

# Impact of **VIOLENCE** on **LGBTQ NATIVE YOUTH**

2019 Briefing

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% A

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

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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



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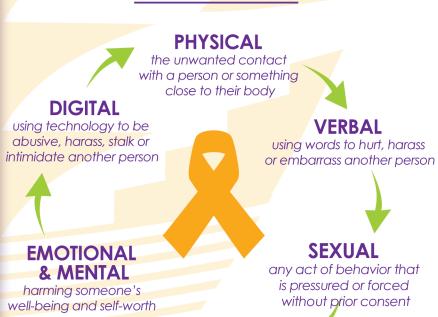
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Native youth are deeply affected by the

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:



DATING

agaression 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.

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