VIOLENCE AND BULLYING AGAINST NATIVE YOUTH IN NEW MEXICO

Historically and unfortunately Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) populations experience higher rates of violence than is reported. These statistics are not all encompassing but provide a glimpse of what NM Native Youth are experiencing.

**ALMOST 11%** of NM Native Youth reported experiencing dating violence in the last 12 months. (1)

**ALMOST 8%** of NM Native Youth reported being forced to have sex within their lifetime. (1)

**17%** of NM Native Youth reported experiencing bullying in the last 12 months. (1)

**ABOUT 9%** of NM Native Youth reported experiencing sexual violence in the last 12 months. (1)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

“Provide all students with sexual health education that is inclusive of LGB [lesbian, gay, bisexual] and TGNC [Transgender and Non-Conforming] youth and is consistent with health education learning standards. Instruction should also be age-appropriate, medically and scientifically accurate, and promote the development of healthy relationships.” (1)

Provide support/education on healthy relationships/friendships for Native Youth that are culturally relevant.

Support affirmative consent curriculum in schools across the state.

**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 "LOVEIS" to 22522

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

- **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

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

**SOURCES**

VIOLENCE AND BULLYING AGAINST LGB YOUTH IN NEW MEXICO

NM Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual youth, queer, questioning, and Transgender and Non-Conforming youth, experience higher rates of violence and bullying compared to straight and cisgender youth.

**ALMOST 21%**
of youth that identify as lesbian/gay and Almost 22% of youth that identify as bisexual reported experiencing dating violence in the last 12 months compared to 8% of straight identifying youth. (1)

**17.6%**
of youth that identify as lesbian/gay and About 19% of youth that identify as bisexual reported being forced to have sex within their lifetime. (1)

**28.5%**
of youth that identify as lesbian/gay and about 32% of youth that identify as bisexual reported experiencing bullying in the last 12 months. (1)

**ABOUT 16%**
of youth that identify as lesbian/gay and about 23% of youth that identify as bisexual reported experiencing sexual violence in the last 12 months compared to almost 8% of straight identifying youth. (1)