

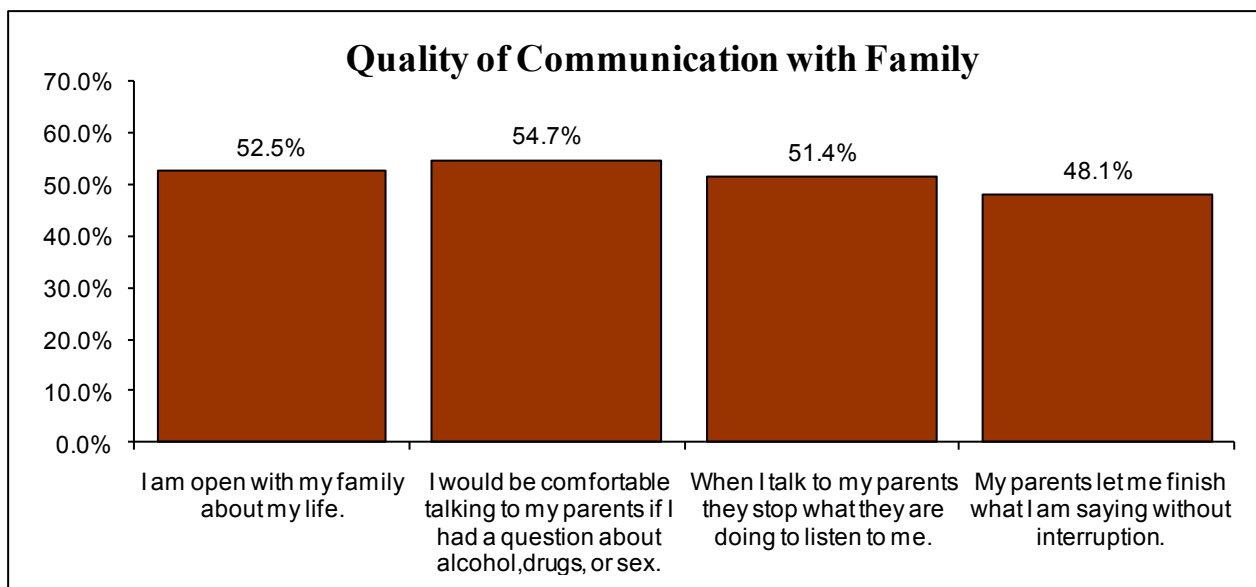
**Research Brief Series III: Social Support of LGBTQQ Individuals in AZ**

**Brief A: LGBTQQ Adolescents & Young Adults in the Eon Project**

The [University of AZ-Southwest Institute for Research on Women’s \(UA-SIROW\) Eon Project](#) was an early intervention that addressed substance use; HIV and STD prevention; identity; sexuality; and discrimination and harassment; and provided assistance in the development of resiliency and life skills. There were 181 adolescents and young adults enrolled in the Eon Project who self-identified as LGBTQQ and provided the following data.

Closeness and Interaction with Family	
Family members feel very close to each other.	68.0%
Family members like to spend free time with each other.	63.5%
Family members ask each other for help.	69.6%

- Over 60.0% of the youth had these types of positive family relationships.
- Half (50.3%) of the youth had families that fit all 3 descriptions (i.e., close families who interacted with and relied on each other).
- A substantial percentage (17.7%) of the youth had families that did *not* fit any of the 3 descriptions.



- About half (52.5%, 54.7%) of the youth had relationships with their families and parents such that they could talk with them about potentially difficult topics.
- About half (51.4%, 48.1%) of the youth felt that their parents were open to listening to them.
- A substantial percentage of the youth had communication with their families that fit all 4 descriptions (22.2%), and a substantial percentage of the youth had communication with their families that fit 3 of the 4 descriptions (22.2%).
- A substantial percentage (21.6%) of the youth had communication with their families that did *not* fit any of the 4 descriptions.

<b>Out to Family</b>	75.1%
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The majority of the youth had told their families about their sexual orientation.

Korchmaros, J. D., & Stevens, S. (2010, September). Social support of LGBTQQ individuals in AZ: LGBTQQ adolescents & young adults in the Eon Project (Research Brief No. III.A). Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, [Southwest Institute for Research on Women](#). Data from this project is not representative of all LGBTQQ adolescents and young adults in AZ.

For more information about the [Eon Project \(Eon: Capacity Enhancement to Improve and Integrate Culturally Relevant Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS Services\)](#), please see <http://sirow.arizona.edu/work/projects/view?id=15> or contact Sally Stevens, PhD at [sstevens@email.arizona.edu](mailto:sstevens@email.arizona.edu). The [Eon Project](#) was supported by grant H79 T115863 from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration–CSAT (2003-2008).