Familias Inclusivas: Mental Health Support for LGBTQ+ Youth

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Welcome - Bienvenidos



"dip your toe" meter el dedo del pie



multilingual space espacio multilingüe



not a "deep dive" no es un análisis profundo



honor and respect honor y respeto

Objectives - Objetivos

Impact of Family Behaviors

El impacto de los comportamientos familiares

Unde

Understanding LGBTQ+ Youth

Comprendiendo a la juventud LGBTQ+



NJ Laws & Policies

Leyes & pólizas en NJ



Family Resources

Recursos para familias

Impact of Family Behaviors

El impacto de los comportamientos familiares

Family Acceptance Project

5-7% 8+times 3+times

of adults are not heterosexual

5–7% de adultos no son heterosexuales

as likely to have attempted suicide

una probabilidad 8 veces mayos de haber intentado suicidarse

as likely to use illegal drugs

una probabilidad 3 veces mayor de consumir drogas

Family Rejection Affects Physical and Mental Health El rechazo familiar afecta la salud física y mental

- Lower self-esteem *Bajo autoestima*
- More isolated *Más aislados*
- Fewer people they could turn to for help *Cuentan con menos personas a quienes pedirles ayuda*
- High risk of having health and mental problems when they become young adults (ages 21–25)
 Alto riesgo de tener problemas de salud física o mental al llegar a ser jóvenes adultos (entre 21 y 25 años)



Family Rejection / El Rechazo Familiar

 More than 8 times as likely to have attempted suicide

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Intentos de suicidio de jóvenes LGBT



Ryan, Proyecto en Familia, 2009

Family Rejection / El Rechazo Familiar

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Family Rejection / El Rechazo Familiar

Rechazo

BAJO

 More than 3 times as likely to be at risk for HIV

> Una probabilidad 3 mayor de correr un alto riesgo de infectarse por el VIH

Riesgo de infección por el VIH



Behaviors to avoid / Comportamientos a evitar

Avoid	Evita
Hitting, slapping or physically hurting your child because of their LGBT identity	Pegar, abofetear, o herir físicamente a su niño debido a su identidad LGBT
Verbal harassment or name-calling because of your child's LGBT identity	Acosar verbalmente o ponerle apodos a su niño debido a su identidad LGBT
Blaming your child when they are discriminated against because of their LGBT identity	Culpar a su niño cuando ha sido discriminado debido a su identidad LGBT
Telling your child that God will punish them because they are gay	Decirle a su niño que Dios lo castigará debido a que es gay
Telling your child that you are ashamed of them or that how they look or act will shame the family	Decirle a su niño que usted se avergüenza de él/ella o que su forma de actuar avergonzará a la familia
Blocking access to LGBT friends, events & resources	Bloquear el acceso a los amigos LGBT, a los eventos y a los recursos de información LGBT

Behaviors that Help / Conductas que ayudan

Do	Procura
Talk with your child or foster child about their	Hablar con su hijo o hija adoptivos sobre su
LGBT identity	identidad LGBT
Express affection when your child tells you or when you learn that your child is gay or transgender	Expresar afecto cuando su hijo les dice o cuando se enteran de que su hijo o hija es homosexual o transgénero
Advocate for your child when he or she is mistreated because of their LGBT identity	Defender los derechos de su hijo o hija cuando lo tratan mal debido a su identidad LGBT
Require that other family members respect your	Exigir que los demás familiares respeten a su
LGBT child	hijo o hija homosexual o transgénero
Welcome your child's LGBT friends & partners to	Recibir en su hogar a amigos o compañeros
your home	homosexuales o transgénero de su hijo o hija
Believe your child can have a happy future as an	Creer que su hijo o hija pueden tener un futuro
LGBT adult	feliz como adulto homosexual o transgénero

Family Acceptance / Aceptacion Familiar

Jóvenes que piensan que pueden ser adultos LGBT felices





Ryan, Proyecto en Familia, 2009

Understanding LGBTQ+ Youth

Comprendiendo a la juventud LGBTQ+

Video:



Do you relate to either or both characters? If so, why?

¿Te identificas con algun o ambos personajes? Si es así, ¿por qué?

LGBTQQIP2SAA

Stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersex, pansexual, two-spirit (2S), androgynous and asexual.

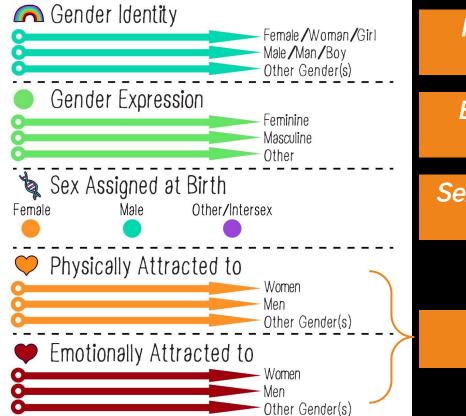
Significa lesbiana, gay, bisexual, transgénero, cuestionando, queer, intersexual, pansexual, dos espíritus (2S), andrógino y asexual.

The Gender Unicorn



To learn more, go to: www.transstudent.org/gender

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Identidad de género

Expresión de género

Sexo asignado al nacer

Orientación sexual

Sexual Orientation / Orientación Sexual

Sexual Orientation is a term used to describe a person's emotional and physical feelings of attraction and sexual desire for people of the same gender, opposite gender or other genders.

- personas del sexo opuesto (heterosexual)
- Del mismo sexo (homosexual), y
- de ambos sexos (bisexual)



Sexual Orientation Terms:

L

Lesbian / Lesbiana -

a person who is female-identified and is emotionally or physically attracted to other females

A

Asexual / Asexual – a person of any gender who does not feel sexual attraction to anyone.

G

Gay / Gay – A male-identified person who's emotionally or physically attracted to other males.

B

Bisexual / **Bisexual** – A person who is attracted to two or more genders.

Ρ

Pansexual / Pansexual -

term used to describe people who have romantic, sexual or affectional desire for people of all genders and sexes.

S

Straight / Heterosexual – refers to sexual or romantic attraction to or between people of the opposite gender.

What is Gender? ¿Qué es el género?

Gender is a socially constructed way of seeing a person as either male or female.

El género se refiere a las características que la sociedad y la cultura definen como masculinas o femeninas.



Gender Identity / Identidad de género

Gender Identity is an internal truth, and an extremely personal part of who we are, and how we perceive ourselves.

Algunos niñ@s sienten muy profundamente que su percepción interior de ser hombre o mujer (su **"identidad de género**") no coincide con su cuerpo.



Gender Identity - Identidad de género

Cisgender

A term for someone whose gender identity aligns with the sex assigned to them at birth.

Cisgénero

Un término para alguien cuya identidad de género se alinea con el sexo asignado al nacer.



A term for someone whose gender identity or gender expression differs from the sex that they were assigned at birth.



Un término para alguien cuya identidad de género o expresión de género difiere del sexo que se le asignó al nacer.

Recap – Resumen

Sex Assigned at Birth

Sexo asignado al nacer



Gender

Género



Gender Identity

Identidad de género



Laws & Policies

Leyes & polizas



The New Jersey Law Against Discrimination generally makes it unlawful for schools to subject individuals to differential treatment based on race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, domestic partnership or civil union status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability or nationality. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, specifically prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded education programs and activities.

State of NJ | Civil Service Commission

Transgender Student Guidance for School Districts



Beginning in the 2021–2022 school year, each school district shall incorporate instruction on diversity and inclusion in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The instruction shall: (1) highlight and promote diversity, including economic diversity, equity, inclusion, tolerance, and belonging in connection with gender and sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, disabilities, and religious tolerance; (2) examine the impact that unconscious bias and economic disparities have at both an individual level and on society as a whole; and (3) encourage safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for all students regardless of race or ethnicity, sexual and gender identities, mental and physical disabilities, and religious beliefs.

NJ Diversity & Inclusion Law

NJSLS Diversity & Inclusion Educational Resources



Schools and school districts have a legal responsibility to provide a safe environment for students to participate in the educational process including extra-curricular activities free from bullying, cyber-bullying, and harassment. School boards should adopt policies that are distributed annually and included in any district-wide student codes of conduct, disciplinary policies, student handbooks, and websites.

GLSEN's Policy & Advocacy Recs.

Family Resources

Recursos para familias

LGBTQ+Organizations



Teaching Outside the Binary LGBTQ+ Book Recommendations



Listed are 25 middle school books (grades 6–8) with LGBTQ+ themes.



Elementary

Listed are 26–29 elementary books (grades K–5) with LGBTQ+ themes.



High School

Listed are 25 high school books (grades 9–12) with LGBTQ+ themes.



Adult

Listed are 25 adult books with LGBTQ+ themes.

Welcoming Schools



"Lesson plans are designed to help educators create classrooms and schools that are affirming of all students and their families."

"A Compilation of Welcoming Schools **Book Lists: Addressing** LGBTQ & Gender Topics, Racism and Intersectionality Through Reading."

"Welcoming Schools resources include lists of developmentally appropriate vocabulary about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary and queer identities."

HUMAN

CAMPAIGN

Lesson Plans

Children & YA Books

Terminology

Welcoming Schools



"Be Prepared for Questions and Put-Downs about Gender." "Transgender and Non-Binary Children: Books to Help Adults Understand."

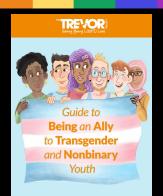
Don't ignore it! "What Do You Say to 'That's So Gay' & Other Anti-LGBTQ Comments?"

<u>Guide</u>	Adult Books	English Guide
		Guía en español

The Trevor Project

"A Guide to Being an Ally to Transgender and Nonbinary Youth" "Black and LGBTQ: Approaching Intersectional Conversations"

"A Coming Out Handbook for LGBTQ Young People"









GRACIAS! THANK YOU!



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