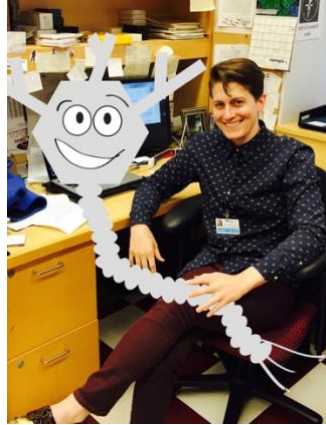


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## Activity: Talk to a Brain Cell

### Public Outreach Goals

- Educate children and adults about the basic principles of how brain cells work.
- De-stigmatize mental health disorders by informing children and adults about how brain cell dysfunction.
  - Mental health disorders are not due to personal failure but neuron dysfunction
- Promote and represent diversity in science (transgender and genderqueer) and encourage the public to embrace their roles as scientists in the world.
  - Everyone can be a scientist.
- Generate accessible science learning materials for a broad audience.
  - Create educational videos and tools for education.
- De-mystify science and highlight the utility of the scientific method in everyday life.
  - We test hypotheses, and never prove them. Rather we reject hypotheses (and come up with a better hypothesis) or fail to reject and keep testing.

**Contact for mental health and neuroscience education, LGBT issues, and interest in supporting Science Outreach and Education.**