

Contextual effects on sexually and gender diverse youth's school outcomes and health

This project is divided into two parts. The first part focuses on the school context and school-related outcomes in secondary and vocational education. More specifically, this part of the project aims to answer how different characteristics of the school context affect sexual orientation and gender identity-based disparities in school outcomes. Examples of such school characteristics are the school's policies and practices focused on creating an inclusive school climate for sexually and gender diverse students. Examples of student outcomes are bullying victimization and feelings of unsafety.

The second part of this project focuses on the role of one's immediate friendship network and both school and health-related outcomes. More specifically, does the friendship network of sexually and gender diverse youth affect disparities in health and school outcomes? Examples of relevant characteristics of a network are the quality of the relationship with others and closeness with one's friends. Examples of health outcomes are substance use and mental health. Together, this project aims to examine how sexually and gender diverse youth's social environment affect school outcomes and health.

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