Impact of **VIOLENCE** on LGBTQ2S+ NATIVE YOUTH

Native youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two spirit (LGBTQ2S+) are at a heightened risk of experiencing violence.

1 in 4
NM Native LGBTQ2S+ students reported experiencing **bullying at school** in the last 12 months.¹

1 in 7
NM Native LGBTQ2S+ students reported **missing class** at least once in the last 30 days because of bullying.¹

17.8%
of NM Native LGBTQ2S+ students reported **experiencing sexual violence** in the last 12 months¹

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Encourage acceptance, support for LGBTQ2S+ Natives including promoting the use of an individual’s gender pronouns.
- Support outreach on the meaning of consent, setting boundaries and an individual’s right to make decisions for his/her/their body.
- Educate school boards, tribal leaders, direct service providers, and teachers on gender and sexuality to better support

**Resources**

- **Crisis Text Line** 24 HOUR CRISIS COUNSELING
  Text HOME to 741741
- **Love is Respect** HELPLINE TO PREVENT AND END DATING ABUSE
  Call 1-866-331-9474, Text “Lovels” to 22522
- **Transgender Resource Center of Central New Mexico**
  Call 505-200-9086
- **Casa Q** LONG TERM HOUSING FOR LGBTQ2S+ YOUTH
  Call 505-872-2099
- **DreamTree Project** EMERGENCY TEEN HOUSING
  Call 575-758-9595; Text 575-770-7704
- **Kewa House** EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR NATIVE YOUTH
  Call 505-231-2887
- **New Day Shelter** EMERGENCY HOUSING
  Call 715-682-9565 or 800-924-4132

Source: 2017 New Mexico Youth and Risk and Resiliency Survey
Native youth are deeply affected by the violence they witness & experience.

Over 60% of children witness violence yearly. Violence can happen within teen relationships.

1 in 10 high schoolers have been hit, slapped or hurt by a partner.

**ABUSE AND VIOLENCE CAN OCCUR IN DIFFERENT FORMS:**

- **PHYSICAL**
  - the unwanted contact with a person or something close to their body

- **DIGITAL**
  - using technology to be abusive, harass, stalk or intimidate another person

- **VERBAL**
  - using words to hurt, harass or embarrass another person

- **EMOTIONAL & MENTAL**
  - harming someone’s well-being and self-worth

- **SEXUAL**
  - any act of behavior that is pressured or forced without prior consent

- **DATING**
  - aggression in a relationship, which can include stalking in person or electronically

**RECOMMENDATIONS for creating healthy communities for our Native youth:**

- Support outreach on the meaning of consent, settling boundaries and an individual’s right to make decisions for his/her body.

- Support age-appropriate education by peer-to-peer educators.

- Promote acceptance and provide support for LGBTQ Natives within tribal communities.

- Ask direct service providers, educators, law enforcement and tribal leaders to learn more about Native youth violence.

**Our young relatives deserve relationships that are free from violence and abuse.**

**Resources**

- **Crisis Text Line**
  24/7 Crisis Support Text HOME to 741741

- **New Day Shelter**
  Housing: 715-682-9565 or 800-924-4132
  DV Support: 715-682-9565 or 800-924-4132
  Drop-In Center: Wed-Friday 12-7:30 p.m.

- **Love is Respect**
  Helpline: 1-866-331-9474
  Text "Lovels" to 22522

**Sources:**
- “Children’s Exposure to Violence” DOJ, OJP.