

DID YOU KNOW?

Voices of LGBTQ Youth in Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice

Of foster youth, ages 15-17
15% IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ
in Washington State.

“**I FELT MORE NEGLECTED IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM THAN AT HOME WITH MY REAL PARENTS.**”
— SEATTLE AREA FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANT

40%

OF HOMELESS YOUTH NATION-WIDE ARE LGBTQ

“**IF THE PEOPLE WITH AUTHORITY DON'T THINK I'M AN **EQUAL HUMAN BEING** - WHY SHOULD I?**”
— TRI-CITIES FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANT

School Exclusion
Family Rejection



Homelessness
Failed Safety-Net
Programs



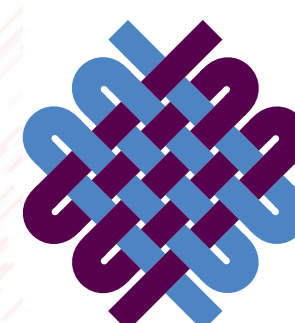
INCREASED JUVENILE JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT

10.5%
of LGB youth experienced
peer sexual assault
in juvenile justice
compared to
1.4%
of heterosexual youth
in 2012.

Of LGBTQ young people in Washington State's juvenile justice and child welfare system,

60%

said they didn't feel safe or comfortable disclosing their identity to system staff.



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