

Talking points for Steve Fund Presenters the Equity in Mental Health Framework

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- The Steve Fund and The Jed Foundation have partnered to create the Equity in Mental Health Framework, a first-of-its-kind effort to provide practical, expert recommendations and strategies to help colleges and universities develop, implement and strengthen their mental health programs, policies and supports for students of color, and ultimately, for all students.
- Studies show that students of color at American colleges and universities, while not more likely to be mentally ill, are almost twice as likely to not seek help when they feel depressed or anxious. They also report more micro-aggressions than their European American counterparts. Only 49% of African Americans students complete their 4-year college education, compared to 71% of white, non-Hispanic students, according to a CollegeBoard report.
- The Equity in Mental Health Framework is based on a systematic literature review, on a survey of existing evidence-based programs, on expert input from mental health and higher education leaders and on a survey of more than 1,000 students.
- The Equity in Mental Health Framework will be released in late summer / fall 2017.
- To sign up for updates, please visit www.equityinmentalhealth.org.