Acceptance by Peers Reduced Risk of Suicide Attempts among API LGBTQ Youth, Report Finds

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Acceptance by friends may help reduce suicide attempts among Asian Pacific Islander (API) LGBTQ youth. That is according to new research [2] from The Trevor Project, which surveyed LGBTQ youth ages 13 to 24 in 2018. The survey found API youth were less likely to share their LGBTQ identity with their parents than non-API youth, but they were just as likely to share it with their friends. High levels of acceptance by friends reduced their risk of attempting suicide by half. Groups and individuals in a position to support API LGBTQ youth should know how much their acceptance means, said Amy Green, director of research at The Trevor Project. In its next survey, the organization hopes to include a larger number of respondents in order to look at differences within the larger API population.

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