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**1. Plan of action
designed to achieve
a particular goal.**

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR BLACK GAY YOUTH IN AMERICA

National Youth Needs Assessment

FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

(Jan/Feb/March 2012)

Report presented by: Youth Pride Services

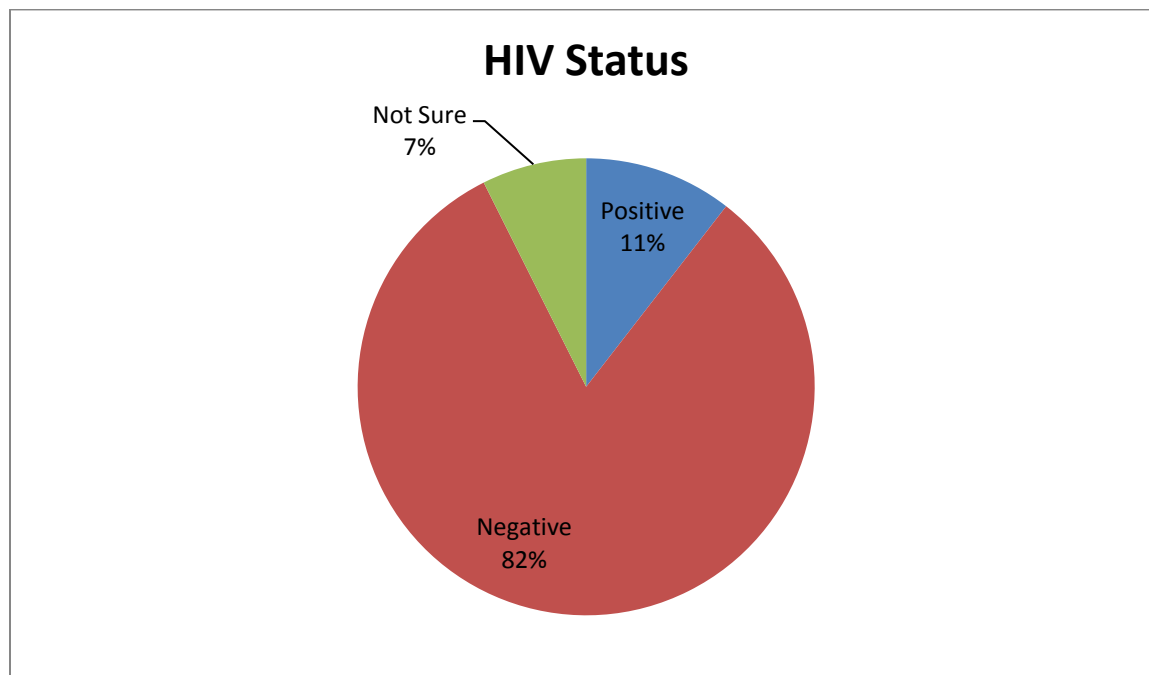
Special thanks to national partners: GLAAD, Advocates For Youth, Campus Pride and the 51 LGBT youth programs and Black Prides across the country distributing the needs assessment.

As of April 31, 2012, 578 black gay youth, under the age of 25, from across the United States have taken the national needs assessment via survey monkey, through our partner organizations on the national level and through our local community centers and programs that serve black gay youth.

This publication is simply designed to give a snapshot of data collected as we head towards our goal of 2,500 youth completing the needs assessment by the end of 2012, detailing what it is like to grow up black and gay in America. All questions from the survey are not in this publication; however they will be included in the final, detailed, state by state report and national report.

The National Strategy will also be presented at several national conferences including the Allied Media Conference in Detroit, MI, the Gay men's Health Summit in Washington, D.C. and the National LGBT Health Equity Summit in Kansas City, MO

Brief summary

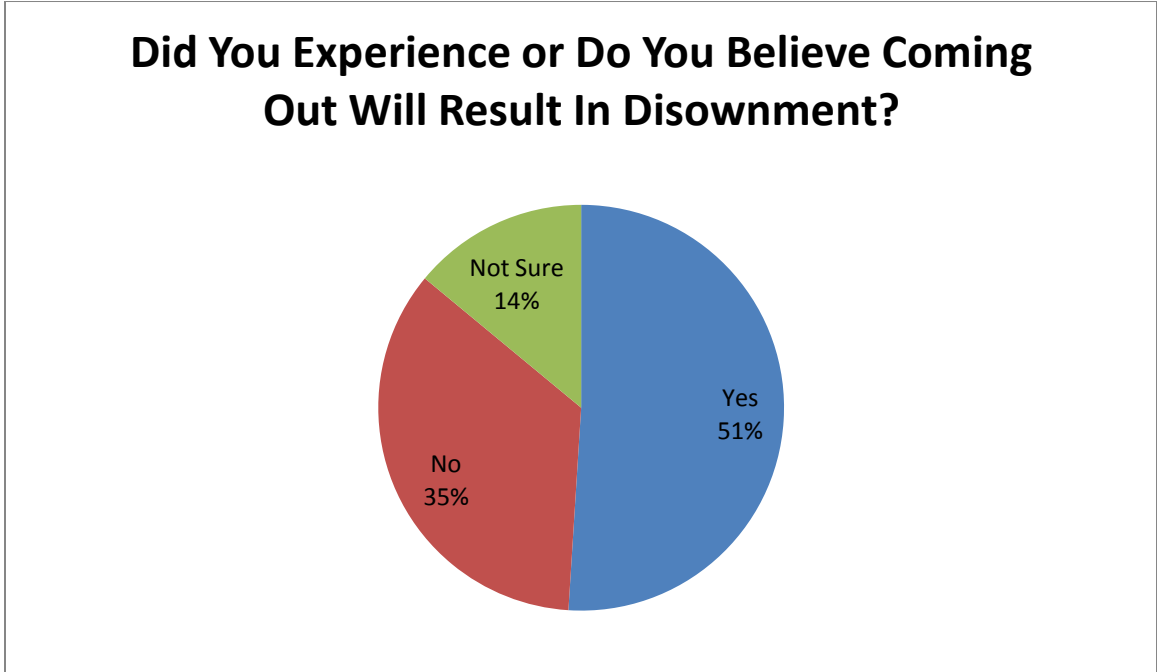
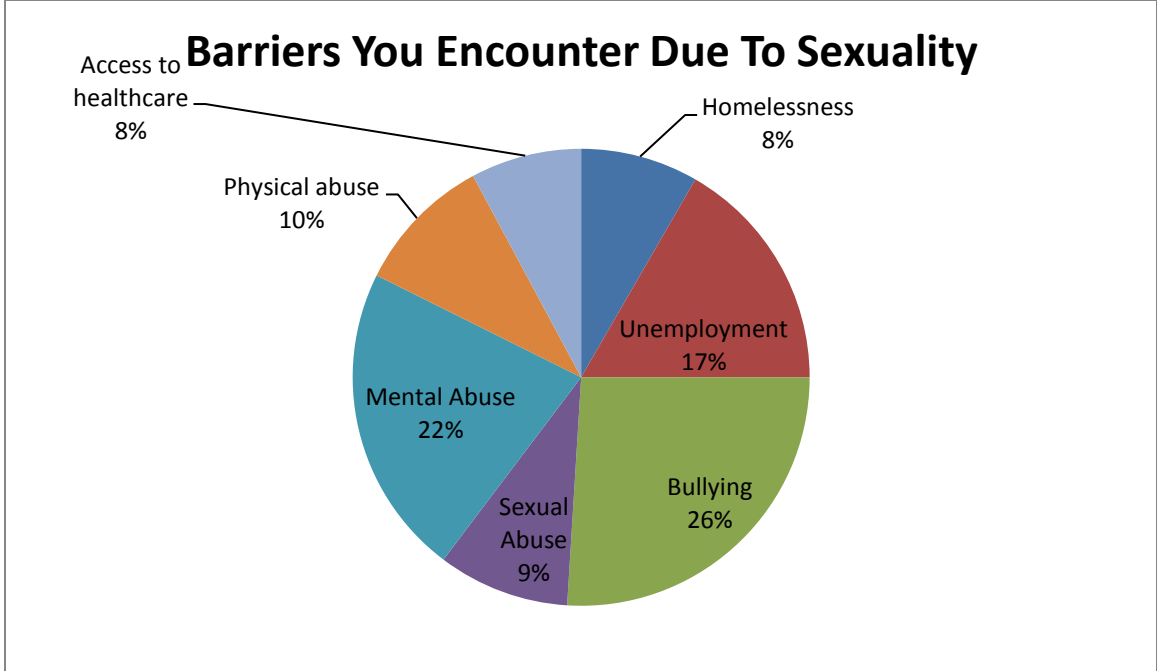


AVERAGE AGE:

The average age of respondents to the survey was 19.6, with the youngest of the 578 being 12 and the oldest selecting an age of 25.

The majority of respondents took the survey at a local youth center who signed on to support the project (65%) with the remaining taking the survey online.

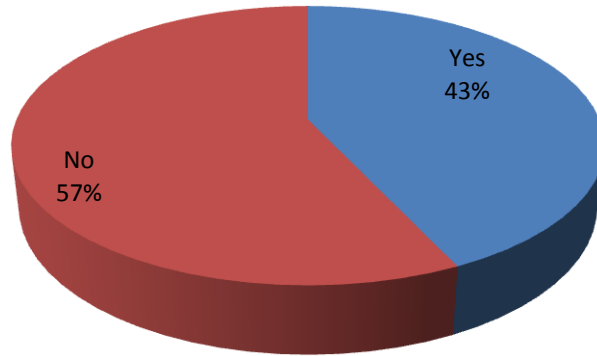
All respondents entered contact info to start the needs assessments. This will be used for additional assessments for black lesbians, bisexual and transgendered youth.



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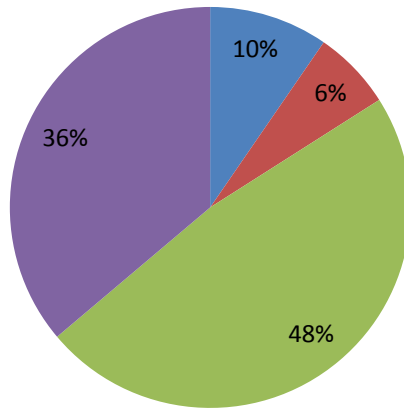
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Have You Ever Thought of Or Attempted Suicide Due To Issues Surrounding Your Sexuality?



Do You Get Tested For STD's Other Than HIV?

■ Never, Only HIV ■ Every Month ■ Every 3 Months ■ Twice A Year



Most questions on the survey provided fixed answers, however there were a few questions that allowed youth to enter data/answers themselves:

WHAT THINGS WOULD MAKE YOUR LIFE BEARABLE AS A BLACK GAY YOUTH LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

Acceptance	90% of respondents listed this item
Love/Respect	70%
Financial Security	70%
EMPLOYMENT	60%
MORE SOCIAL SERVICES	60%
YOUTH EVENTS (FOR UNDER 21)	50%
GAY RIGHTS	45%
RACE RELATED ISSUES	40%

**There were 22 categories listed by youth who took the survey. All 22 categories will be listed in the full report – overall, and state by state.*

STATES REPRESENTED IN THE SURVEY – FIRST QUARTER

Alabama
Arizona
California
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maryland
Michigan
Mississippi
Missouri
Nevada
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia
Washington, D.C.
Wisconsin

** The final report will break down data per state, as well as list participating cities.*