NM Trans and Gender Non-Conforming youth are experiencing significantly higher rates of violence compared to straight and cisgender youth.

NM Trans and Gender Non-Conforming youth make up a smaller percentage of the overall student population but are experiencing the highest rates of violence among their peers.

Almost 30% of Trans and gender non-conforming youth reported experiencing dating violence in the last 12 months compared to 8.6% of cisgender youth. (1)

21% of Trans and Gender non-conforming youth reported being forced to have sex within their lifetime. (1)

32.5% of Trans and Gender non-conforming youth reported experiencing bullying in the last 12 months. (1)

About 28% of Trans and gender non-conforming youth reported experiencing sexual violence in the last 12 months compared to 8.7% of cisgender youth. (1)

83% of sexual violence against children are committed by family members [1]

Recommendations

Schools
Implement genders and sexualities alliances (GSAs) and inclusive sexual health education/curriculum.

Educate
School boards, tribal leaders, direct service providers, and teachers on gender and sexuality to better support LGBQ+ Native youth, 2 Spirit, Trans and gender non-conforming youth.

Support
Outreach on the meaning of consent, setting boundaries, and an individual’s right to make decisions for his/her/their body.

Resources

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

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

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

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

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