

DID YOU KNOW?



70% OF LGBTQ YOUTH IN CARE REPORTED PHYSICAL VIOLENCE DUE TO THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY



100% OF LGBTQ YOUTH IN NEW YORK CITY GROUP HOMES REPORTED VERBAL HARASSMENT



78% OF LGBTQ YOUTH WERE REMOVED OR RAN AWAY FROM THEIR FOSTER HOMES BECAUSE OF HOSTILITY TOWARDS THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY



56% OF LGBTQ YOUTH HAVE SPENT TIME LIVING ON THE STREETS BECAUSE THEY FELT SAFER THERE THAN THEY DID LIVING IN THEIR FOSTER OR GROUP HOME



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LGBTQ+ YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

Resources for LGBTQ+ foster youth
and those supporting them

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Source: http://www.ncrights.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/LGBTQ_Youth_California_Foster_System.pdf

“All young people, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to achieve their full potential.”

-Harvey Milk-

RESOURCES FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND FOSTER FAMILIES



Are you interested in becoming an ally, but don't know how? This is a quick guide on how to be an ally and support LGBTQ youth

<https://www.glsen.org/sites/default/files/Safe%20Space%20Kit.pdf>



Have a foster parent that isn't supportive of their LGBTQ foster youth? This guide can assist you support the youth!

<https://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/PEP14-LGBTKIDS/PEP14-LGBTKIDS.pdf>



Here is another helpful guide for foster parents that are fostering LGBTQ youth! This guide also has a lot of amazing resources!

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/LGBTQyouth.pdf>



Are you a social worker and want to learn about policy impacting LGBTQ youth and tools to help them?

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/LGBTQyouth.pdf>

RESOURCES FOR YOUTH



Want to know your rights as an LGBTQ youth in foster care? This link outlines them and provides you direction if your rights are not being respected.

<https://www.glsen.org/sites/default/files/Safe%20Space%20Kit.pdf>



Feeling alone? This website has people from all over the world tell their stories about being LGBTQ and overcoming their struggles.

<https://itgetsbetter.org/>



Are you struggling with mental health and don't know where to turn? The Trevor project provides you with resources and hotlines specifically for LGBTQ youth!

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org>



Time out youth has a weekly discussion group that connects you to other LGBTQ youth in NC. These discussions are confidential!

<http://www.timeoutyouth.org/youth/qchatspace>



Queer youth of color face additional barriers. This webpage connects you to LGBTQ resources specifically for people of color.

<https://www.pflag.org/claim-your-rights>