Sign Here: Best Practices for Protecting LGBTQIA Youth Research Participants

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Key Findings

- Two-Thirds of those interviewed expressed concern for outing youths to potentially unsupportive and inflexible parents.
- One-Third believed in the competency of the youth themselves.
- One-Quarter believed autonomy should be granted to adolescents.
- Almost half had methodological concerns.

We used QDA Miner Lite to code our interview data.

Overview

This project examined views on IRBs requiring parental consent to participate in research studies for adolescents who are members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Conceptual Framework

This research is paramount, along with other analyses regarding consent for adolescents to participate in research when they are a member of the LGBTQ+ community.

Impact/Conclusions

To best protect LGBTQ+ youth who participate in research studies, IRBs should waive the parental consent requirement.