





This graphic is meant to depict some of those considerations, and barriers that a survivor may be worried about when making the decision to seek services.

There are so many considerations running through a queer or trans survivor's head when deciding whether or not to seek services at their local domestic violence service agency.

This list is not exhaustive. The purple bricks are meant to represent that many other barriers and unknowns that we cannot hope to fully depict in one graphic. Think back to the previous section on - there are other barriers related to other identities a survivor holds that may be running through their head during their consideration process.

It is easy to ask, "If they're experiencing domestic violence, why don't they come get help? That's what we're here for!" without considering the ways that systems have failed queer and trans communities in the past, and have made them weary of social services.

This graphic may have brought up questions, or brought to light new areas for training for your staff on reducing barriers for queer and trans survivors. We welcome you to reach out to the Training Program at NCCADV for further knowledge and skill building.

Knowing some of these considerations and barriers can help service providers to create proactive dialogue with survivors during an intake process, to assure them of the measures the agency is taking to ensure these harms do not occur.