Native youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) are at a heightened risk of experiencing violence in their everyday life, in some instances because their families, peers or communities do not understand or accept this identification.

50% of NM Native LGBTQ students reported experiencing physical violence at school.

1 in 3 Native NM LGBTQ students reported missing class at least once a month because of bullying.

18% of NM LGBTQ youth were 3x as likely to be forced to have sex or experience physical dating violence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

• Support outreach on the meaning of consent, setting boundaries and an individual’s right to make decisions for his/her body.
• Support age-appropriate education by peer-to-peer educators.
• Encourage acceptance and provide support for LGBTQ Natives
• Promote the usage of an individual’s preferred gender pronouns
• Educate school boards, Tribal Leaders, direct services providers, and teachers on gender and sexuality to better support LGBTQ Native Youth

Resources

• Love is Respect
  Helpline - 1-866-331-9474 or text “Lovels” to 22522
• Crisis Text Line - 24-hour access to crisis counseling
  Text HOME to 741741
• New Day Shelter
  715-682-9565 or 800-924-4132
  DV Support - 715-682-9565 or 800-924-4132
  Drop-In Center Open from Wed-Friday 12 - 7:30 pm
• DreamTree Project
  Call 24/7 at 575-758-9595; Text at 575-770-7704
• Transgender Resource Center of Central New Mexico
  505-200-9086
  www.tgrcnm.org

Sources: The Health and Well-being of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth in New Mexico:
Data from the 2015 New Mexico Youth and Risk and Resiliency Survey. NMDOH, NM PED and UNM PRC.
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, setting 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 Open from Wed-Friday 12 - 7:30 pm

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