



Kasey Catlett, M.Ed.

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Kasey has worked for the Gender + Equality Center since 2012, and he currently serves as the Associate Director of LGBTQ and Health Programs. Kasey is the first person in this position at the University of Oklahoma. In this role, he oversees LGBTQ education, programming, and advocacy efforts for the University that include the LGBTQ Ally training and its subsequent community focused trainings, such as Medical Ally, Faculty Ally, Resident Advisor Ally, and K-12 Ally. During the 2015-2016 Academic Year, Kasey trained over 1,000 students, faculty, and staff across the OU

campus. Programming efforts, in collaboration with the LGBTQ Program Advisory Board, help to bring awareness initiatives that support, welcome, and celebrate LGBTQ students on campus.

In order to advance the quality of life and service provisions of LGBTQ people across the State of Oklahoma, Kasey has developed numerous workshops on various aspects of serving the LGBTQ community in settings such as foster care, domestic violence and rape crisis centers, and law enforcement. Specifically, workshops he has implemented include,



Gender-based Violence through the LGBTQ Lens and Understanding the Needs and Challenges of LGBTQ Foster Children and their Caregivers.

In addition to serving the LGBTQ community, Kasey also serves in other roles in the Gender + Equality Center. He is an OU Advocate and After-hours Coordinator for the Center, serving individuals who have experienced gender-based violence. He is responsible for the health programs for the Center, including safer-sex education and healthy perspectives on body image, and frequently looks for ways to intersect these critical health issues within the LGBTQ community.

To aid in the Center's programming needs, Kasey advises student groups, such as the LGBTQ Program Advisory Board, Greek Ally Task Force, Sexperts, and Mosaic Executive Committee, to promote student development and a space for students to have a voice.

In 2013, Kasey initiated the first Mosaic: Social Justice Symposium that highlights the contributions of students and brings awareness to contemporary issues of social justice. Now in the fourth year, Mosaic continues to provide a platform for student leaders and activists to highlight their projects and research. His work in social justice advocacy and commitment to equality was recognized with the Robert D. Lemon Social Justice Award in 2013.

Kasey received his M.Ed. in Adult and Higher Education and B.A. in Letters from the University of Oklahoma.

