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A new study shows LGBTQ youth living in the south face greater threats to their mental health than those in other parts of the country. The report by the nonprofit Trevor Project finds LGBTQ young people in the region are 9% more likely to have attempted suicide in the past year, while nearly half reported that their community was somewhat or very unaccepting. Dr. Myeshia Price, senior research scientist at the Trevor Project, says feelings of acceptance directly correlate to better mental health outcomes.

News01                      0:22                      "... or gender identity."

The report shows transgender and non binary youth in the south have lower rates of people in their life respecting their preferred pronouns. Despite the less-than-ideal statistics, Price says it only takes one person to make a difference in the life of an LGBTQ youth.

News02                      0:21                      "...just one person."

The survey recorded results from over 12-thousand LGBTQ young people living in the south over the past year. If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health, you can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

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LGBTQ young people living in the south are nearly 10% more likely to have attempted suicide in the past year compared to those living in other parts of the country. That's according to a new report from the nonprofit Trevor Project, drawn from survey results of over 12-thousand youth living in the south. Dr. Myeshia Price, senior research scientist at the Trevor Project, says her group has noticed the mental health impact from anti-trans legislation passed in the region.

News03                      0:25                      "...supporting these things."

Earlier this year Arkansas passed a law restricting usage of trans youths' preferred pronouns in school, as well as a law banning transgender girls from playing school sports corresponding to their gender identity. Price says the overall message from the report is that LGBTQ young people say they have better mental health outcomes when they feel more accepted by their communities.

News04                      0:22                      "...a better way."

The report shows transgender and non binary youth in the south report lower rates of having their pronouns accepted, and that those whose pronouns were accepted were less likely to attempt suicide. If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health, you can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.