

IMPACT OF VIOLENCE ON LGBTQ2S+ NATIVE YOUTH



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1 in 4

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

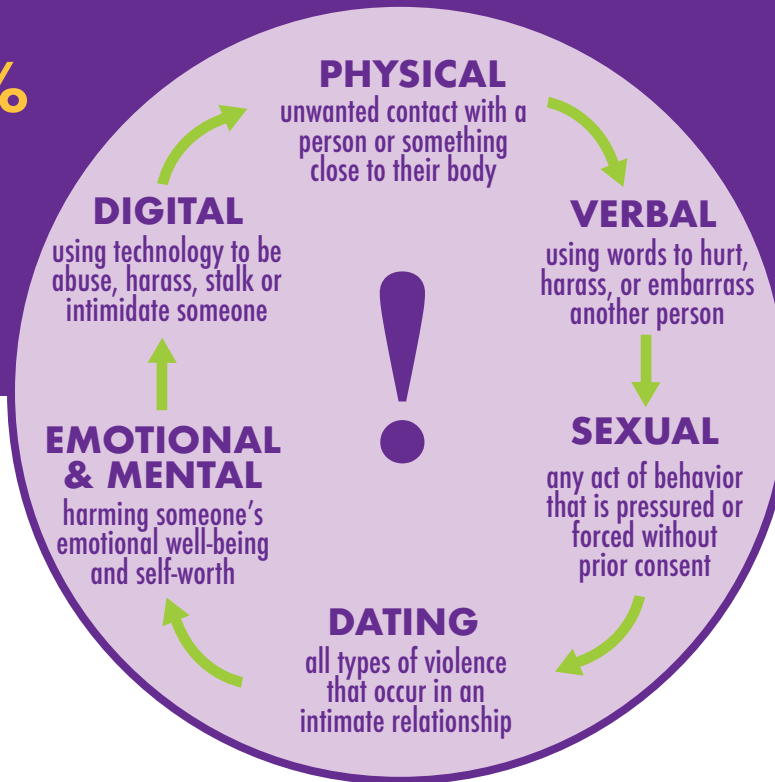
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Native youth are deeply affected by the violence they witness & experience.

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.

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.

Sources: "Children's Exposure to Violence" DOJ, OJP.
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