

# LGBTQ+ YOUTH

## IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM



30.4% of youth in the foster system identify as LGBTQ+ and 5% as trans, compared to 11.2% and 1.17% of youth not in the foster system.



44% of LGBTQ+ youth in state custody report they were removed, ran away, or were thrown out of their home for reasons directly related to their identity.

LGBTQ+ youth may face rejection or abandonment by family members due to their sexual orientation or gender identity, which also can lead to homelessness.



LGBTQ+ youth experience higher rates of childhood maltreatment, interpersonal violence, and traumatic experiences than non-LGBTQ+ youth, and as much as 57% of trans youth report family rejection.



### HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Statistics show that LGBTQ+ youth are at higher risk of being removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. CASA advocates provide crucial support and advocacy, ensuring these youth receive safe, affirming placements and necessary services. CASA aims to create a community where every child can thrive. By becoming a CASA advocate, you help at-risk youth find the support they need.

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