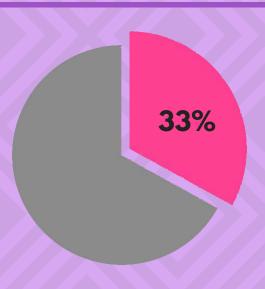
LGBTQ2S+

LGBTQ2S+ is an initialism that means lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and two-spirit. This term is used to describe all communities under this umbrella, which includes questioning, intersex, asexual, and aromantic communities.

In Canada:



Bisexual and trans people are over-represented among low-income Canadians.



33% of LGBT+ youth have attempted suicide in comparison to 7% of youth in general



20% of youth in the shelter system identify as LGBTQ2S, which is more than twice the rate for all age groups

confront your own

prejudices and

biases, even if it is

uncomfortable

Ways to be an ally:

genderqueer non-binary



learn the terms!

lesbian

transgender

agender bi-gender

questioning

gender variant

Speak up when you hear something offensive like "that's gay"

queer

pansexual

gay

intersex

asexual

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organizations

Rainbow Health Ontario • • • • (www.rainbowhealthontario.ca)

An Ontario-wide program working to improve access to services and promote the health of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer (LGBTQ) communities.

SOY offers programs and activities for LGBTQ youth aimed at building an inclusive, welcoming community. SOY programs include mentoring, housing, social activities & programs for specific youth populations, including newcomer, black queer, bisexual, homeless and street-involved, trans and youth of colour.

The 519 • • • •

(www.the519.org)

A City of Toronto agency with an innovative model of Service, Space and Leadership, we strive to make a real difference in people's lives, while working to promote inclusion, understanding and respect

LGBT Youth Line

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LGBT Youth Line is a Queer, Trans, Two-Spirit* youth-led organization that affirms and supports the experiences of youth (29 and under) across Ontario. They do this by providing anonymous peer support and referrals, training youth to provide support to other youth and providing resources so youth can make informed decisions.

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