

ASSESSING AWARENESS OF GENDER DYSPHORIA AND GENDER AFFIRMATION CARE IN WEST VIRGINIA

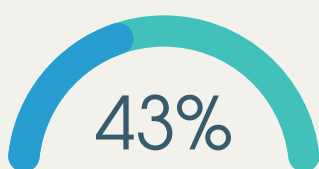
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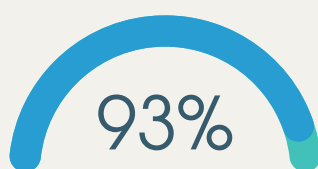
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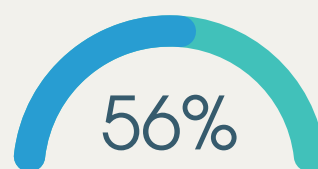
The aim of the study was to determine awareness, attitudes, interest, and access to care in regards to transgender and gender-diverse individuals in rural locations through the WVPBRN's CORE Survey (67 respondents).



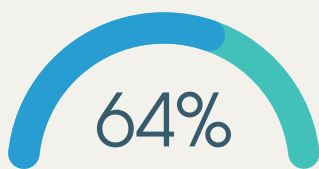
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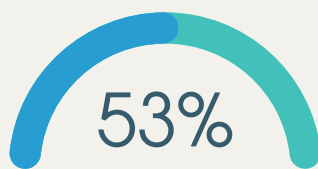
OF SURVEYED PROVIDERS ONLY SOMETIMES OR RARELY ENCOUNTER PATIENTS WITH GENDER DYSPHORIA



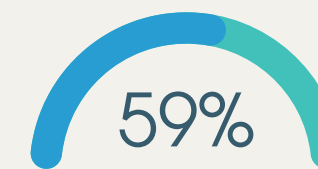
OF SURVEYED PROVIDERS ARE WILLING TO DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON TRANSGENDER HEALTH RESOURCES IF GIVEN THE RESOURCES



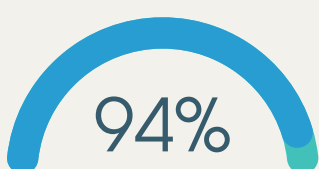
OF SURVEYED PROVIDERS DO NOT FEEL COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF GENDER DYSPHORIA



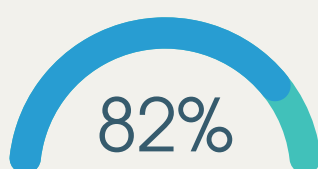
OF SURVEYED PROVIDERS ARE UNCOMFORTABLE REFERRING PATIENTS FOR GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE



OF SURVEYED PROVIDERS ARE UNAWARE OF SURGICAL OPTIONS



OF SURVEYED PROVIDERS ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SURGERY



OF SURVEYED PROVIDERS ARE UNAWARE OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY CLINICS FOR GENDER DYSPHORIA IN WEST VIRGINIA



OF SURVEYED PROVIDERS ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WORLD PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSGENDER HEALTH

The survey findings suggest:

- Most PCPs in WV have little exposure to gender dysphoria
- Providers remain unfamiliar with the management of gender-affirming care
- Our survey shows there is a need for education on :
 - Current guidelines
 - Existing resources such as multidisciplinary clinics
 - Treatment options
 - Insurance coverage