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## BARRIERS TO SERVICES FOR LGBT SURVIVORS AND ABUSIVE PARTNERS

Barriers can relate to perceptions about or the actual practices of service providers.

Lack of knowledge of LGBT issues by service providers

Invisibility - no mention of LGBT partner abuse in outreach materials

Judgement and homo/bi/transphobia of service providers

Use of non-inclusive, heteronormative language and practices

"Outing" LGBT survivors/abusive partners to other program participants or providers

Allowing staff or other clients to harass LGBT survivors/abusive partners with no consequences

Refusing services on the basis of gender identity

**Unsafe practices -- survivors and abusive** partners in the same program

Inconsistent organizational responses to disclosures by LGBT survivors

Lack of programs that specialize in IPV services for LGBT survivors and abusive partners

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