LGBTQIA+ RESOURCES

Those in the LGBTQIA+ community experience higher rates of harassment, stalking, and sexual violence (NISVS, 2010). LGBTQIA+ survivors may experience the same emotions and challenges as other survivors, but may also encounter additional hurdles. These added challenges may include not being believed, lack of support from some family, friends, and faith communities, telling someone if that person is not out yet, and identifying as a survivor, especially if the violence experienced does not fit the person’s sexual orientation and preferences. All survivors deserve to feel heard and believed.

HOW TO SUPPORT LGBTQIA+ SURVIVORS

- Listen
- Validate their feelings / Believe them
- Express concern
- Become an informed ally
- Do not ask details about their experience
- Don't make assumptions

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PREVENTION AND ACTION

- Implement prevention approaches that promote healthy relationships and include all gender identities, sexual orientations, race, and culture
- Include the LGBTQIA+ community in research and prevention
- Believe survivors and connect them to culturally appropriate and accessible resources

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- FORGE
- GLAAD
- In Our Own Voices (IOOV)
- The Network / La Red
- InterAct: Advocates for Intersex Youth
- Anti-Violence Project (AVP)
- Audre Lorde Project (ALP)
- GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)
- Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project
- GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network)
- Human Rights Campaign
- National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce
- NW Network
- PFLAG
- Queer Resources Directory
- RAINN LGBTQ Survivors of Sexual Violence
- The Trevor Project
- LGBT National Help Center