

Inclusion & Intersectionality Webinar Series LGBTIQ Family Violence

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Agenda

Overview: Setting the scene

Presentations:

- Using collaboration to enhance practice
- Learnings from queer Men's Behaviour Change responses
- The importance of peer and community led responses

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Panel and Q&A:

- Libby Jamieson (Rainbow Door / Switchboard)
- Anthony Lekkas (LGBT Family Violence Consultant)
- Shamini Joseph (Rainbow Health)



About NIFVS

Northern Integrated Family Violence Services (NIFVS) is the partnership that provides family violence system leadership across the northern metropolitan region of Melbourne.

Our Mission

Provide regional leadership that increases the safety of victim survivors, the accountability of perpetrators and strengthens Victoria's family violence reforms.

Our Partners

- 29 cross sector committee members
- 423 services responding to family violence
- 3,651 professionals linked to various initiatives

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Setting the scene

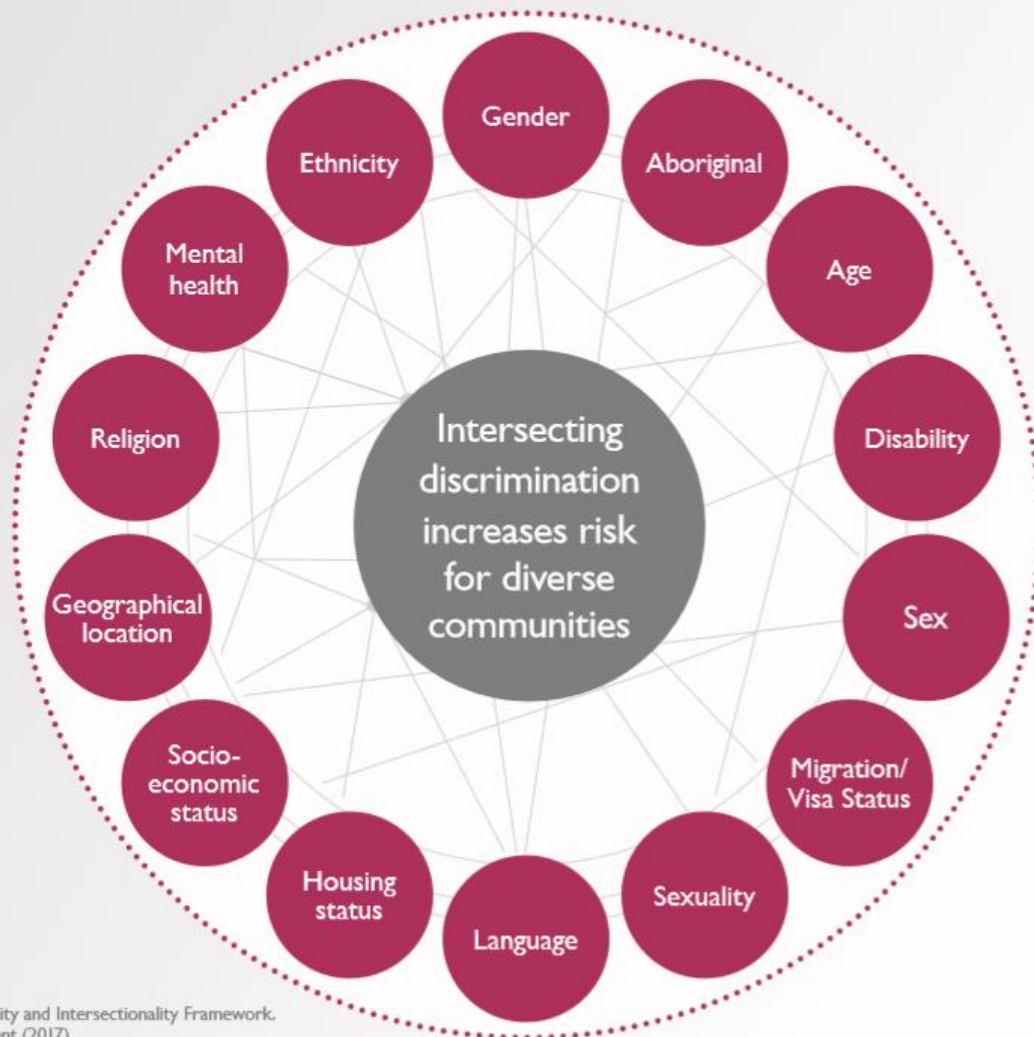
- People who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex or queer (LGBTIQ) experience intimate partner violence at similar rates as those who identify as heterosexual.
- There has been an invisibility of LGBTIQ relationships in policy and practice responses and a lack of acknowledgement that intimate partner violence exists in these communities.
- Homophobia, transphobia and heterosexism affect the experience of, and responses to, intimate partner violence in LGBTIQ populations.
- Service providers lack awareness and understanding of the LGBTIQ population and their experience of intimate partner violence.

Campo, M. & Tayton, S. 2015 *Intimate partner violence in lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex and queer communities* AIFS Victoria





INTERSECTING DISCRIMINATION



Based on the Diversity and Intersectionality Framework.
Victorian Government (2017).





What is intersectionality?

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Intersectionality video
produced by Newcastle
University (UK)





Collaboration to Enhance Practice

Libby Jamieson she/her
Teleweb Manager

Acknowledgement of Country

Switchboard is based on the lands of the Kulin nations, always and forever the home of the Wurundjeri, Boonwurrung, Wathaurong, Taungurong and Djadjawurung peoples.

We acknowledge that our work takes place on lands that are under colonial occupation and that Kulin Nation sovereignty was never ceded here. We hope to pay our respects to Kulin Nation elders, past and present and wish to extend this respect to any and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.



Where we came from



SWITCHBOARD PROGRAMS

- Qlife (Victorian partner): National peer support service 1800 184 527 3pm – 12am every day of the year
- Out & About: Friendship and community connection for older LGBTI Victorians
- Suicide prevention: service provision, awareness raising, designing and delivering training, advocacy, consultancy, crisis intervention, research and lived experience engagement.
- QTIPOC: The Switchboard QTIPoC (Queer, Trans, Intersex and/or People of Colour) program aims to enhance understanding and build equity for LGBTIQA+ people who are People of Colour and People of Faith.
- Rainbow Door: Statewide service for all LGBTIQA+ Victorians, information, support, referral and short-term Case Management. 1800 729 367 10am – 6pm 7 days per week.

Collaboration to Enhance Practice

- Importance of collaboration, secondary consultations and partnerships.
- Rainbow Door Reference group, collaboration, accountability and critical self reflection.



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support services
we need.**

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7 days a week**

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Presentation

Anthony Lekkas (he/him)
LGBTQ Family Violence Consultant

Learnings from queer Men's Behaviour Change
responses

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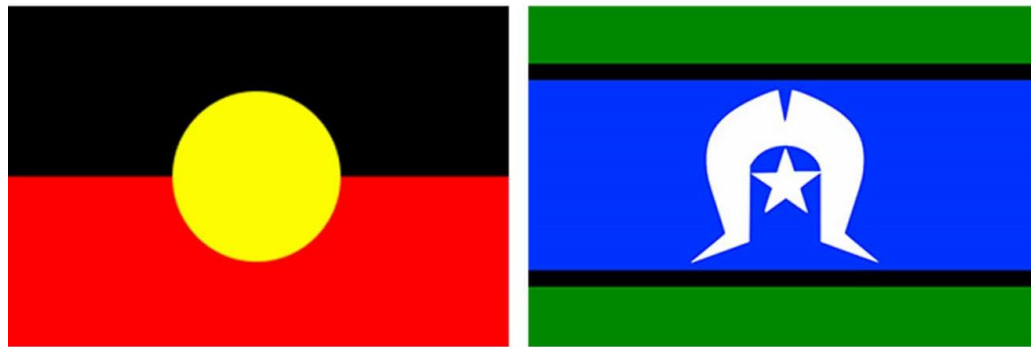




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Evidence + Advocacy + Action

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Introductions



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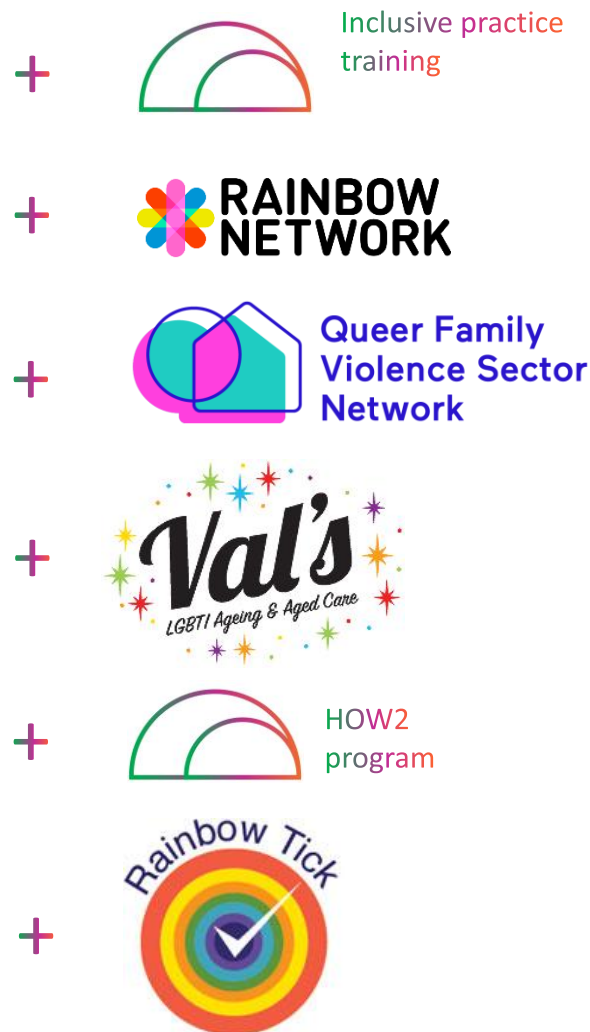
Australian Research Centre
in Sex, Health and Society



**Rainbow
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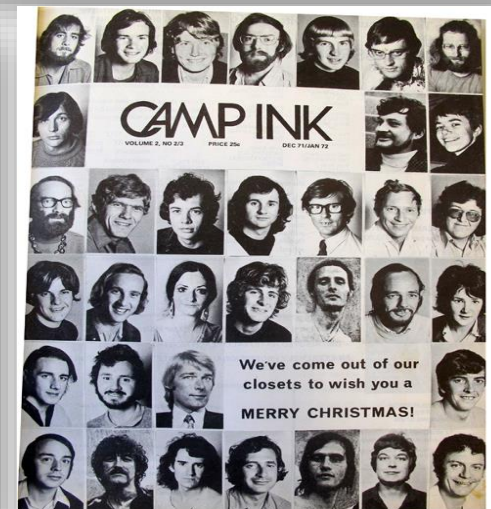
Rainbow Health Victoria is a program that supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) health and wellbeing through research and knowledge translation, training, resources, policy advice and service accreditation through the Rainbow Tick.



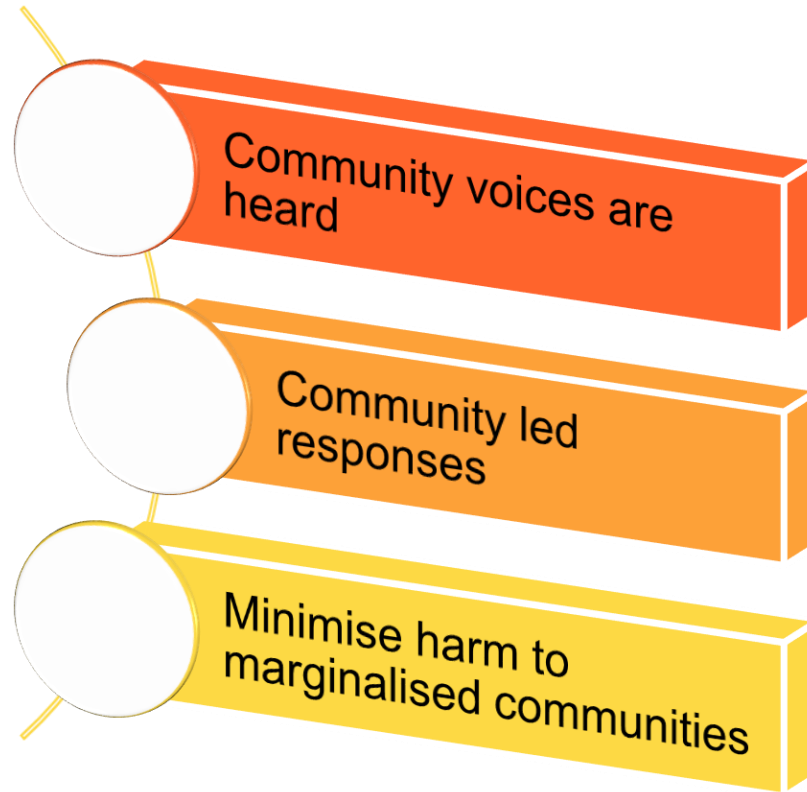
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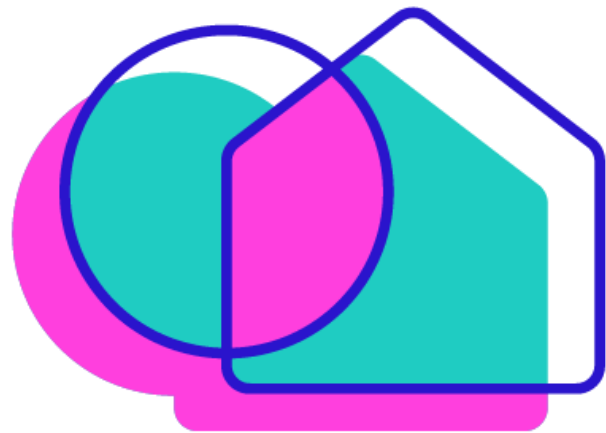


Honouring (shared) History



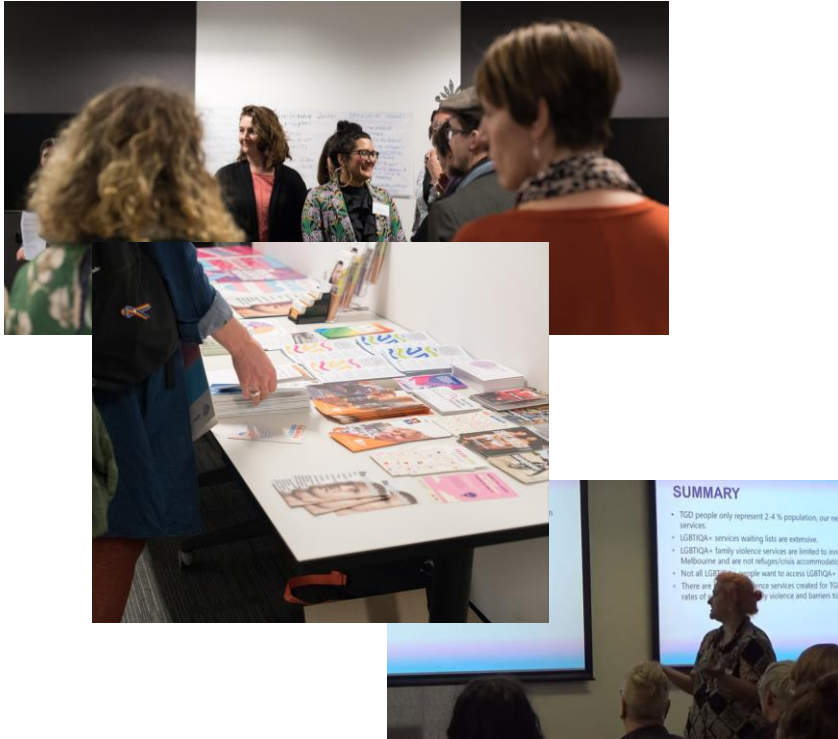
Community led approaches





Queer Family Violence Sector Network

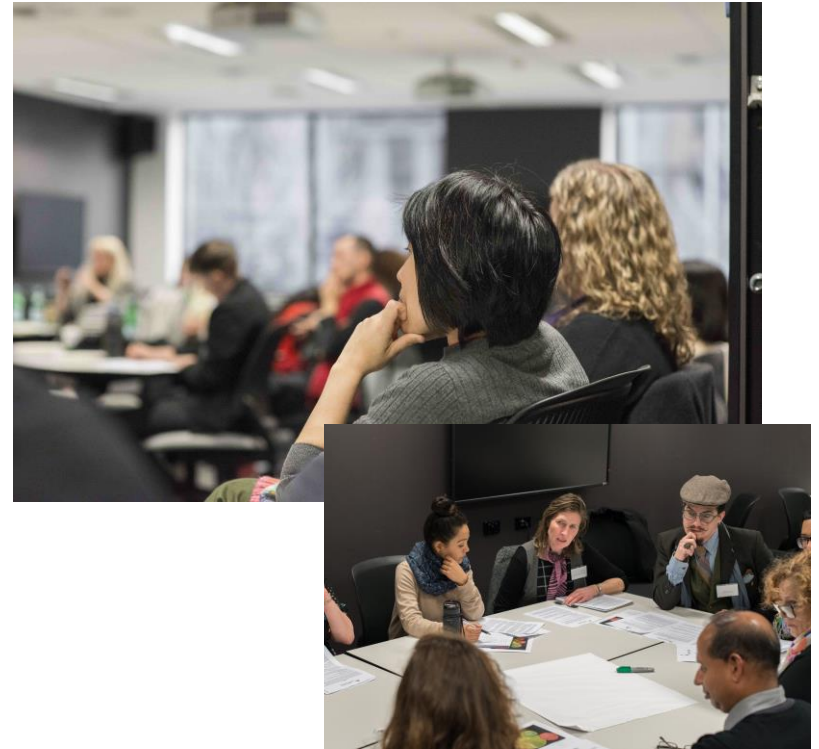
The Network today



- 3 years old, community-led
- 600 members from 200+ orgs
- Mostly Victorian, plus interstate and some international membership
- Quarterly meetings to share updates, resources and working group outcomes
- Scheduled forums/workshops throughout the year with community voices at the forefront
- Regular newsletter with events, resources and updates
- Networking opportunities

Focuses for 2021

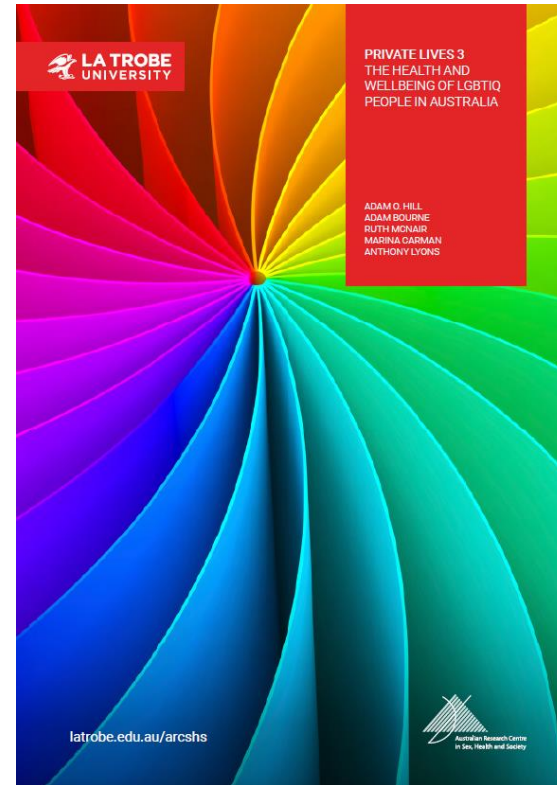
- Broadening intersectional LGBTIQ practice
- Securing pathways for GBTQ men and trans and non-binary victim-survivors
- Learning from interstate and international approaches to LGBTQ family violence



Community Voices

Private Lives 3 (2020)

Private Lives 3 is Australia's largest national survey of the health and wellbeing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) people to date, with over 6,800 participants from all over Australia.



Family Violence for LGBTQ people

Intimate Partner Violence: *A pattern of violence from your current or former intimate partner*

Family of Origin Violence: *A pattern of violence from your family of origin (i.e. the family you grew up in or your biological family)*

Intimate Partner Violence

Figure 38: Proportion of participants ever experiencing physical, verbal and sexual violence from an intimate partner, by sexual orientation (n = 6,106)

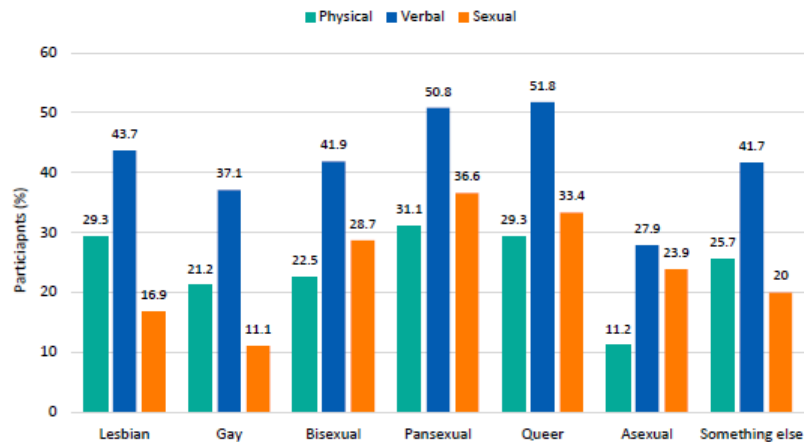
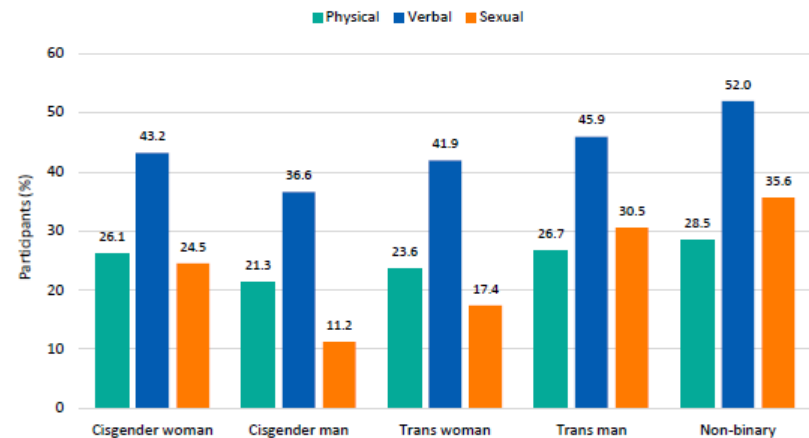


Figure 37: Proportion of participants ever experiencing physical, verbal and sexual violence from an intimate partner, by gender (n = 6,071)



(Private Lives 3, 2020)

Family of Origin Violence

Figure 40: Proportion of participants ever experiencing physical, verbal and sexual violence from a family member, by sexual orientation (n = 6,179)

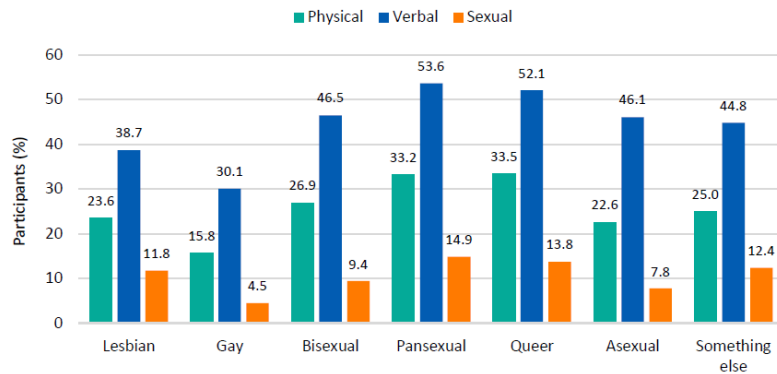
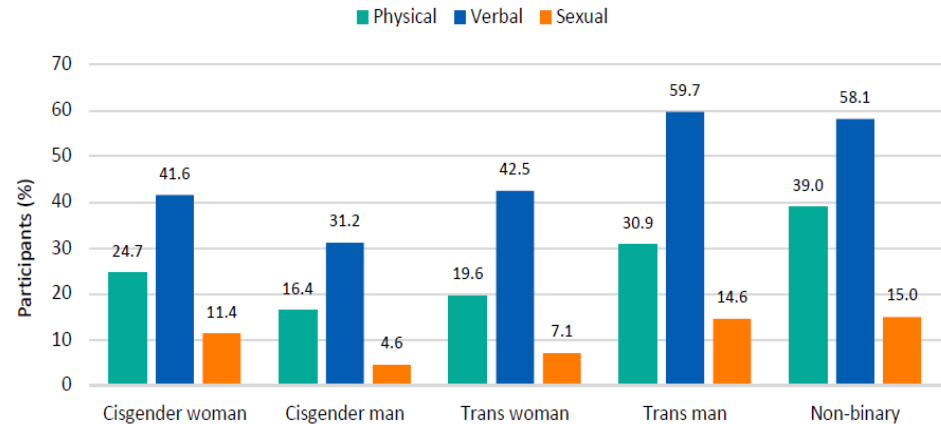
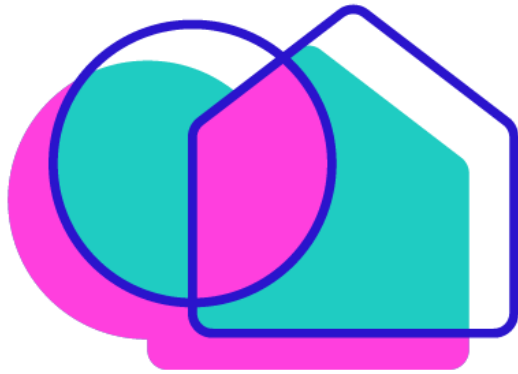


Figure 39: Proportion of participants ever experiencing physical, verbal and sexual violence from a family member, by gender (n = 6,146)



(Private Lives 3, 2020)

Join the Network



Queer Family Violence Sector Network

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True intersectional feminism

“If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.”

- Aboriginal activists group, Queensland, 1970s



Thank You!



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Panel

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Reflection

My service currently responds well to LGBTIQ people by....

My service could respond even better if...

I commit to improving my own response by...



Next Steps

There are several ways to stay involved:

- Visit the [NIFVS COVID-19 Web Portal](#)
- Participate in [online NIFVS training](#)
- Access the [Family Violence Service System Overview](#)
- Explore [resources on LGBTQ communities](#)
- Read the [NIFVS enews](#)
- Keep an eye out for *Embedding Inclusion and Equity: An Intersectionality Framework in Practice*

For more information visit: [**www.nifvs.org.au**](http://www.nifvs.org.au)



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