# Bullying as a Developmental Precursor to Sexual and Dating Violence Across Adolescence



# **ABOUT THIS WEBINAR:**

Research suggests that adolescent bullying can be a precursor to harmful adult behaviors (Espelage, et. al., 2022). Thus, adolescent bullying continues to be a key focus of scholarly research across the globe. This webinar discusses longitudinal studies of the bully-sexual violence pathway (Bully-SV pathway), where bullying is a precursor for harmful behaviors. Such harmful behaviors may include teen dating violence and other forms of sexual violence, such as sexual harassment, sexual coercion, and sexual assault.

Potential mechanisms underlying the bully-sexual violence pathway include social dominance orientation, exposure to sexual education, alcohol use, etc. The discussion includes several school-based intervention approaches that have shown modest success in reducing rates of bullying and SV. This webinar will also discuss strategies for supporting communication with youth around bullying and bullying prevention.

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# **CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

- Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists: 1.5 CE credits will be obtained for Social Workers, LPCs, and LMFTs from the University of Texas at Austin, Steve Hicks School of Social Work
- **Case Managers:** This webinar will be submitted to the Commission for Case Manager Certification for approval to provide board-certified case managers with 1.5 clock hours
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- **Board-Certified Patient Advocates:** This webinar will be submitted to The Patient Advocate Certification Board to provide 1.0 CE credit to BCPAs, of which 0.0 are in the area of Ethics
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