The University of AZ-Southwest Institute for Research on Women’s (UA-SIROW) iTEAM Project (Treatment Empowerment for Adolescents on the Move) was a systems approach to drug/alcohol and mental health treatment for homeless LGBTQQ young individuals and their straight allies. There were 182 adolescents and young adults enrolled in the iTEAM Project who self-identified as LGBTQQ and who reported information regarding harassment and abuse.

- Most (86.8%) of these young people had been attacked or abused.
- Many (32.4%) had been attacked or abused in the past 90 days.
- A significant percentage (9.9%) had been attacked or abused during more than 5 of the past 90 days.

The majority (65.4%) of these young people have been emotionally abused, about half (48%) have been physically abused, 40% have been attacked with a weapon, and 34% have been sexually abused at some point in their lives.

Most of those who experienced physical or sexual abuse or who were attacked with a weapon also experienced at least one of the other types of abuse at some point in their lives. Among the 65% who experienced emotional abuse, there was less overlap—13% of the 65% reported not experiencing any of the other types of abuse.

Four in five (83.5%) of these young people experienced at least one type of abuse at some point in their lives. Six in ten (63.2%) experienced multiple types of abuse during their lifetime, with two in ten (20.9%) experiencing all four types of harassment or abuse.

The rates of victimization within this group of young people are high.


Data from this project is not representative of all LGBTQQ adolescents and young adults in AZ.

For more information about the iTEAM Project (iTEAM: Treatment Empowerment for Adolescents on the Move), please see http://sirow.arizona.edu/substanceabuse or contact Sally Stevens, PhD at sstevens@email.arizona.edu. The iTEAM Project was supported by grant H79 T1012367 from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration–CSAT (2009-2015).