Parents as HIV/STI Prevention Agents for Gay, Bisexual, Queer Adolescent Sons: Exploring the Facilitators and Barriers to Parent-Child Sex Communication

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Main Finding

When it comes to parent-child sex communication (PCSC) between sexual minority youth, specifically gay, bisexual, and queer (GBQ) cis-gender males, and their cis-gender heterosexual parents/guardians, there are barriers and facilitators that both groups experience that hinder or promote a sex-positive conversation, respectively. These reported barriers and facilitators would reduce or increase the potential for a conversation related to sex education between both parties.
Intro:
- HIV among GBQ cis-gender males
- Parent-child sex communication (PCSC)
- Bronfenbrenner’s Bioecological Theory of Development

Methods:
- Sample and data collection
- Secondary analysis of one-on-one in-depth interviews
  - Codebook development
  - Addressing discrepancies
  - Software utilization
## Results:

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<th>Parent Barriers</th>
<th>Child Barriers</th>
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<td>Communication comfort - (22.7%)</td>
<td>Child communication - (25.9%)</td>
<td>Parent communication style - (18.4%)</td>
<td>Supportive parenting style - (7.4%)</td>
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<td>Other - (6.5%)</td>
<td>Child informal social influence - (3.6%)</td>
<td>Child’s acceptance - (13.8%)</td>
<td>Family acceptance - (6.5%)</td>
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<td>Communication skills - (6.5%)</td>
<td>Fear of rejection - (2.8%)</td>
<td>Safety/safe sex practices - (9.7%)</td>
<td>Child communication style - (3.7%)</td>
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<td>Knowledge about LGBTQ issues - (4.5%)</td>
<td>Other - (2.8%)</td>
<td>Other - (9.2%)</td>
<td>Sex positive parents - (3.2%)</td>
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<td>Knowledge about sex topics - (4.5%)</td>
<td>Knowledge of LGBTQ issues - (1.6%)</td>
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<td>Other - (0/9%)</td>
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