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

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Family members feel very close to each other.</td>
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<td>Family members like to spend free time with each other.</td>
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<td>Family members ask each other for help.</td>
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- 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.

### Quality of Communication with Family

- 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.

### Out to Family

75.1% The majority of the youth had told their families about their sexual orientation.


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](http://sirow.arizona.edu/work/projects/view?id=15) or contact Sally Stevens, PhD at sstevens@email.arizona.edu. The Eon Project was supported by grant H79TI15863 from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration–CSAT (2003-2008).