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Dr. Denise “Dee” Yookong Williams (they/them) is a licensed clinical social worker, researcher, and scholar whose work centers on *life promotion*, or suicide prevention and postvention for youth and young adults, with a commitment to advancing mental health among sexual and gender expansive, or LGBTQ+, people of color. Drawing on more than a decade of community organizing and clinical practice in Baltimore’s public schools and outpatient settings, Dr. Williams bridges lived experience, community knowledge, and rigorous scholarship. Guided by a community based steering committee, Dr. Williams co-created Transformational-Visual Intervention for Exposure With Suicide (*Transformational VIEWS*), a novel arts-based psychosocial intervention designed to support LGBTQ+ young adults navigating suicide loss. A dedicated educator and community organizer, Dr. Williams speaks nationally on trauma, mental health, and life promotion, engaging audiences through workshops, panels, podcasts, op eds, and accessible public scholarship.