

Improving Behavioral Health Services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Gender Nonconforming (LGB/GNC) Youth in the Juvenile Justice System

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Introductions

- Name
- Preferred Gender Pronoun
- Agency/Department
- Title/position



Terminology

What is **SOGIE**?

Terminology

SOGIE: Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression

Sexual Orientation is about who an individual is emotionally, sexually, or romantically attracted to.

Which is different from...

Gender Identity is about how a person views and understands their own gender.

Gender Expression is about how a person expresses gender identity through manner of dress, speech, behavior, and/or other physical attributes.

Terminology

Gender Expression

- **Gender Conforming** describes a person who expresses gender in a manner that is consistent with societal norms for one's gender (e.g., a person who was designated “female” at birth, who identifies as a girl, and dresses in a way that society determines a girl should dress).
- **Gender Nonconforming** describes someone whose gender identity and/or expression breaks societal norms (e.g., someone who identifies as a girl but wears clothing typically assigned to boys).



Terminology

Gender Identity

- **Transgender** describes a person whose gender identity and/or gender expression does not match the sex and/or gender the person was assigned at birth.
- May identify as transgirl/women, transboy/man, or the pronoun associated with the gender they've transitioned to.

Terminology

Are transgender and gender nonconformity different? If so, how?

Terminology

Gender Identity (cont'd)

- **Cisgender** describes a person whose gender identity matches the gender they were assigned at birth.
- **Cissexual** describes a person whose understanding of their physical sex matches the sex they were assigned at birth.

Terminology

Use Caution

- Homosexual
- “Lifestyle”
- “Sexual preference”
- “Gay agenda”
- “Special rights”
- “Real” boy/man or girl/woman in reference to a transgender person
- Transsexual
- And all the usual suspects: fag, faggot, dyke, lesbo, etc.



LGBT Youth Research Quiz



LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #1

Everyone has a sexual orientation.

- a) True
- b) False

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Answer #1

A). True. Everyone has a sexual orientation.

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #2

Everyone has a gender identity.

- a) True
- b) False

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #2

A). True. Everyone has a gender identity.

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #3

Children begin to become aware of their gender identity at around what age?

- a) 2–4 years
- b) 5–7 years
- c) 8–10 years

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Answer #3

A). 2–4 years

Stephanie Brill and Rachel Pepper, 2008. *The Transgender Child: A Handbook for Families and Professionals*

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #4

Children begin to become aware of their sexual orientation at around what age?

- a) 8 years
- b) 10 years
- c) 12 years

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Answer #4

B). 10 years

Caitlin Ryan, et al., 2010. *Family Acceptance in Adolescence and the Health of LGBT Young Adults*

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #5

What percentage of youth in detention facilities nationwide are lesbian, gay, bisexual, questioning, or gender nonconforming?

- a) 15%
- b) 20%
- c) 25%

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Answer #5

B). 20% of youth in detention facilities nationwide are lesbian, gay, bisexual, questioning, or gender nonconforming.

Angela Irvine, 2014. *Dispelling Myths: Understanding the incarceration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and gender nonconforming youth*, upcoming working paper

Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression, Girls

	Heterosexual	LBQ
Gender Conforming	60.1%	22.9%
Gender Nonconforming	7.8%	9.2%

Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression, Boys

	Heterosexual	GBQ
Gender Conforming	86.4%	3.5%
Gender Nonconforming	7.3%	2.8%

Sexual Orientation, 2010

	Girls, H	Girls, LBQ	Boys, H	Boys, GBQ
Home removal	19%	33%	9%	20%
Group/foster home	27%	45%	17%	25%
Homelessness	23%	40%	16%	32%
Running away (detention)	18%	37%	12%	28%
Truancy, warrants, VOP (detention)	9%	15%	12%	22%

Gender Conformity, 2010

	GC Girls	GNC Girls	GC Boys	GNC Boys
Home removal	20%	42%	9%	23%
Group/foster home	30%	47%	16%	34%
Homelessness	26%	41%	16%	43%
Running away (detention)	21%	33%	12%	22%
Truancy, warrants, VOP (detention)	NS	NS	NS	NS

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #6

Approximately what percentage of LGBT students missed a day of school in the last month because they felt unsafe at their school?

- a) 10%
- b) 30%
- c) 40%

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Answer #6

B). 30.3% of LGBT students missed a day of school in the past month because of safety concerns.

J. G. Kosciw, et al., 2014. *The 2013 National School Climate Survey: The experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth in our nation's schools*

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #7

Of the incarcerated youth who reported being sexually victimized by other youth, the number of LGB (lesbian, gay, bisexual) youth was about _____ times the number of heterosexual youth.

- a) 3
- b) 7
- c) 10

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Answer #7

B). 7 times higher—youth with a sexual orientation other than heterosexual reported significantly higher rates of sexual victimization by other youth (10.3%) compared to heterosexual youth (1.5%).

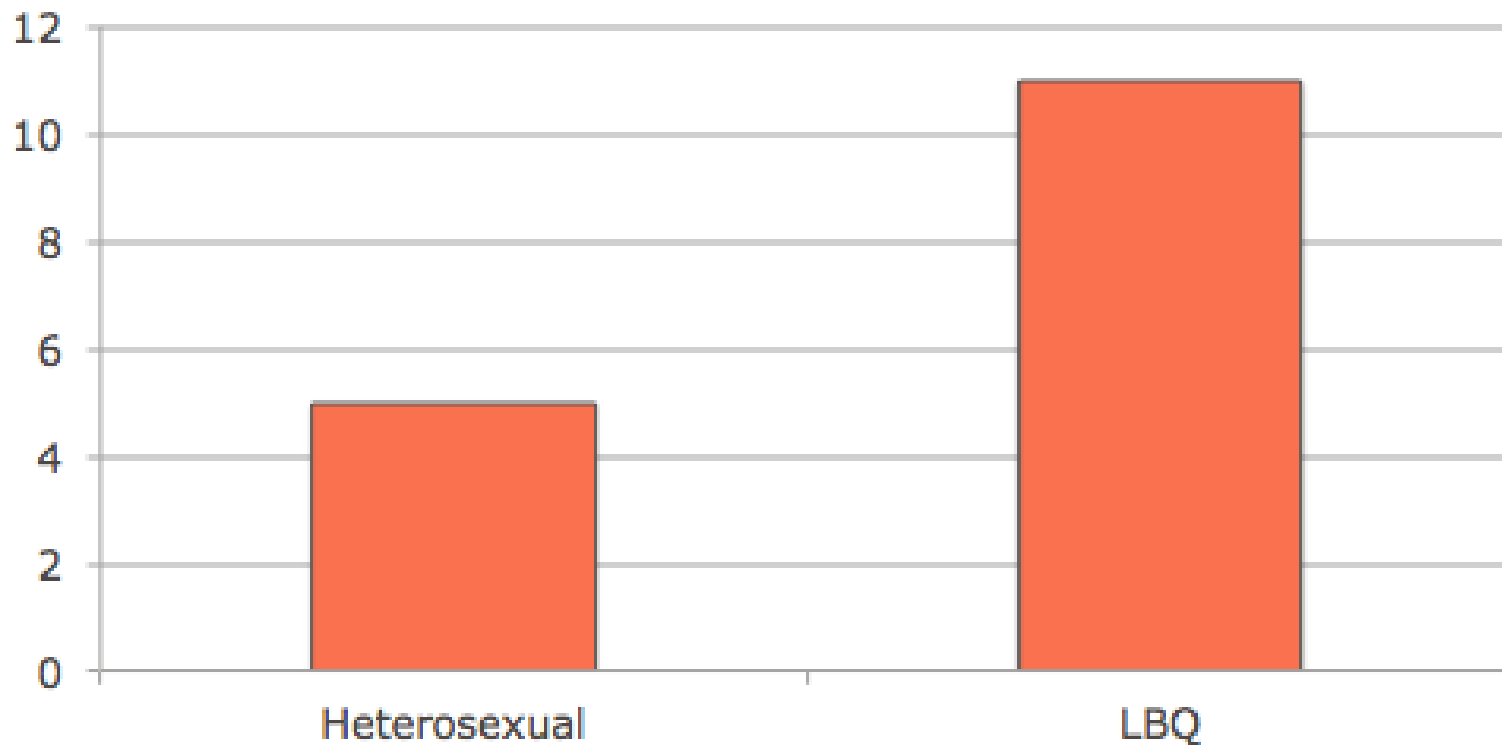
A.J. Beck, et al., 2013. *Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2012*

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #8

Lesbian, bisexual, and questioning girls have a higher detention rate for prostitution than heterosexual girls.

- a) True
- b) False

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Answer #8



Angela Irvine, 2010. *"We've Had Three of Them": Addressing the Invisibility of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth in the Juvenile Justice System*

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #9

Girls who identify as non-heterosexual are at greater odds for experiencing disproportionate school and criminal justice sanctions than boys who identify as non-heterosexual.

- a) True
- b) False

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Answer #9

A). True, although girls and boys who experienced same-sex attraction and same-sex relationships had similar rates of sanctions. Total: 1.25–3 times greater odds than their heterosexual peers.

Kathryn E. W. Himmelstein and Hannah Brückner, 2010. *Criminal-Justice and School Sanctions Against Nonheterosexual Youth: A National Longitudinal Study*

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #10

Approximately ____ of homeless youth are LGBT.

- a) 10%
- b) 20%
- c) 40%

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Answer #10

C). Approximately 40% of homeless youth are LGBT.

Laura Durso & Gary Gates, 2012. *Serving Our Youth: Findings from a National Survey of Service Providers Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth who are Homeless or At Risk of Becoming Homeless*

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #11

What percentage of youth in foster care are LGBTQ?

- a) 19%
- b) 23%
- c) 30%

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Answer #11

A). 19% of youth in foster care identify as LGBTQ.

Bianca Wilson, et al. 2014. *Sexual and Gender Minority Youth in Foster Care: Assessing Disproportionality and Disparities in Los Angeles*

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Question #12

The majority of LGBTQ and GNC youth in juvenile detention facilities are white.

- a) True
- b) False

LGBTQ Youth Quiz Answer #12

A). False. 85% of LGBQ and GNC youth in detention facilities are youth of color.

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Heterosexism

- What is the hegemonic messaging?
- What messages do youth receive about how to behave and with whom to be involved?

Intersectionality

- Race
- Ethnicity
- Perceived race/ethnicity
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity
- Gender Expression
- Religion
- Class/Socioeconomic Status
- Language
- Immigration Status
- Nationality
- Employment
- Education
- Physical and Mental Abilities
- Family structure
- System involvement
- Others?

Recommendations

- SOGIE Data Collection
- Anti-discrimination policies
- SOGIE/Intersectionality training for staff



Q&A

Thank you

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