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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:

<b>Parent Barriers</b>	<b>Child Barriers</b>	<b>Parent Facilitators</b>	<b>Child Facilitators</b>
Communication comfort - (22.7%)	Child communication - (25.9%)	Parent communication style - (18.4%)	Supportive parenting style - (7.4%)
Other - (6.5%)	Child informal social influence - (3.6%)	Child's acceptance - (13.8%)	Family acceptance - (6.5%)
Communication skills - (6.5%)	Fear of rejection - (2.8%)	Safety/safe sex practices - (9.7%)	Child communication style - (3.7%)
Knowledge about LGBTQ issues - (4.5%)	Other - (2.8%)	Other - (9.2%)	Sex positive parents - (3.2%)
Knowledge about sex topics - (4.5%)	Knowledge of LGBTQ issues - (1.6%)	Knowledge of LGBTQ issues - (8.3%)	Other - (0/9%)

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