

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

NAMI is committed to improving the lives of people impacted by mental health conditions through effective treatments, equitable public policies, and greater knowledge and understanding in society. Research is essential to advance each of these goals. When NAMI is approached to be involved in research of any type, at any level, we take it very seriously. NAMI's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ken Duckworth and Chief Program Officer Dr. Teri Brister thoroughly review the research protocols and methodology and the documentation that the study has been approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) to assure the safety of those involved.

NAMI does not accept financial compensation for recruiting research participants. NAMI also does not endorse any products or treatments. We share these research opportunity notices with you, our field leaders, to distribute at your discretion if you believe that members of your community may be interested in participating in these studies.

If you have questions about research at NAMI, please visit [NAMI.org/research](https://www.nami.org/research) or email research@nami.org.

WHAT IS THE STUDY?

The Lavender Lab, an LGBTQ+ and People of Color (POC) research lab at the University of Maryland, is inviting LGBTQ+ teens of color (ages 13-17) to join their paid, confidential study. If you are the parent/guardian of a teen, or conduct work directly with teens, please share this information with anyone who may be interested.

This study is an online survey designed to understand the unique experiences of LGBTQ+ adolescents of color. The researchers' goal is to learn more about how structural and everyday experiences of oppression affect substance use and mental health outcomes for adolescents ages 13-17 who identify as LGBTQ+ and POC. Total participation time is about 40-50 minutes, which includes a brief, online eligibility survey (5 minutes) and, if eligible, a longer survey (35 – 45 minutes). Participants will be compensated \$15 for completing the longer survey and may also have the option to enroll in a paid, longitudinal portion of the study.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Participants may be eligible for this study if they:

- Are aged 13-17 years old
- Identify as LGBTQ+
- Identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color
- Currently reside in the United States
- Are proficient in English

The researchers are seeking 2,500 people for this study.

WHERE IS THE STUDY TAKING PLACE?

This study takes place online. If you are interested, please complete this brief, confidential eligibility form: <https://tinyurl.com/studylavenderlab>

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

The documents attached have additional information about the study. If you have questions or would like more information, please visit the-lavender-lab.com or contact the researchers at lavenderlab@umd.edu.