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From Roadblocks to Bridges

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Opening Activity Time!



LGBTQIAH+



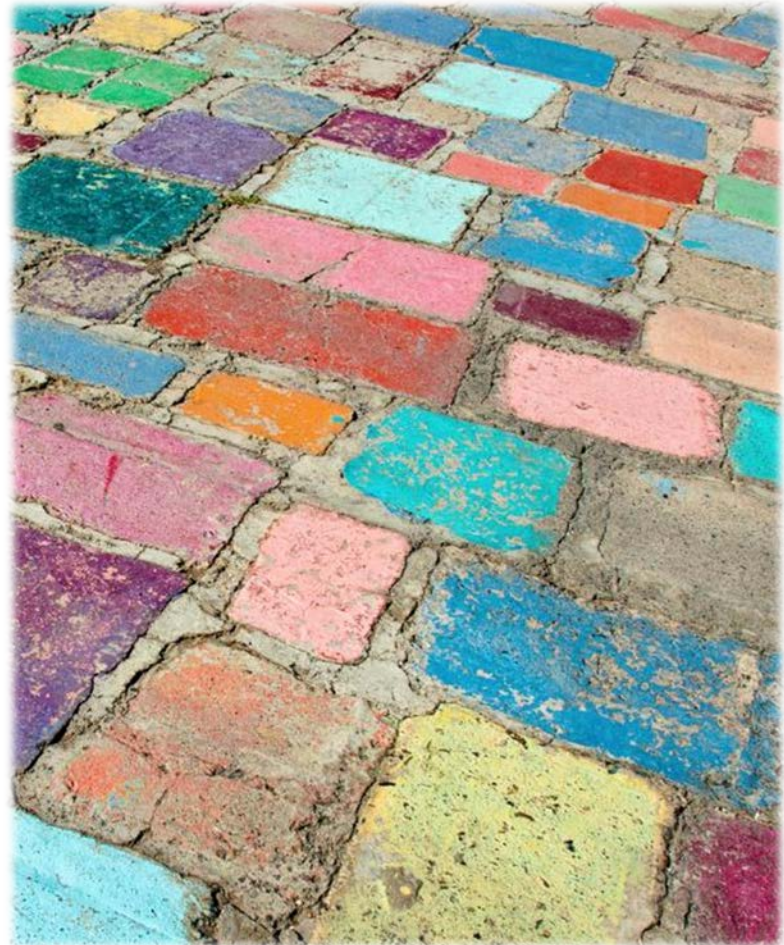
What is sexual violence?

Broad term &
experiences

Happens to all people/
across all lifespans

Violation of human
rights

Is a product of
oppression



LGBT+ Young People, Sexual Violence & Lived Experiences

Oppression/ & -isms

Culture & society

Family history & lifestyle

Lack of support & resources



How does Sexual Violence Impact LGBT+ Young People?

Confusion
Anger
Less confident
More self-conscious
Fear
Depressed
Shame
Guilt
Dissociated
Physical injuries
Suicide
Decreased school attendance & performance



LGBT+ Young People, Homelessness, & Sexual Violence

For survival, economic, & basic needs:

- *Up to 40% of youth experiencing homelessness are LGBTQ*
- *National estimates of the proportion of runaway and homeless youth involved in survival sex range from 10% to as high as 50%*
- *30% of LGBTQ homeless youth also reported that they have had contact with the juvenile justice system*

~Williams Institute 2012

Homelessness, School to prison pipeline, Institutionalize abuse



Building Support and Relationship

Listen

Believe

Understand trauma & the brain

Honor lived experiences

Youth-led choice & engagement

Build on resiliency

Flexibility

Patience

Safe spaces

Community support & programs



Building Support and Relationship

We can ask ourselves:

- *What's currently working?*
- *What additional education, training, resources do we need? Does my agency/employment need?*
- *Who else can we reach out to for support?*



Activity Time!



Any Given Tuesday

Activity Time!

1. What/Where are some of the entry points where we could be there for support; to help prevent some of these experience from occurring for this young person?
2. Thinking back to our beginning activity, what community networks do you personally have that you can integrate into this support?
3. Who is in your community that maybe you need to build new relationships with to further support this young person and to also nurture prevention from this happening to other young people?

Guiding our Community Building



*All Are
Welcome*



Questions and Answers

National Resources- Sexual Violence & Homelessness

NSVRC

www.nsvrc.org

State Coalition Listing to find your
local rape crisis center:

<https://www.nsvrc.org/organizations>

Polaris Project

<https://polarisproject.org>

True Colors Fund

<https://truecolorsfund.org>



Additional Resources- LGBT+ Youth-Focused

GLSEN

<https://www.glsen.org>

PFLAG

<https://www.pflag.org>

Trevor Project

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org>

HRC

www.hrc.org



Additional NSVRC Resources

Linking the Roads: Working with Youth Who Experience Homelessness & Sexual Violence Guide

<http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications-guides/linking-roads-working-youth-who-experience-homelessness>

Linking the Roads Podcast Series

<http://nsvrc.org/projects/rural/podcasts#Linking-the-roads>

Homeless Youth & Sexual Violence: Infographic

<http://nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications-infographic/homeless-youth-sexual-violence-infographic>

Lifespan Project National Technical Assistance Project

<http://www.nsvrc.org/projects/lifespan/sexual-violence-against-youth-young-people>

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