

The logo for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAHF) features the letters 'S', 'A', 'M', and 'F' in a stylized, bold font. The 'S' and 'F' are dark blue, while the 'A' and 'M' are red. The letters are closely spaced and have a slight shadow effect.

Southern Arizona **AIDS** Foundation

AN INTRODUCTION

WHO ARE WE?

Tucson AIDS Project (est. 1985)

Shanti Foundation (est. 1987)

People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (est. 1987)



Merged 1997 to become SAAF



Wingspan (est. 1988)

Acquired 2014 by SAAF



SAAF'S MISSION

To promote **health, well-being, and social justice** for those living with HIV, LGBTQ+ individuals, and communities **marginalized** by society.

AVP

ANTIVIOLENCE
PROJECT

SAAF
Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation

INTRODUCTION



ABOUT AVP

- The Anti-Violence Project (AVP) is a small grant-funded department at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. AVP was historically developed and run by Wingspan, which was acquired by SAAF in 2014.

Eligibility:

- Aged 18+
- Survivor identifies as LGBTQ+
- Currently is or has experienced domestic/partner violence, sexual assault, stalking, or hate crime violence.
- Family members/caregivers may be eligible for some services or referrals to help meet the needs of the primary client.



GRANT FUNDED??

Who Funds Us:

VOCA – Victims of Crime Act

Pima County Outside Agency

Pima County - Community Service Block Grant

Future Funding Applications:

Gov Stop - Governor's Office of Youth Faith and Family

DOJ/OVW - DOJ / Office of Violence Against Women

WHO ARE WE?

- The Anti-Violence Program (AVP) is tasked with serving Pima County / Tucson's LGBTQ+ community who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, hate crimes, and more.



Services Offered:

- Bilingual crisis line/support line
- Emergency shelter
- Safety planning
- Case management
- Transitional housing
- Transportation (bus passes, taxis, and relocation funds)
- Referrals
- Assistance navigating the judicial system
- Advocacy
- Community outreach and education
- Life skills training
- Support groups

AVP SUPPORT LINE

- The AVP support line is:
 - Open M-F 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 - The line is never outsourced
 - Callers can remain anonymous
 - All calls are confidential
 - The number is 1-800-553-9387
- Plans to staff the crisis line with 24/7 coverage beginning in November 2024



EMERGENCY SHELTER



- For those in high-risk situations.
- This is a short-term solution that allows individuals to stay in hotels while temporary housing is established.
- Emergency Shelter is based on funding availability and therefore is limited.
 - AVP is currently able to provide 4 days of emergency shelter based on need.

CASE MANAGEMENT

- Each client is assigned to a case manager who is tasked with helping the client meet their needs and assist with their goals in a supportive environment.
- Case managers can:
 - Assist with paperwork or contacts
 - Attend court hearings/civil matters with clients
 - Provide support
 - Make referrals based on client needs
 - And more!

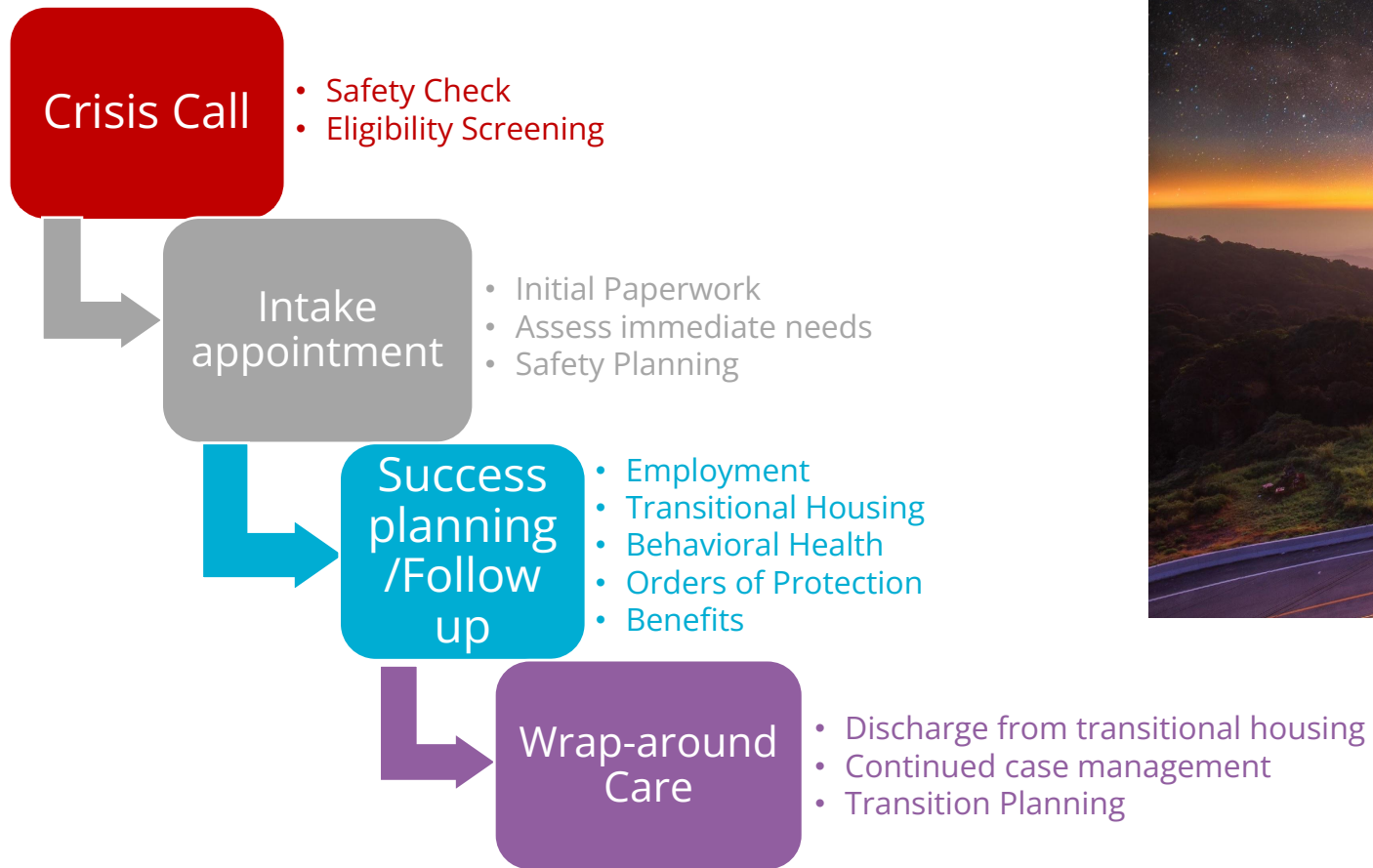


TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



- Transitional housing is only provided for those who are at risk of homelessness due to violence.
- When available, AVP can offer rent assistance for a limited number of months.
- All housing is on a case-by-case basis.
- Client's names are on the leases, never SAAF or AVP. SAAF works with landlords to redact names when needed for safety reasons.
- Transitional housing is based on funding availability and may be limited.

CONTINUUM OF CARE



DIFFERENCES REGARDING VIOLENCE FOR LGBTQ+ FOLKS

- Lack of visibility of LGBTQ+ individuals means that there are fewer role models for relationships.
- With little to no societal validation of LGBTQ+ people in a survivor's life, people may not even recognize that she/he is in a relationship, much less that abuse is happening.
- Many LGBTQ+ identified folks are not always "out" and often cannot turn to friends, family, faith community or employers for support.
- There is a greater likelihood of no arrest or dual arrest when calling the police and no restraining order or dual restraining orders given by judges.
- There are fewer resources available for LGBTQ+ survivors.
- There is a lack of screening to determine who the abuser is and who the survivor is by police, courts, support groups, shelters and other services.
- LGBTQ+ communities, and particularly transgender communities, are often small and closely connected.



LGBTQ+ STATS - 2017

“Equal or Higher” Standard – LGBTQ+ and Non-LGBTQ+ rates of DV

NCAVP collected data on the experience of 2144 LGBTQ+ and HIV-affected survivors from 14 local NCAVP member organizations in 11 states.

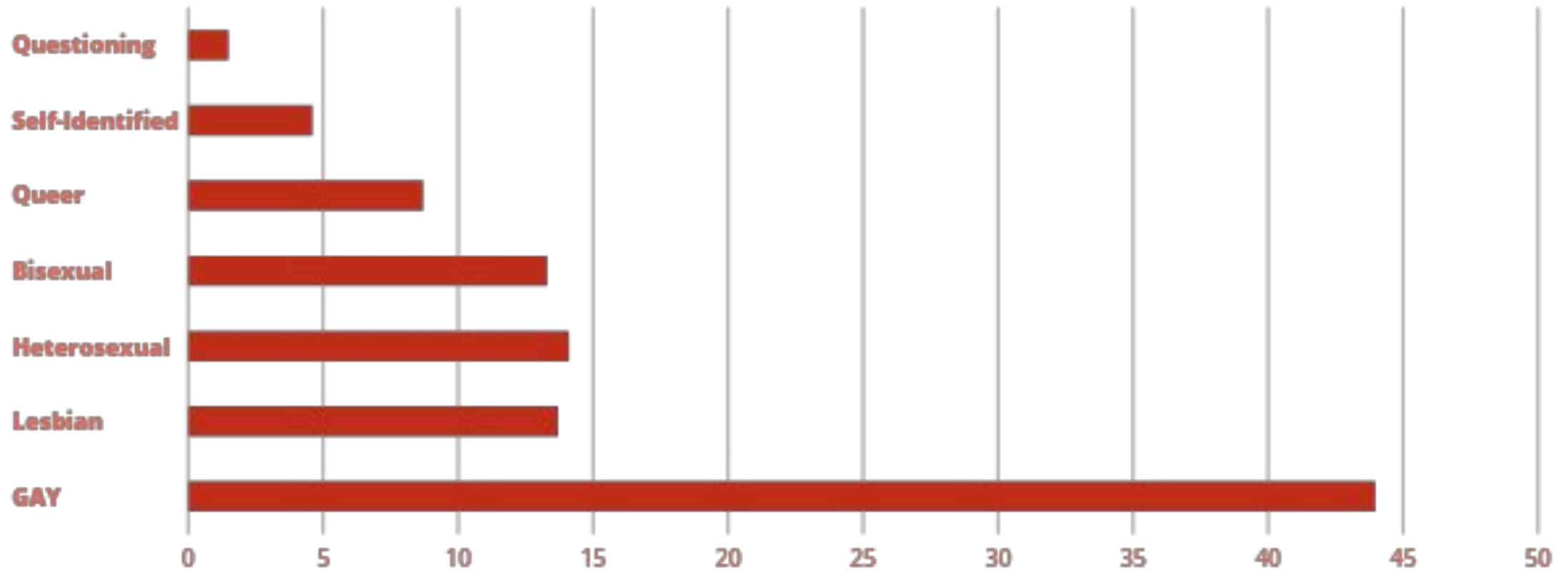
This report used a convenience sample of survivors who sought support from NCAVP member programs and information collected from public records.

Limitations: incarcerated individuals, rural communities, lack of knowledge, fear of reporting....

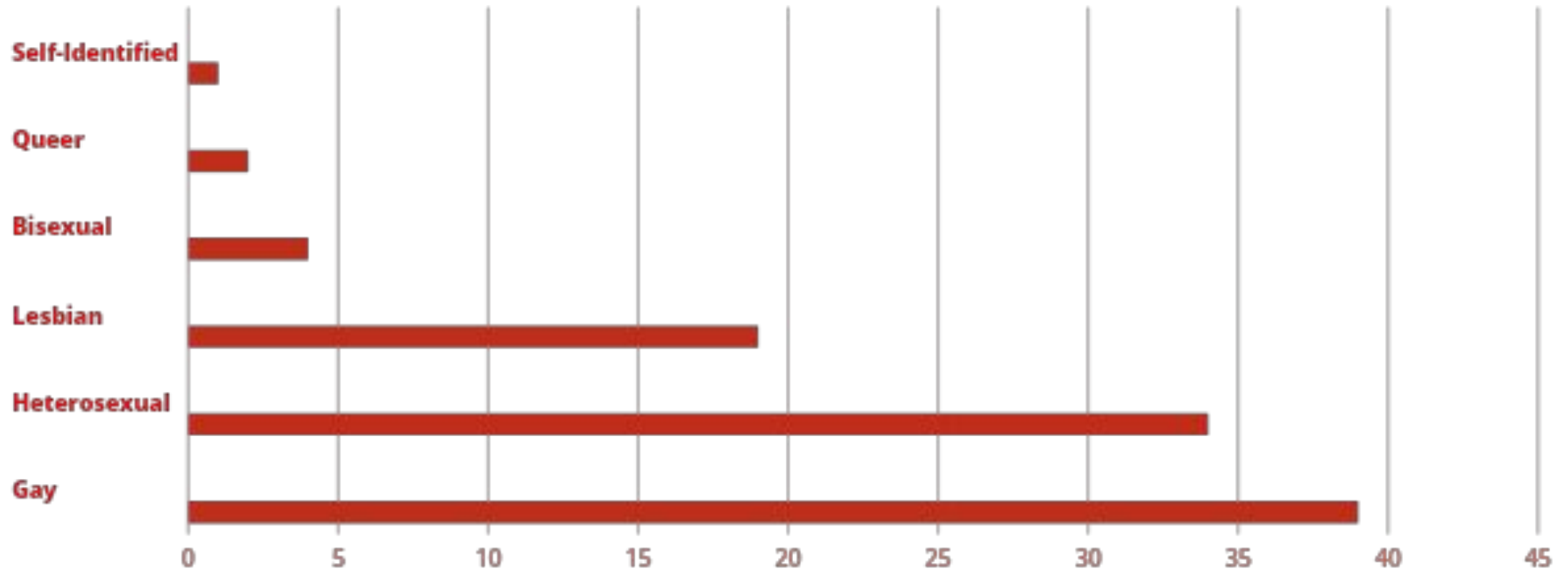
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2017 STATS BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION OF SURVIVORS

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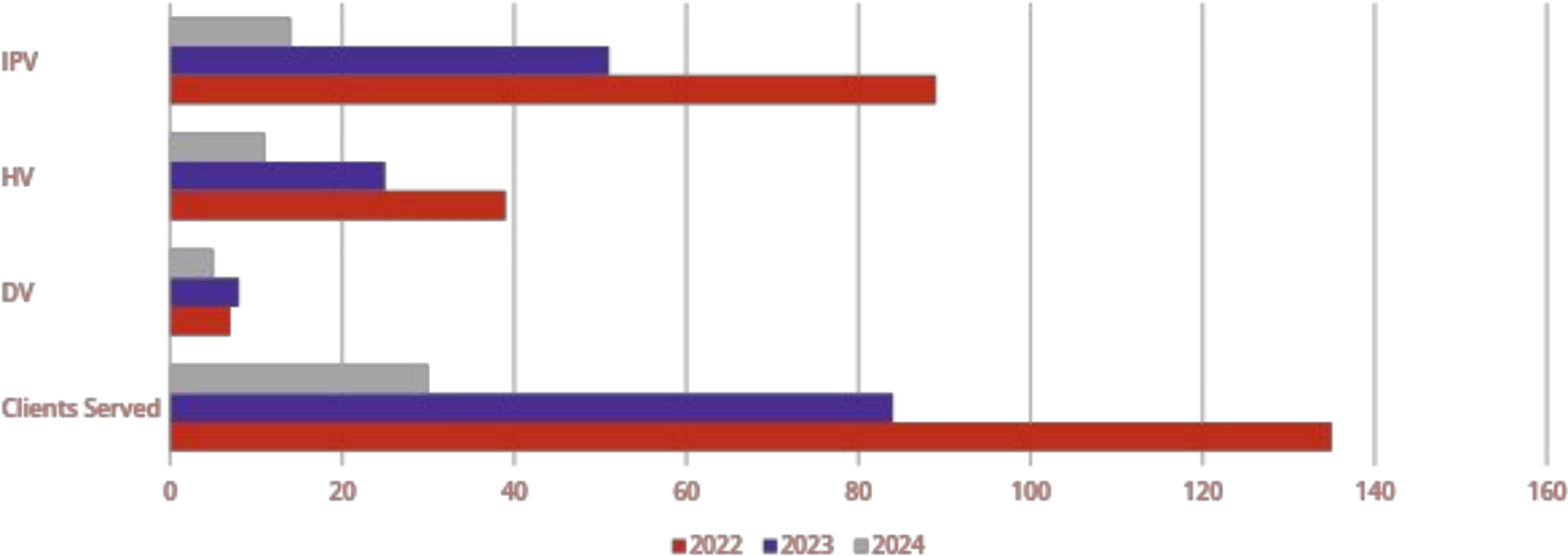


SEXUAL ORIENTATION OF ABUSER



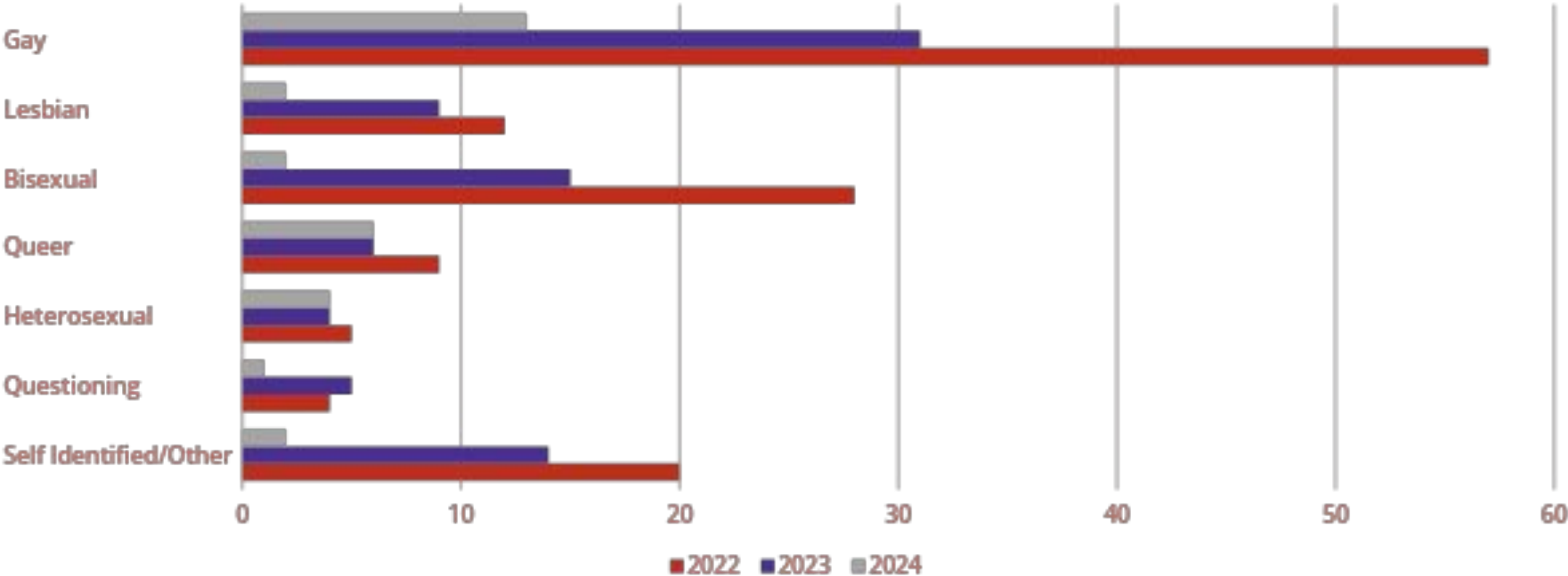
AVP CLIENTS SERVED 2022-2024

Reported Type of Violence



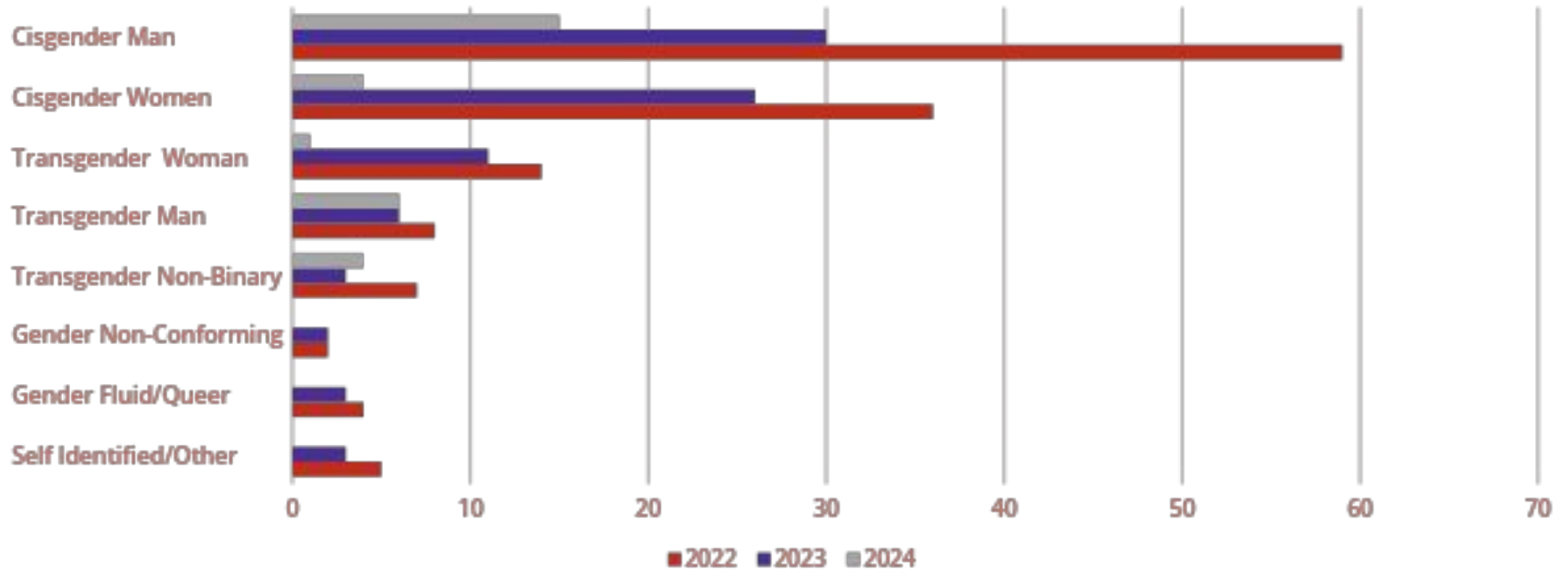
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Sexual Orientation



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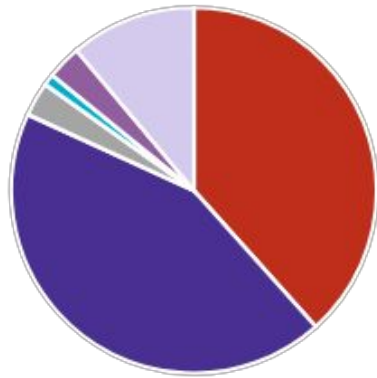
Gender Orientation



IVP SURVIVOR GENDER IDENTITY

CIS Women-38% CIS Men-43%
Trans Women-11% Trans Man-3%
Non-Binary-1% Other-3%

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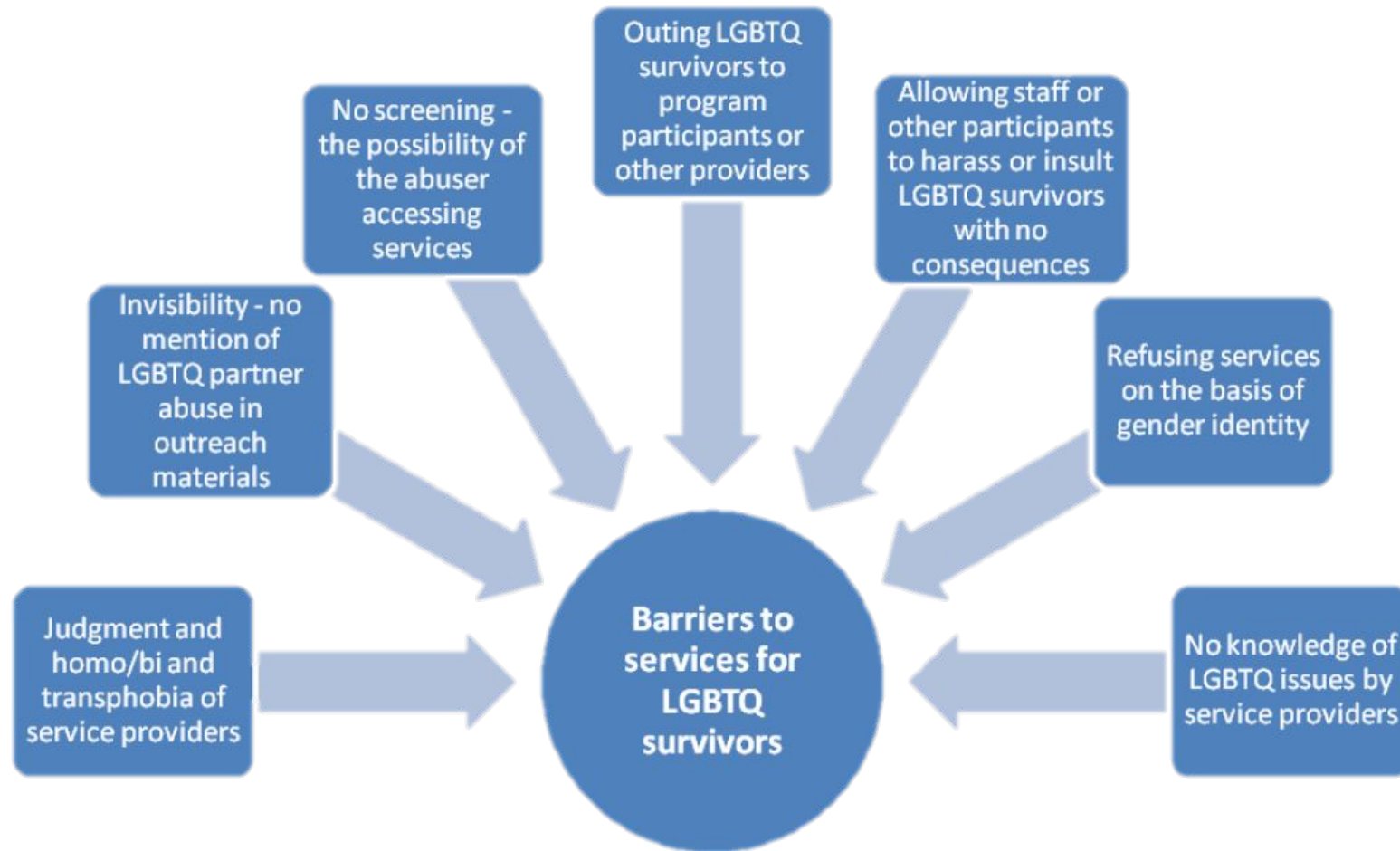


■ Cis Women
■ Cis Men
■ Other
■ Non-Binary
■ Trans Man
■ Trans Women

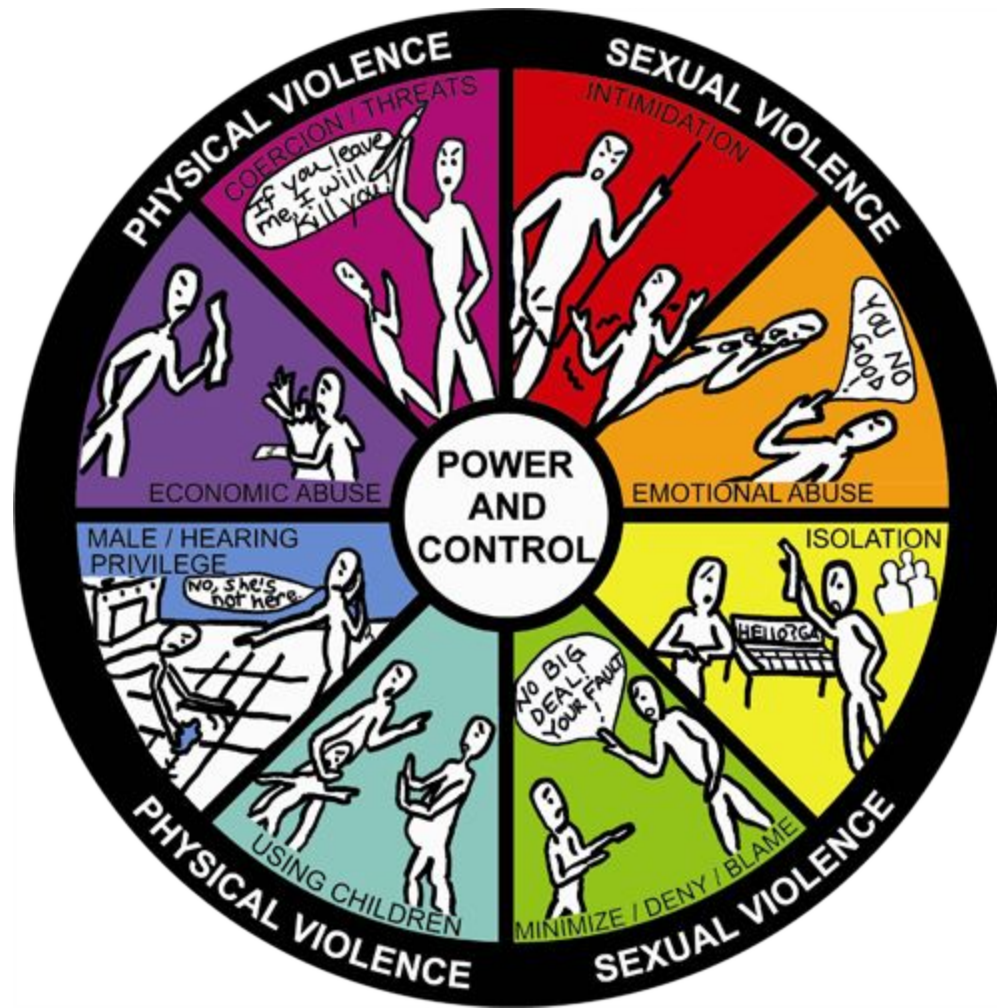
0.6% of the population identified as Trans
15% of DV survivors surveyed identified as Trans

- 70% of surveyed shelters would not house trans women with cis women
- 21% would refuse shelter all together

BARRIERS TO SERVICES FOR LGBTQ+ SURVIVORS



TYPES OF ABUSE



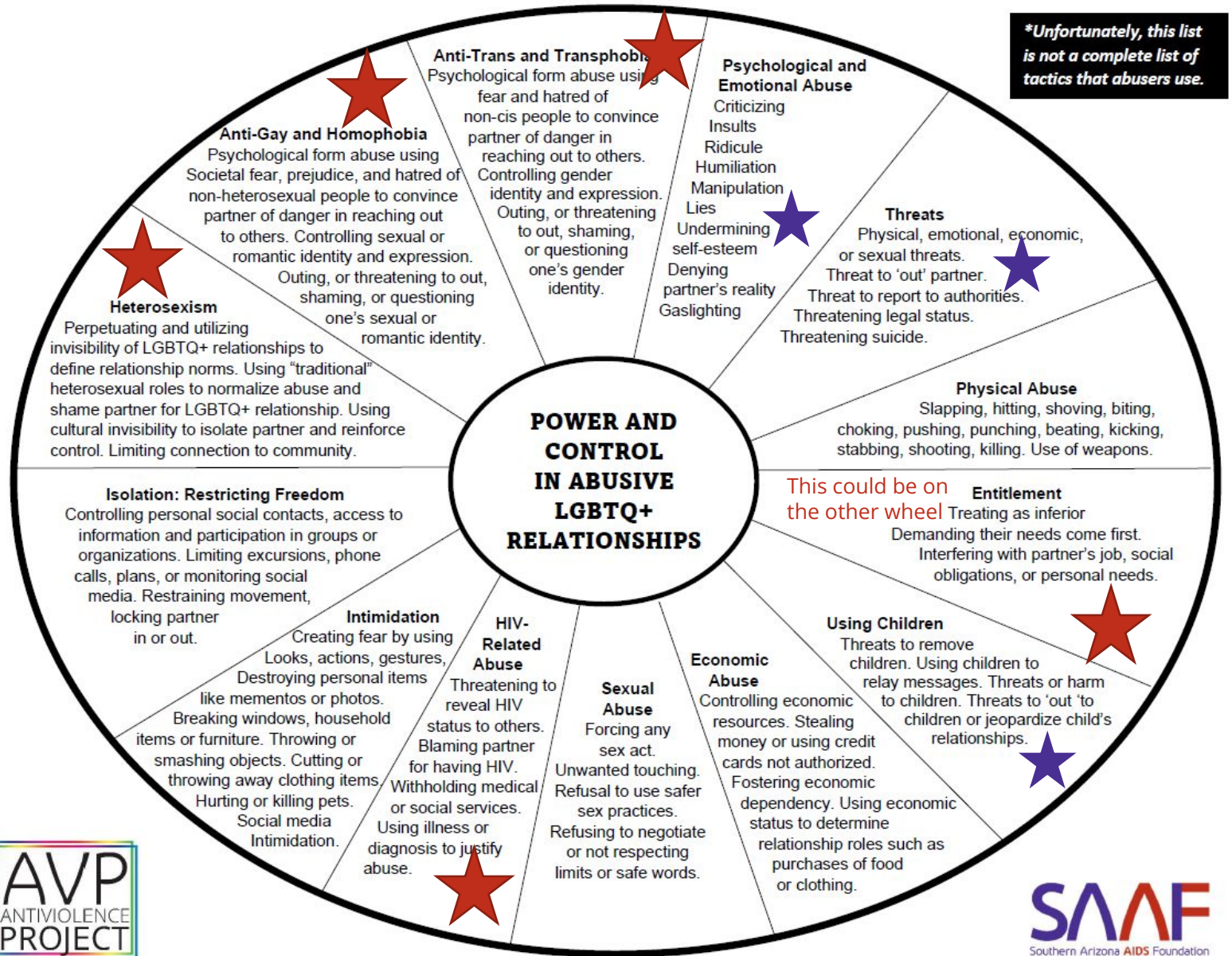
"Traditional" Power and Control Wheel

TYPES OF ABUSE

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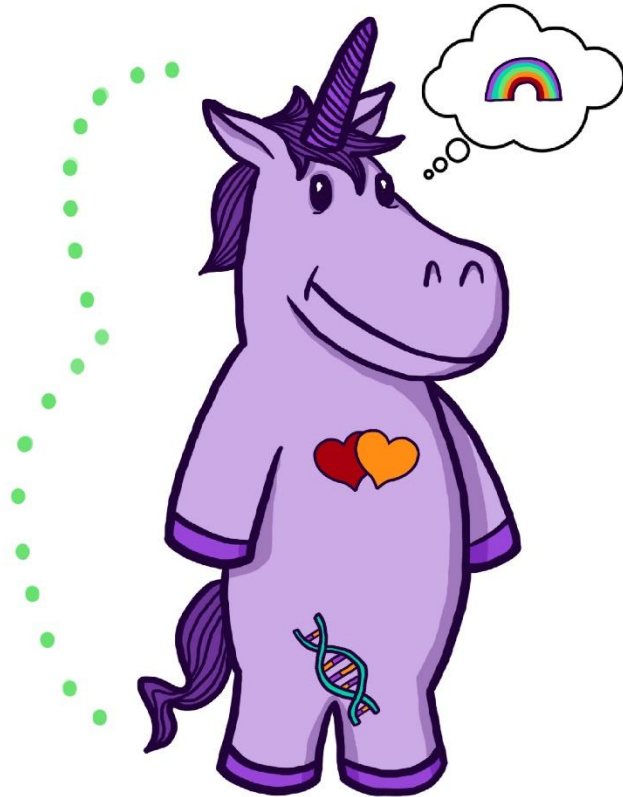
Which nuances are unique to LGBTQ+ Power and Control Wheel?

The basis for most LGBTQ+ abuse nuances is?
Using societal rejection or discrimination.



The Gender Unicorn

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Trans Student Educational Resources



To learn more, go to:
www.transstudent.org/gender

Design by Landyn Pan and Anna Moore

DEPARTMENTS OF SAAF / WHAT WE DO

- HIV Case Management
- Food for Life Meals – home delivered meals
- Housing - 5 properties owned by SAAF
- HIV Testing
- Safer Sex Supplies - condoms, lube, dental dams, internal condoms, etc.
- Needle Exchange
- PREP/PEP Counseling and Education and Treatment
- LGBTQ+ Outreach and Education (LGBTQ+101 / QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer))
- Youth Center and Programs & Education - Substance Misuse, Sexual Violence, Suicide Prevention, Sexual Health
- Psychosocial services – on site therapists
- Special Events – AIDSWALK, Out Brunch, Harvest, & more
- SAAF HEALTH CLINIC – Full Spectrum Primary Care , Medication Assistance for Substance Use Treatment, HEP C Treatment and Cure
- AVP - Anti-Violence Project!

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