

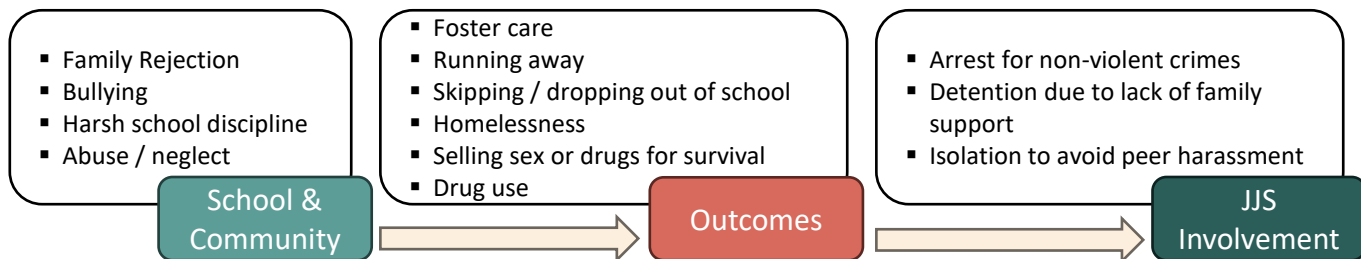
LGBTQ+ Youth in Juvenile Justice Special Programs

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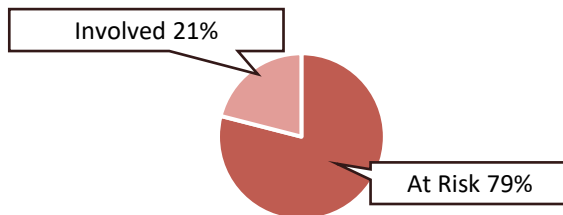
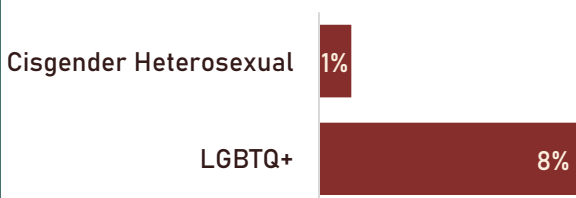
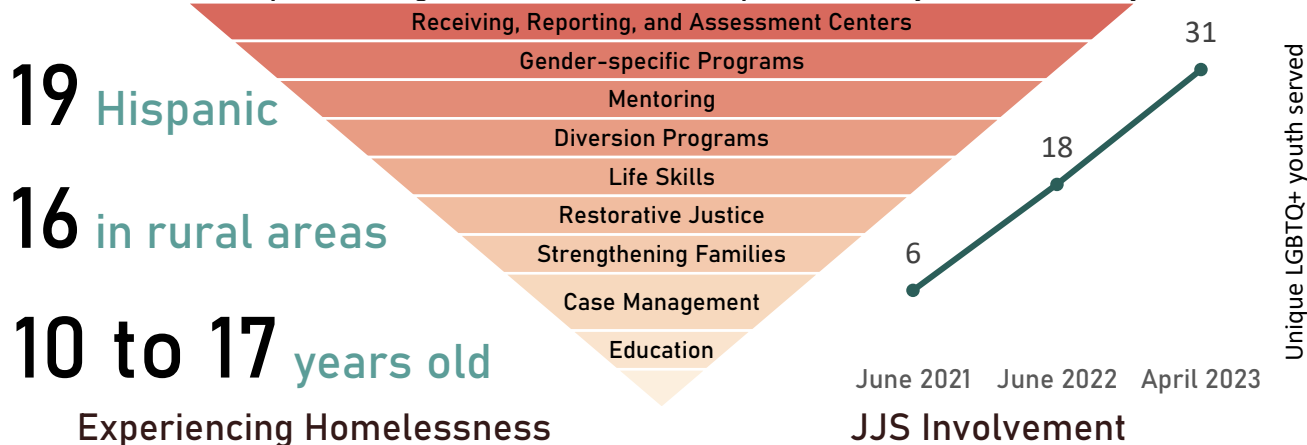
In New Mexico, there are **16,000+ Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual** and **5,000+ Transgender, Genderqueer, or Genderfluid** high school students.

2021 New Mexico High School Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey

LGBTQ+ youth are overrepresented in the Juvenile Justice System (JJS).
Here's why:



These JJS Special Programs served **49** unique LGBTQ+ youth since July 2020:



What can JJS and partners do to better serve LGBTQ+ clients?

- Ask youth their preferred pronouns and names
- Ensure confidentiality
- Educate family members
- Implement non-discrimination policies
- Seek alternatives to detention
- Make appropriate sex-segregated placement
- Refer to LGBT-competent programs
- Train staff
- Model respectful communication to youth peers
- Refer to gender-affirming medical treatment
- Invite LGBTQ+ youth to committee meetings

Resources



Special Programs Descriptions | Website

<https://www.cyfd.nm.gov/juvenile-justice/special-programs/grant-management-unit/>

New Mexico Genders and Sexualities Alliance Network | Website

<https://themountaincenter.org/services/nm-gender-and-sexualities-new-mexico/>

Glossary of Terms | Website

https://www.hrc.org/resources/glossary-of-terms?utm_campaign=&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=spotlightonjune22

Mentoring LGBTQ+ Youth | Recorded Training | 1.25 hours

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fwW0gqLP4NY>

LGBTQ2S+ Justice Involved Youth | Recorded Training | 0.75 hours

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftx1s7eglmY>

Creating Agency Policies for an Equitable System | Recorded Training | 1 hour

<https://youtu.be/GvvdKyu9ouc>

Building an Equitable System with Data, Training, and Policy | Recorded Training | 1 hour

<https://youtu.be/HeG-SCrFJC4>

Safe Zone Training | Live Virtual Training | 2.75 hours

<https://centerofinnovationnm.org/forms/safe-zone-registration/>

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth in the Juvenile Justice System | Report

<https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/AECF-lesbiangaybisexualandtransgenderyouthinjj-2015.pdf>

Perspectives from Youth with Lived Experience | Report

<https://youthmovenational.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/YMCI-WHWH-Trans-Non-Binary-Tipsheet-v1.2.pdf>

Helping Families to Support their LGBT Children | Report

<https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/pep14-lgbtkids.pdf>

Best Practices for the Management and Treatment of LGBTQI Youth in JJS | Report

<https://fenwayhealth.org/policy-briefs/emerging-best-practices-for-the-management-and-treatment-of-lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-questioning-and-intersex-youth-in-juvenile-justice-settings-pdf/>