



WORKING TO END GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER YOUTH HOMELESSNESS



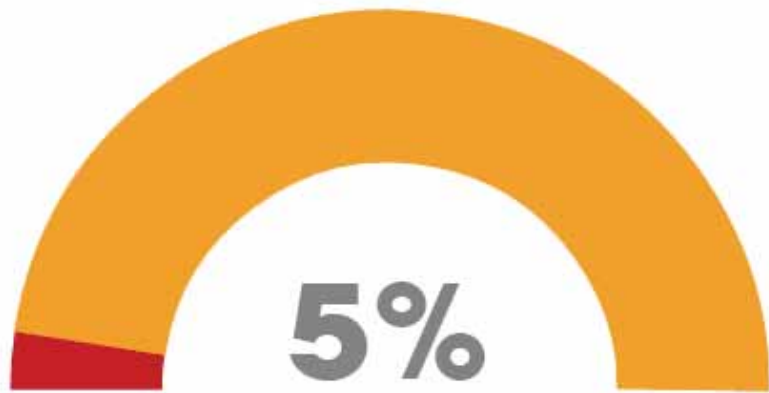
FORTY TO NONE PROJECT

- ❑ Year Long, Nationwide Assessment
- ❑ First & Only National Organization with Sole Focus on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Youth Homelessness
- ❑ Five Key Program Areas:
 - ❑ Education
 - ❑ Advocacy
 - ❑ Empowerment
 - ❑ Research
 - ❑ Capacity Building & Inclusion



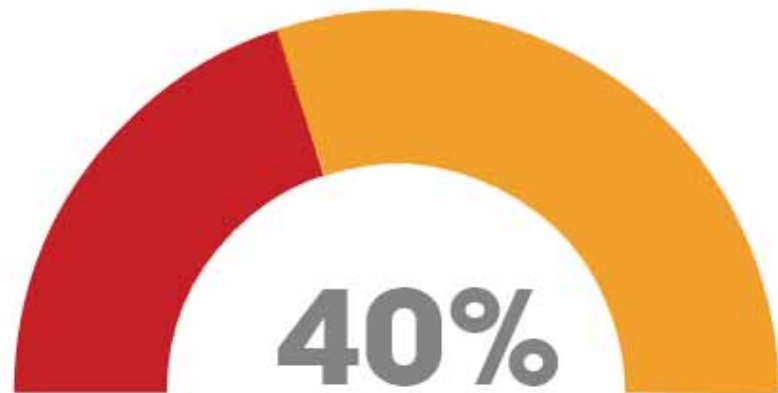
- ❑ **33%** of LGBT youth say their family is not accepting of LGBT people.
- ❑ **46%** chose their family among a list of places where they most often hear negative messages about being LGBT.

HRC's Growing Up LGBT in America



GENERAL YOUTH
POPULATION

■ GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER
■ STRAIGHT



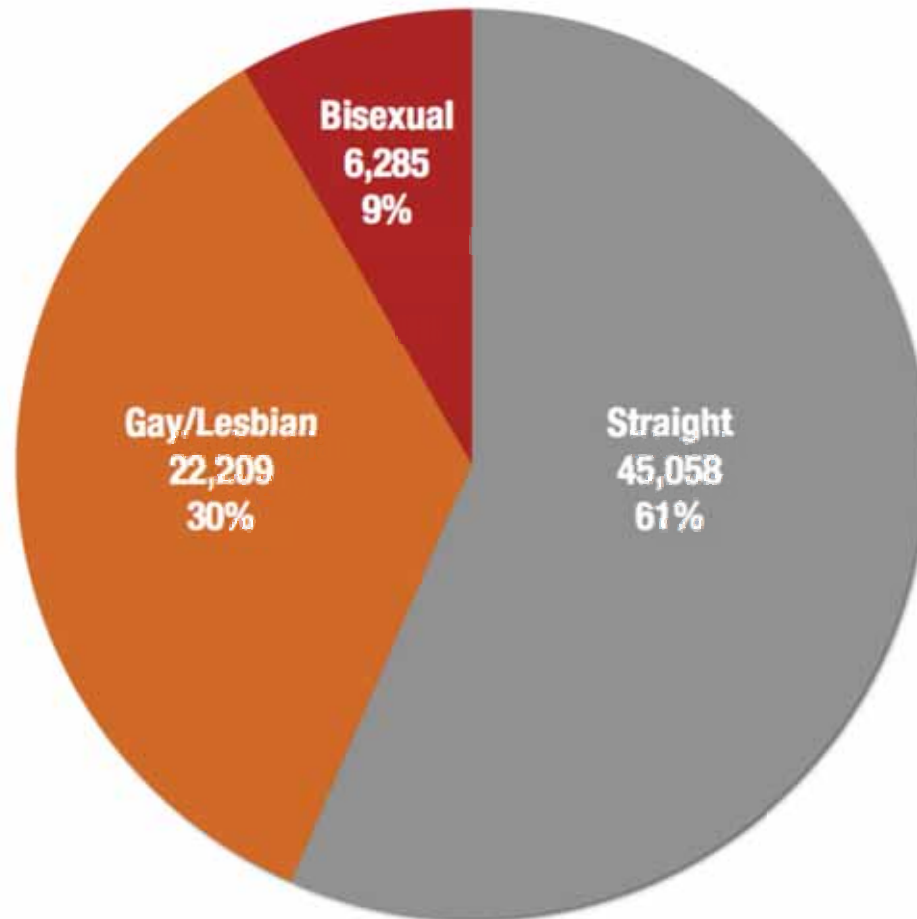
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POPULATION



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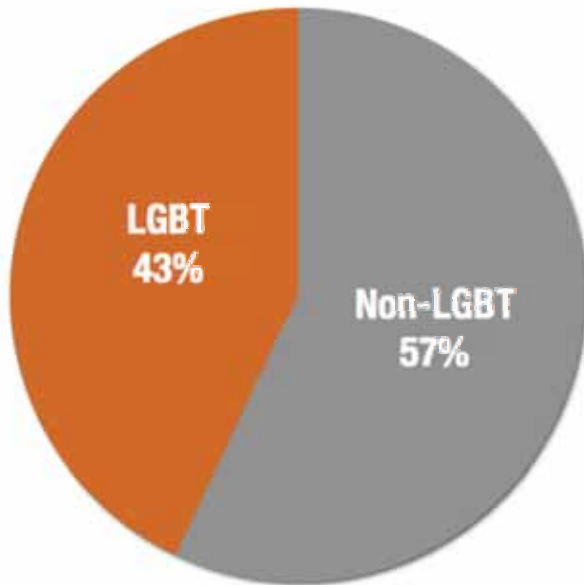
Number of Youth Served in the Last Year (Homeless and Non-Homeless),
by Sexual Orientation



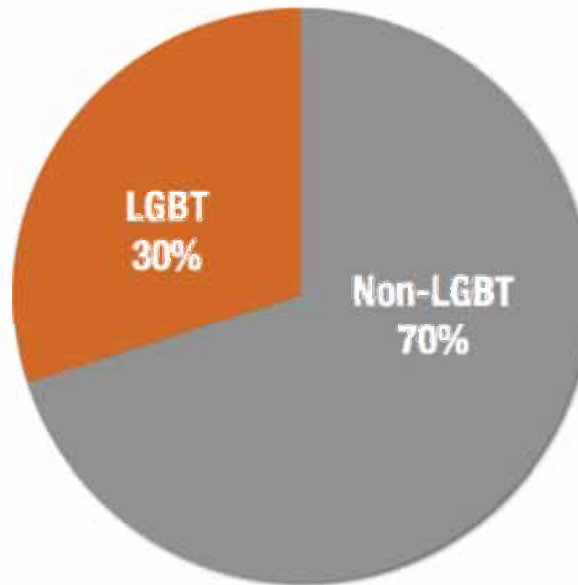
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Percent of Clients Served – LGBT and Non-LGBT Youth

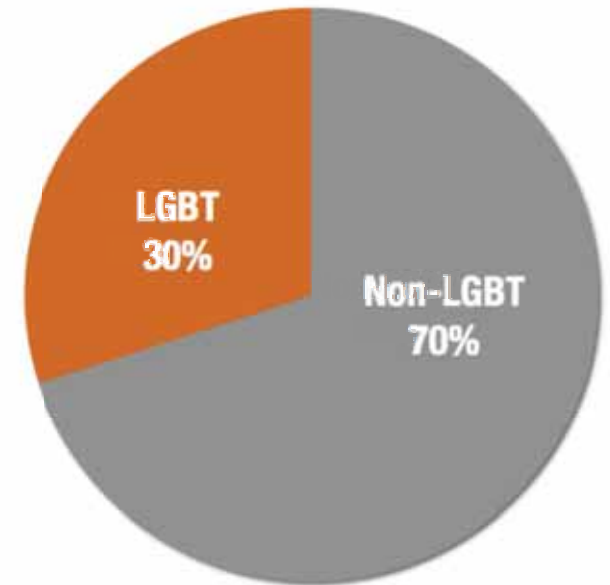
DROP-IN CENTERS



STREET OUTREACH PROGRAMS



HOUSING PROGRAMS

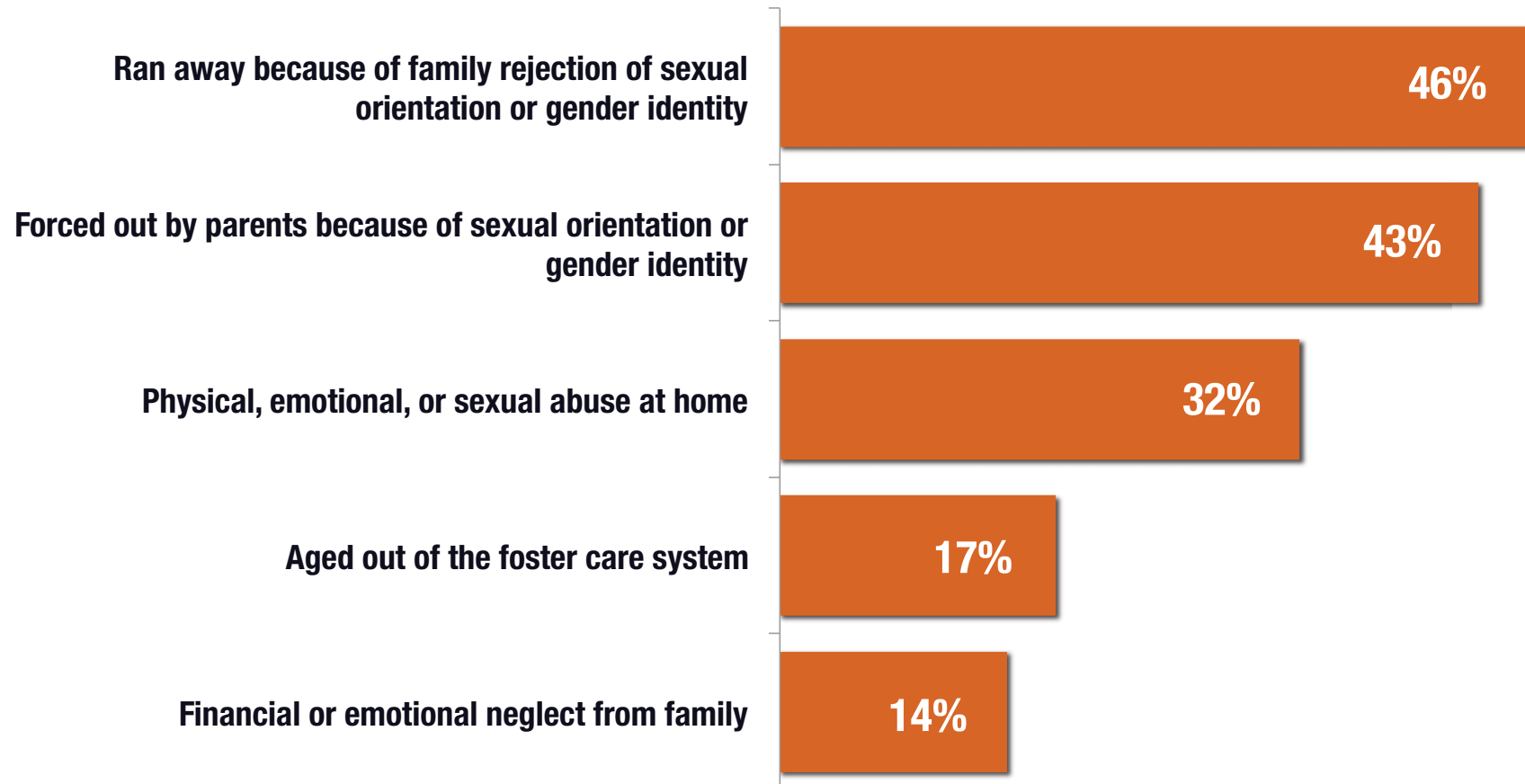


- Family rejection is the ***most frequently cited*** reason for LGBT youth homelessness.

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Top Five Reasons why LGBT Youth are Homeless or At-Risk of Becoming Homeless



- ❑ LGB youth from highly rejecting families are **8 times as likely** to have attempted suicide as LGB peers with little to no family rejection.

Family Acceptance Project™, 2009

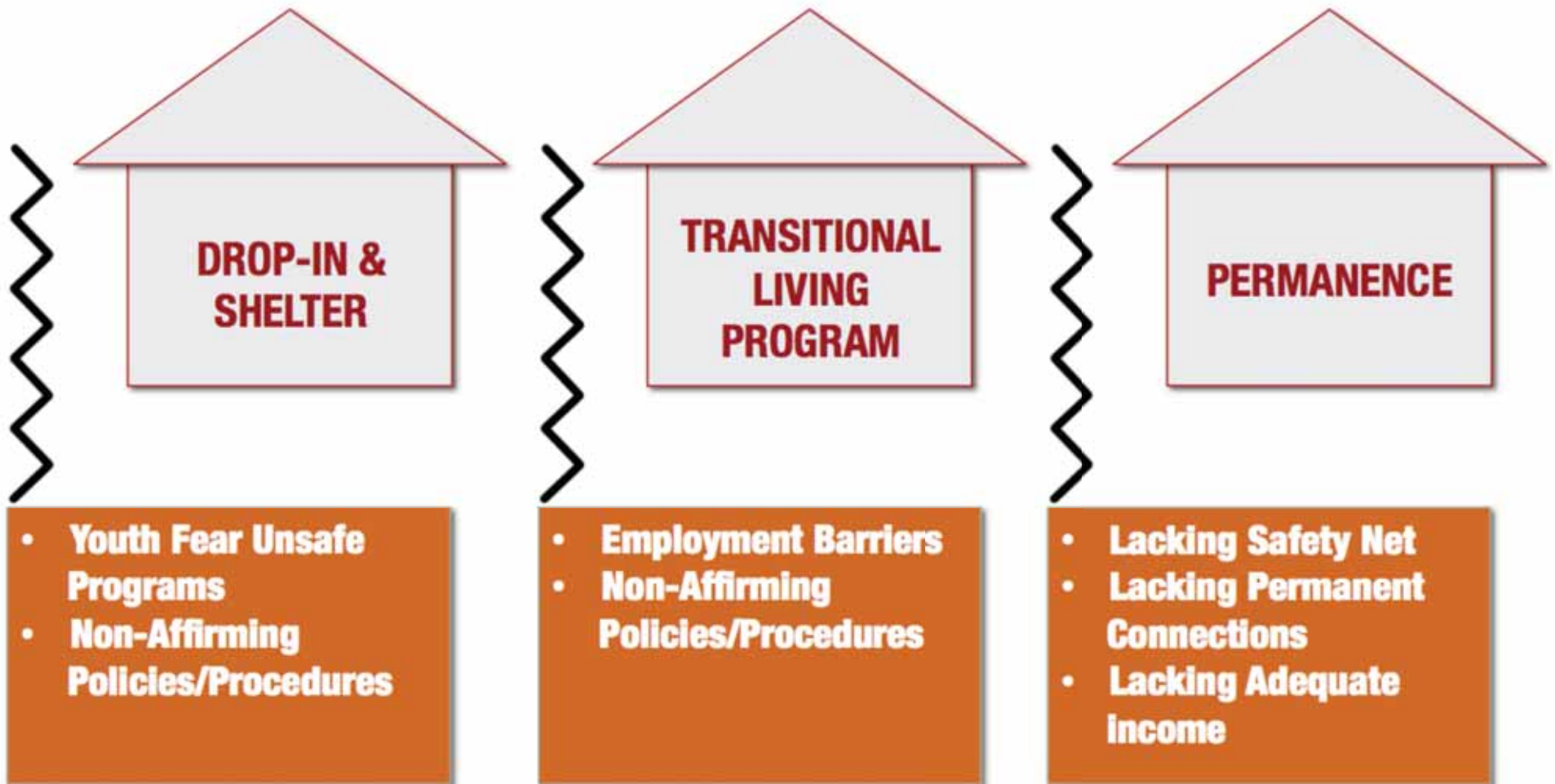
- ❑ LGBT youth experiencing homelessness attempt suicide at higher rates **(62%)** than their straight counterparts **(29%)**.

Van Leeuwen, et al., 2005

- ❑ One of the greatest barriers to addressing LGBT youth homelessness is **difficulty identifying LGBT youth** experiencing homelessness.

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LGBT YOUTH: FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS



OUR APPROACH

Our 3 tiered approach to ending gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth homelessness is infused into and informs all aspects of our programs and our work.

TIER 1: PROMOTING ACCEPTANCE

Goal: To reach families, youth, and communities before young people come out and to provide them with resources about the negative outcomes associated with identity based rejection and homelessness.

TIER 2: FAMILY & COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

Goal: To provide support to families so that young people may stay in or return to the home. If staying in the home is not an option, assess potential for relationship building. Assess family and community networks for additional support.

TIER 3: INCLUSIVE & AFFIRMING CARE

Goal: To ensure gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth experiencing homelessness have access to ongoing safe and affirming services so they can make it through the transition to independent adulthood.

OUR EFFORTS

- In 2013, we partnered with U.S. Representatives Gwen Moore (D-WI) and Mark Pocan (D-WI) to develop the **Runaway and Homeless Youth Inclusion Act**.

If passed, the bill would contain protections for LGBT youth experiencing homelessness.

OUR EFFORTS

- ❑ In 2013, we partnered with HUD on Youth Count! to ensure **questions about sexual orientation and gender identity** were included in the survey instrument.

OUR EFFORTS

- We recently launched our **Forty to None Network**, an online community connecting service providers, educators, researchers, government officials, advocates, young people, and others around the issue of LGBT youth homelessness.

Join us! fortytonone/network



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