**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

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**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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