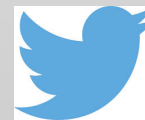

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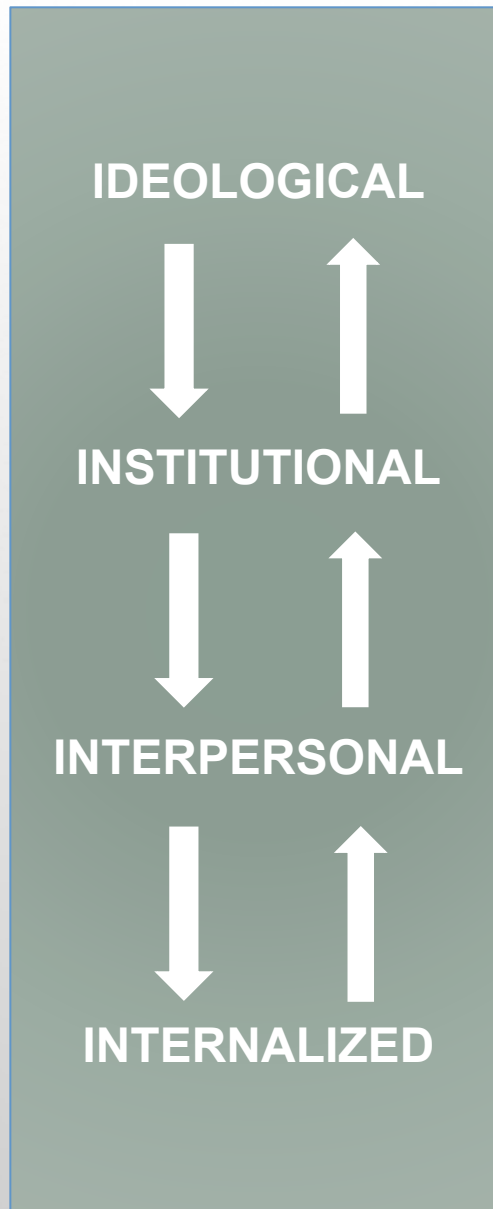
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OPPRESSION





***“I can’t say who I
am unless you
agree I’m real.”***

– Amiri Baraka



“

*How does it feel
to be
a problem?*”

– W.E.B. Du Bois



MULTI-LEVEL OPPRESSION & TRAUMA

ideological

- heterosexism & cisgenderism
- classism, racism, sexism

institutional

- ill-equipped systems
- inadequate resources

interpersonal

- family rejection
- community rejection

2014 LGBTQ HOMELESS YOUTH PROVIDER SURVEY

N=138 RHY providers

85% work with LGBTQ youth

**LGBTQ youth
overrepresented**

**Youth of color
overrepresented**

20% gay or lesbian

7% bisexual

2% questioning

3% transgender

31% A.A./Black

13% Latino(a)/Hispanic

**1% Native American or
Asian American**

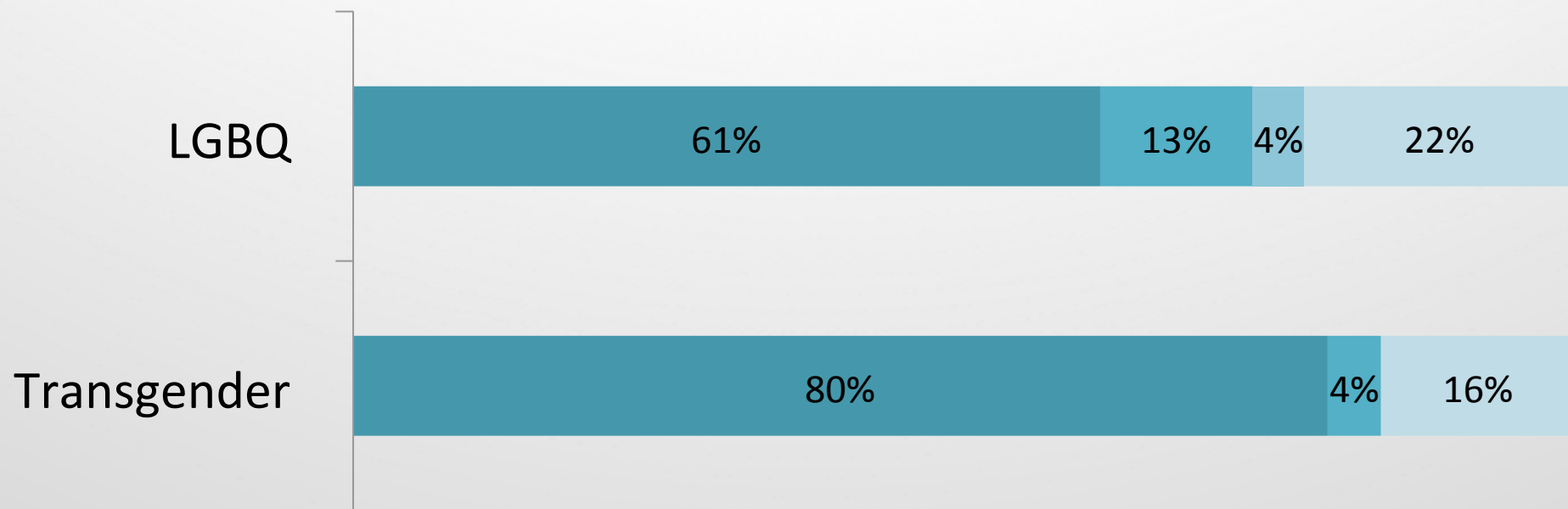


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DURATION OF HOMELESSNESS



■ longer periods of time
■ shorter periods of time

■ same periods of time
■ unsure



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PRIMARY REASONS FOR HOMELESSNESS

	<u>Trans</u>	<u>LGB</u>
Forced out by parents/ ran away (SOGIE)	67%	55%
Family issues	7%	16%
Family poverty/lack of affordable housing	5%	8%



REPORTED HISTORIES

	<u>Trans</u>	<u>LGB</u>
Harassment/bullying	90%	70%
Family rejection	90%	75%
Mental health issues	75%	65%
Physical, emotional, sexual abuse	75%	60%
Alcohol/substance abuse	40%	35%
Intimate partner violence	25%	10%
Foster care	24%	20%
Sexual exploitation/trafficking	20%	10%
Criminal justice system	20%	15%



EXAMPLE INCLUSION STATEMENT

We have many types of women here: women of different races, religions, sexual orientations, gender expressions, and gender identities.





ALL-GENDER RESTROOM



RESOURCES

- [Transitioning our shelters: A guide to making homeless shelters safe for transgender people](#)
 - [HUD guidance for appropriate placement of transgender people](#)
 - [True Colors Fund Inclusion Assessment Tool](#)
 - [Shelter for all genders: Best practices](#)
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- National Center for Transgender Equality
 - Transgender Law Center

