


# HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT: LGBQ/GNCT YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD WELFARE SYSTEMS

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## OVERVIEW

 Terminology

 *Sharing our collective wisdom (breakout circles)*

 *Pathways into the juvenile justice system (quiz)*

 Youth in State Care

 *Putting it into practice (breakout circles)*

 Closing

# SOGIE TERMINOLOGY POLL

## TERMINOLOGY QUESTION 1

An individual's core and hard-wired sense of their own identity as a boy/man, woman/girl, something in between, or outside the male/female binary

- Gender identity
- Sex assigned at birth
- Sexual orientation

Describes people whose gender identity matches their sex assigned at birth

- Pansexual
- Cisgender
- Straight



TERMINOLOGY  
QUESTION 2



TERMINOLOGY  
QUESTION 3

A person's presentation or communication of their gender to others, through hairstyles, clothing, physical mannerisms, alterations of their body, or name and pronoun


- Gender identity
- Sexual orientation
- Gender expression



TERMINOLOGY  
QUESTION 4

Describes a person whose appearance or manner does not conform to traditional gender stereotypes

- Agender
- Gender non-conforming
- Bisexual



Describes a person whose gender identity is different from their assigned sex and who lives, or desires to live, in accord with their gender identity

- Intersex
- Polyamorous
- Transgender

TERMINOLOGY  
QUESTION 5



TERMINOLOGY  
QUESTION 6

An umbrella term that describes a person who does not identify as straight or cisgender

- Queer
- Gay
- Asexual



TERMINOLOGY  
QUESTION 7

Describes who a person is sexually, romantically, and/or physically attracted to

- Gender expression
- Sexual orientation
- Gender identity

## SHARING OUR COLLECTIVE WISDOM (BREAKOUT CIRCLES)

Drawing from your professional and lived experiences, please use your breakout groups to answer the following:

- 1) What drew you to this session today?
- 2) How/why do LGBTQ/GNCT young people end up in the justice system?

PATHWAYS INTO  
THE JUVENILE  
JUSTICE SYSTEM

LGBTQ/GNCT Youth Research Quiz

## QUIZ QUESTION 1

Everyone has a sexual orientation.

- a) True
- b) False



## QUIZ ANSWER 1

- a) True. Everyone has a sexual orientation.

## QUIZ QUESTION 2

Everyone has a gender identity.

- a) True
- b) False

## QUIZ ANSWER 2

- a) True. Everyone has a gender identity.



### 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



### QUIZ ANSWER 3

- a) 2–4 years

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

#### 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

#### QUIZ ANSWER 4

B) 10 years

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

## QUIZ QUESTION 5

Approximately \_\_\_\_  
of homeless youth  
are LGBT  
nationwide.

- a) 5-10%
- b) 15-20%
- c) 30-35%



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## QUIZ ANSWER 5

C) 30-40% of homeless youth are LGBTQ.

Choi, S.K., Wilson, B.D.M., Shelton, J., & Gates, G. (2015). *Serving Our Youth 2015: The Needs and Experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth Experiencing Homelessness, Los Angeles: The Williams Institute with True Colors Fund.*; 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*

## QUIZ QUESTION 6

What percentage of youth in foster care are LGBTQ?

- a) 19%
- b) 29%
- c) 39%



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## QUIZ ANSWER 6

- 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*

## QUIZ QUESTION 7

Girls with same sex attraction are more likely to be disciplined in school than boys with same sex attraction.

- a) True
- b) False

## QUIZ ANSWER 7

a) True. Girls with same sex attraction are 95% more likely to be disciplined.

*Mittleman, Joel. 2018. Sexual Orientation and School Discipline: New Evidence from a Population-Based Sample. Educational Researcher. January 19.; Kathryn E. W. Himmelstein and Hannah Brückner, 2010. Criminal-Justice and School Sanctions Against Nonheterosexual Youth: A National Longitudinal Study*

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## OUTCOMES ACCORDING TO GENDER EXPRESSION

	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

## QUIZ QUESTION 8

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

- a) 6-7 percent
- b) 20 percent
- c) 40 percent

## QUIZ ANSWER 8

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

Irvine, Angela, and Canfield, Aisha. "Reflections on New National Data on LGBQ/GNCT Youth In the Justice System." *LGBTQ Policy Journal at the Harvard Kennedy School*, Volume VII, 2016-17.

## QUIZ QUESTION 9

What percentage of *girls* in detention facilities nationally identifies as LGBQ/GNCT?

- a) 6-7 percent
- b) 20 percent
- c) 40 percent



## QUIZ ANSWER 9

c) 40% of girls in detention facilities nationally are lesbian, gay, bisexual, questioning, or gender nonconforming.

*Irvine, Angela, and Canfield, Aisha. "Reflections on New National Data on LGBTQ/GNCT Youth In the Justice System." LGBTQ Policy Journal at the Harvard Kennedy School, Volume VII, 2016-17.*

## QUIZ QUESTION 10

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

- a) True
- b) False



## QUIZ ANSWER 10

- a) False. 85% of LGBTQ and GNCT youth in detention facilities are youth of color.

*Irvine, Angela, and Canfield, Aisha.  
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LGBTQ/GNCT Youth In the Justice System."  
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School, Volume VII, 2016-17.*

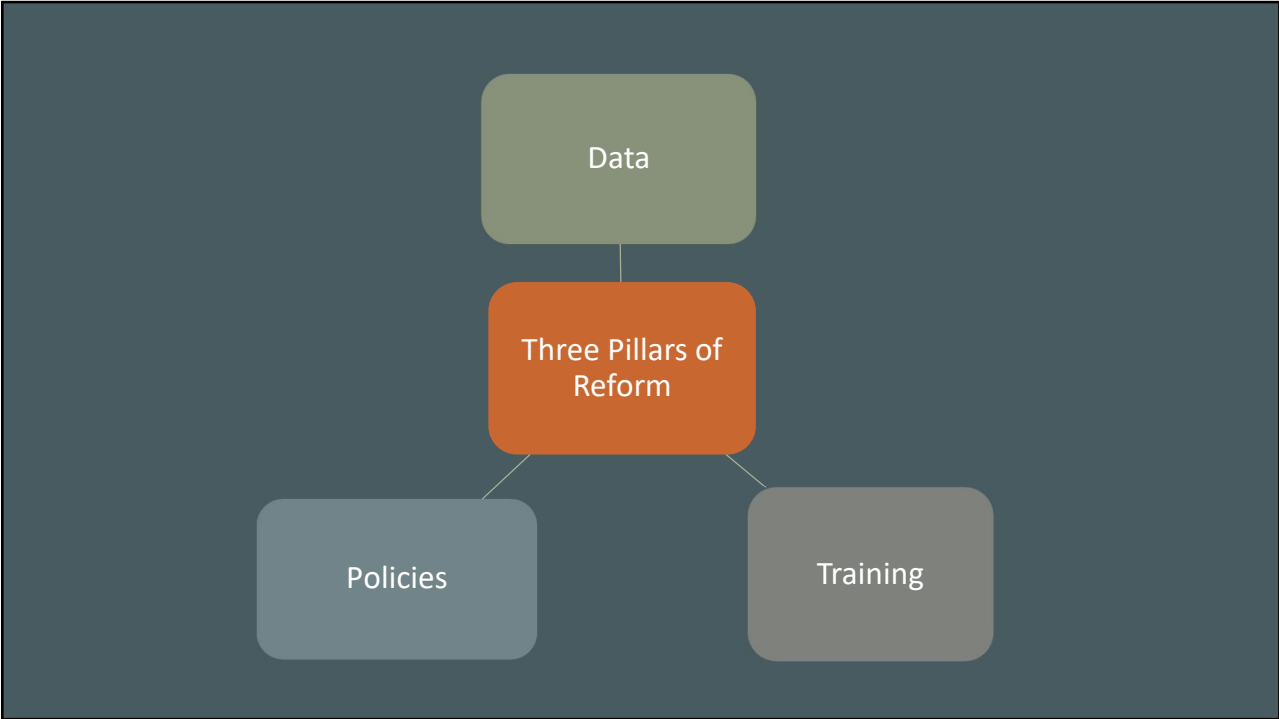


YOUTH IN STATE CARE

VICTIMIZED  
DISPLACED  
SEGREGATED  
PUNISHED  
CRIMINALIZED  
PATHOLOGIZED  
ISOLATED  
NOT RESPECTED

PUTTING IT INTO  
PRACTICE  
*(BREAKOUT CIRCLES)*

What are our  
commitments moving  
forward?



THANK YOU

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