

KEY TERMS

TO HELP YOU BETTER
UNDERSTAND AND NAVIGATE



American Indian/Alaska Native Youth

American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people under the age of 25 who are an enrolled citizen/member of a Tribal Nation or a descendant. This toolkit will interchangeably use American Indian/Alaska Native along with Native American, Indigenous, and Native for the dual purpose of recognizing and deferring to a Tribal Nation's right to determine who is/is not a member and being as inclusive as possible.

Inclusion

The practice of actively acknowledging, respecting, and honoring Two-Spirit and Native LGBTQIA+ life experiences and perspectives.

Two-Spirit:

Defining Two-Spirit is a challenge because the words carry multifaceted meanings in different AI/AN communities. For the purpose of this toolkit, we use the definition of the Two-Spirit Society of Denver: Two-Spirit refers to a gender role believed to be common among most, if not all, AI/AN communities and nations, one that had a proper and accepted place within our societies. This acceptance was rooted in the traditional teachings that say all life is sacred. Within a traditional setting, Two-Spirit is a Tribal Nation-specific understanding of gender, and not a sexual orientation. The term was established in 1990 to organize Native LGBTQIA+ relatives and directly challenge colonial kinship systems imposed on Indigenous peoples.

LGBTQIA+

An acronym used to build community among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual people. These individual terms are further defined in the "Terms and Definitions" document (Appendix A).

Settler Colonialism

A generational form of systemic oppression and discrimination rooted in the colonization of the original peoples of a territory. Settler colonialism is still being practiced today by the dominant society and through institutional racism.

Systemic Change

An organized effort across people, organizations, and institutions to challenge discriminatory practices and build more inclusion and equity for all

2SLGBTQ RESOURCES

DOCUMENTARIES

There's Heart Here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zX0tl8_hA&t=2s

Decolonize Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r70wZlnXQ8&t=1s>

Fire Song

https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/fire_song

Queer Kid Stuff YouTube Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCecsvOejcsXbAra7SI4mOPw>

PODCASTS:

All My Relations

Gender Reveal

SOCIAL MEDIA

@keinfoshop

TEXT MESSAGE SERVICES

Ally Text Campaign:

Text ALLY to 97779

2SLGBTQ Text Campaign:

Text @2SLGBTQ to 97779

TRAININGS & MATERIALS

MONTANA TWO SPIRIT SOCIETY

<https://www.mttwospirit.org/>

AORTA

<https://aorta.coop/peter-dakota/>

INDIGENIZING+LOVE TOOLKIT

<https://www.westernstatescenter.org/indigenizinglove>

FAMILY ACCEPTANCE PROJECT

<https://familyproject.sfsu.edu/training>

TRIBAL EQUITY TOOLKIT

<https://graduate.lclark.edu/live/files/12737-tribal-equity-toolkit>

TERMINOLOGY

INDIGENOUS TWO-SPIRIT TERMS

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issue/s/lgbtq-rights/news/2016/10/17/143403/two-spiritnative-american-lgbt-people/>

PFLAG GLOSSARY OF TERMS

<https://pflag.org/glossary>

PRINT MATERIALS

NPaiHB 2SLGBTQ MATERIALS

Corn Pins, Pronoun Buttons

Email: Morgan Thomas at mthomas@npaihb.org

TRANS STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

<https://www.transstudent.org/>

We R Native - LBGTQ LOVED & ACCEPTED

<https://www.wernative.org/gear/free-stuff>

NATIVE YOUTH SEXUAL HEALTH NETWORK

<https://www.nativeyouthsexualhealth.com/>

