LGBTQI
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Vision
- Health care providers who:
  - Know about transgender and alternative lifestyles
  - Can talk about sexual health and HIV
  - Respect confidentiality
  - Know all problems not related to being gay
  - Acknowledge violence from inside and outside gay community
- Exercise and health are integrated into the community
- LGBTQI are accepted and shown in media

Issues
- Gatekeepers- too many hoops to get meaningful level of support and services
- Stigma around being gay and HIV positive
- Stigma and lack of support for transgender community, especially by employers
- Racism and homophobia, from providers and other people within and outside of the gay community

Priorities
- Sensitivity training/support for transgender community
- Cultural competency for mental health and health providers
- Barriers to health services by providers and bureaucracy who act as "gatekeepers"

Strengths
- Good network of holistic providers
- Opportunity and more visibility on a national level. Better recognition.
- Transgender services are available/in place (but are not used)
- YMSM drop in centers and support groups
- Strong Native American community here. Two Spirit
- Open minded youth. Gay Straight Alliances.
- “Family” support, i.e., support by those in the community. Sidekick