TYR undertook new efforts to understand the diverse types of support programs and services being offered to students in recovery at institutions of higher education. In late 2017 and early 2018, TYR spent time conducting research to: (1) Validate the assumption that institutions of higher education are offering diverse types of prevention, treatment, and recovery support programs and services for students, (2) Offer an expanded definitional framework for school-based recovery support services in higher education to assist in the classification of these resources for enhanced access by students and their families, and (3) Update census data on collegiate recovery programs and services in the U.S. This session covered the findings of this research, which included responses from 118 unique institutions of higher education to the Collegiate Recovery Census. These findings provide the most comprehensive census the field has to date.

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