

SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE GSM/LGBTQ COMMUNITY

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TO END SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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GSM—"Gender and Sexual Minority" - people who are not cisgender and/or heterosexual
LGBTQ—"Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning"

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive control where one person uses their power to control the other person. It can take many forms, including physical, sexual, emotional, and financial abuse.

This can occur between family members, former and current intimate partners, and people who are dating or living together.

Family Violence

- Many LGBTQ individuals are abused by family members because of their identity/orientation [Friedman et al., 2011]
- People who experience family violence are at higher risk for intimate partner victimization [Capaldi et al., 2012]
- Family abuse is associated with higher rates of homelessness, sex trade involvement, HIV, and suicide among LGBTQ victim/survivors [Choi et al., 2015; Grant, Motter & Tanis, 2011]

Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Men experience the highest rates of intimate partner violence and intimate partner homicide [NCAVP, 2015]

LGBTQ-Specific Power and Control Tactics

- Threatening to "out" someone
- Questioning if someone is a "real" lesbian/gay man
- Ridiculing a transgender person's body/appearance
- Telling a trans person that they are not a "real" man/woman
- Threatening to "out" someone and have their children removed
- Criticizing the person's gender identity/sexual orientation
- Saying women can't abuse women/men can't abuse men
- Denying a transgender person's access to medical treatment/hormones
- Using offensive pronouns such as "it" [NCAVP, 2013]

...have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime

- 44% OF LESBIAN WOMEN [NISVS, 2010]
- 61% OF BISEXUAL WOMEN [NISVS, 2010]
- 26% OF GAY MEN [NISVS, 2010]
- 37% OF BISEXUAL MEN [NISVS, 2010]
- 40% OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE [Brown & Herman, 2015]

...of LGBTQ survivors of intimate partner violence are people of color [NCAVP, 2015]

