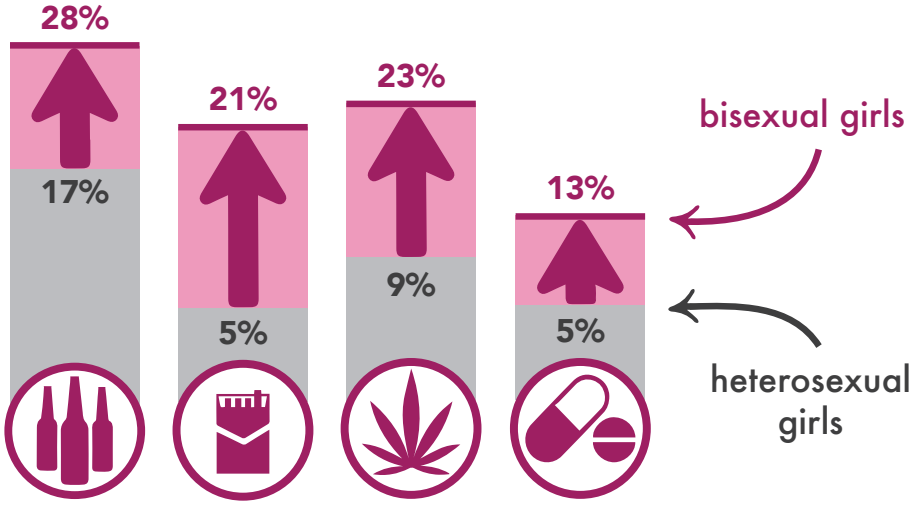
About **1 IN 12** Minnesota 9th and 11th grade girls identifies as bisexual

Bisexual girls in Minnesota are at risk for increased substance use.

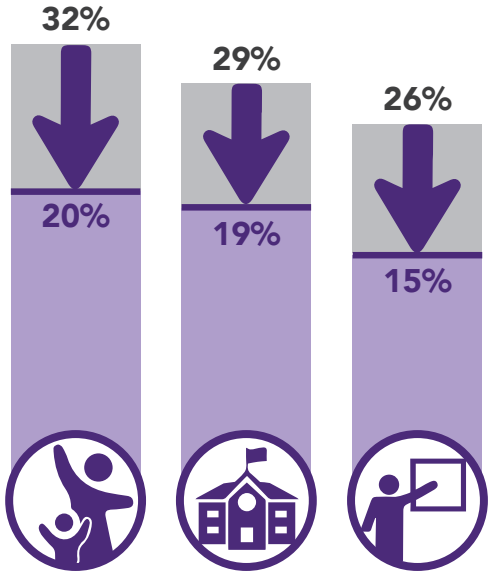
Bisexual girls
are much more likely to
USE ALCOHOL, CIGARETTES, & MARIJUANA, AND TO MISUSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
than heterosexual girls.



But there are ways you can help!

bisexual girls' marijuana use WITHOUT protective factors

bisexual girls' marijuana use WITH protective factors



However, bisexual girls are much less likely to engage in harmful behaviors like
SMOKING MARIJUANA
if they also have certain protective factors in their lives, like
CARING PARENTS, INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (excluding sports), & CARING TEACHERS.*

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All data from the 2016 Minnesota Student Survey. Substance use and sexual identity questions were asked of 9th and 11th graders. Substance use is any use in the past month.

*Data includes students responding that they think their parents or teachers care about them *quite a bit* or *very much*. "Involvement in school activities" is participation in non-sport groups, such as drama, music, or science clubs, 1 or more days a week.

For more information on substance use in Minnesota, visit sumn.org. Find more reports on LGBTQ Minnesotans on the Publications page, by demographic.

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