SEXUAL VIOLENCE AMONG YOUTH IN NEW MEXICO





13.3% of high school girls and 4.9% of high school boys in New Mexico reported having been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to.

(source: 2019 NM YRRS)

Connection to a caring adult and affiliation with pro-social peers are shown to protect against the risk of sexual violence perpetration.





In New Mexico,
- 82.2% of high school students believe there
is an adult that cares about them
outside of their home or school

- 82.4% of high school students believe they have a friend who really cares about them.



The rate of sexual violence victimization among high school youth in New Mexico trended downward from 2007 to 2015. The rate has trended back up from 2015 to 2019.

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Children and adolescents who are members of marginalized communities are at increased risk for sexual violence victimization.

The percentage in each of these groups experiencing victimization in 2019 was:

EXPERIENCING HOUSING INSTABILITY



IDENTIFY AS LESBIAN, GAY, OR BISEXUAL



LIVING WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES



15%

22%

20.9%



FOREIGN-BORN



10.1%



AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE

8.6%

The ROOT CAUSE of sexual violence is OPPRESSION.

Sexual violence is a means by which people with more power HARM those with less power.

SOCIAL NORMS pertaining to power, privilege, secrecy, privacy, gender roles, gender expression, and other social determinants of health HELP PERPETUATE SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

(New Mexico – Sexual Violence Free, A Statewide Strategic Plan for the Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence, 2015-2020)

WHAT WORKS IN PREVENTION

Promote
Social Norms
that Protect
Against
Violence



Skills to Prevent Sexual

Teach

Sexual Violence



Support Victims/ Survivors to Lessen Harms STOP

Provide Opportunities

to Empower and Support Girls and

Create
Protective
Environments



(Basile, K. C., DeGue, S., Jones, K., Freire, K., Dills, J., Smith, S. G., & Raiford, J. L. (2016). STOP SV: A technical package to prevent sexual violence. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.)

During FY19, 7,163 students in six communities throughout New Mexico completed multi-session education programs that aimed to change norms around sexual violence. In 10/11 programs, youth showed significant decreases in attitudes that are shown to be risk factors for sexual violence perpetration.



In 4 of 9 counties where educational prevention programming took place, rates of forced sex among young people dropped between 2005-2019.

15.8%

10.3%

9.4%

10.3%

8.9%

10.4%

3.7%

2005

Valencia

Hidalgo

San Juan

Doña Ana

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