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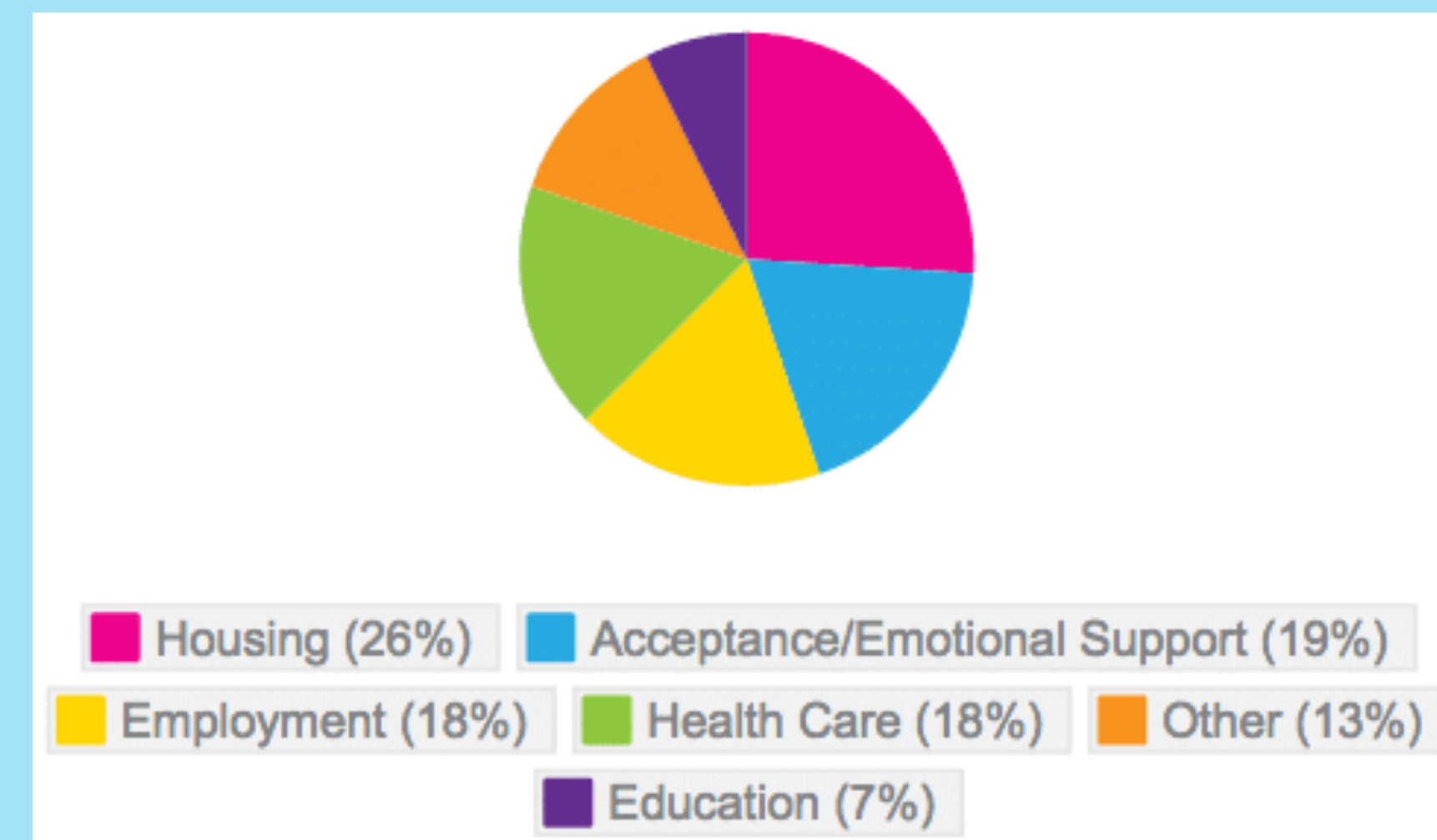
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Abstract

In the United States, homosexual students face an increased rate of hardships that contribute to becoming homeless more often than their heterosexual counterparts which starts their disadvantages in society. These disadvantages include the lack of access to education, counseling, and of course a set home. LGBTQ students are at higher suicide rates, dropout rates, and less successful compared to heterosexuals which is all compared with the fact that they were homeless at one point in their life. The best way to battle this stigma against homosexuals would be to help spread awareness of the situation and from there begin to set up ways to decrease the percentage because when you are aware of something you can begin to create solutions.



Common Needs of LGBTQ Youth

Conclusion & Discussion

So what can be done? Research suggests that support in all format's matters. Higher perceived family, workplace, and friendship support reduces psychological distress in LGBTQ people. Evidence suggests that a supportive school environment with clear anti-LGBTQ bullying rules and supportive educators reduces bullying. Further, in states in which there are clear LGBTQ anti-discrimination and anti-hate crime laws, LGBTQ people display lower levels of psychiatric disorders than do LGBTQ people in states without such protection. Finally, laws that provide equal rights for LGBTQ people would improve mental health. If I were to continue my research, I would like to compare the five best and worst states to be LGBTQ and figure out if it is politically led or morally.

Key Points

- Lack of representation in education.
- Lack of access to counseling, which contributes to the increase rate of homelessness.
- Overall awareness and acceptance in the world.
- How you can make a difference.
- The history of the community.

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