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

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

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 LGBTQ2S+ Native Youth.

RESOURCES

- Transgender Resource Center of Central New Mexico
  Call 505-200-9086

- DreamTree Project
  Emergency teen housing
  Call 575-758-9595; Text 575-770-7704

- New Day Shelter
  Emergency housing - Call 715-682-9565 or 800-924-4132

- Crisis Text Line
  24 hour crisis counseling
  Text HOME to 741741

- Kewa House Emergency
  housing for Native youth
  Call 505-231-2887

- Love is Respect
  Helpline to prevent and end dating abuse
  Call 1-866-331-9474; Text "Lovels" to 22522

- Casa Q
  Long term housing for LGBTQ2S+ youth
  Call 505-872-2099

Source: 2017 New Mexico Youth and Risk and Resiliency Survey
IMPACT OF VIOLENCE ON NATIVE YOUTH

Native youth are deeply affected by the violence they witness & experience.

ABUSE AND VIOLENCE CAN OCCUR IN DIFFERENT FORMS

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

1 in 10 NM Native high school students have experienced physical dating violence in the past 12 months.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Support outreach on the meaning of consent, setting boundaries and an individual’s right to make decisions for his/her/their body.
- Promote acceptance and provide support for LGBTQ Natives within tribal communities.
- Support age-appropriate education by peer-to-peer educators.
- Ask direct service providers, educators, law enforcement and tribal leaders to learn more about Native youth violence.