

PERCEPTIONS OF 2SLGBTQ+ SERVICES AMONG QUEER SOUTH ASIAN WOMEN

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KEY FINDINGS

AWARENESS VS. ACCESS

Despite 81% of respondents being aware of 2SLGBTQ+ services, **only 39% of respondents accessed them.**

BARRIERS TO ACCESSING SERVICES

The **top 5 barriers perceived and/or experienced** by participants to accessing services included:

52%: A lack of culturally sensitive services

45%: Distance

35%: Affordability

23%: Racism

19%: Lack of confidentiality and/or anonymity

NUMBER OF SERVICES

64% of respondents did not believe there were enough services dedicated to the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

RESPONDENT VOICES

“I would like to see more queer spaces that are culturally diverse. Lots of places right now are very white. As a South Asian woman, our culture and relationship to our families are very different compared to white folks. A lot of the time I feel like I struggle to relate in common spaces or am given advice that isn't really applicable to my life.” [R31]

“I believe that queer spaces should also be built in a way that includes discussion/accommodation of the intersection between anti-2SLGBTQ+ hate and racism.” [R26]

RECOMMENDATIONS

AN INTERSECTIONAL LENS

Use an intersectional lens in service delivery to provide accessible & equitable services.

CULTURAL SENSITIVITY

Adopt culturally sensitive training models integrated in delivery approach, mission, & values.

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