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CONSTITUENCY SURVEY REPORT

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METHODS

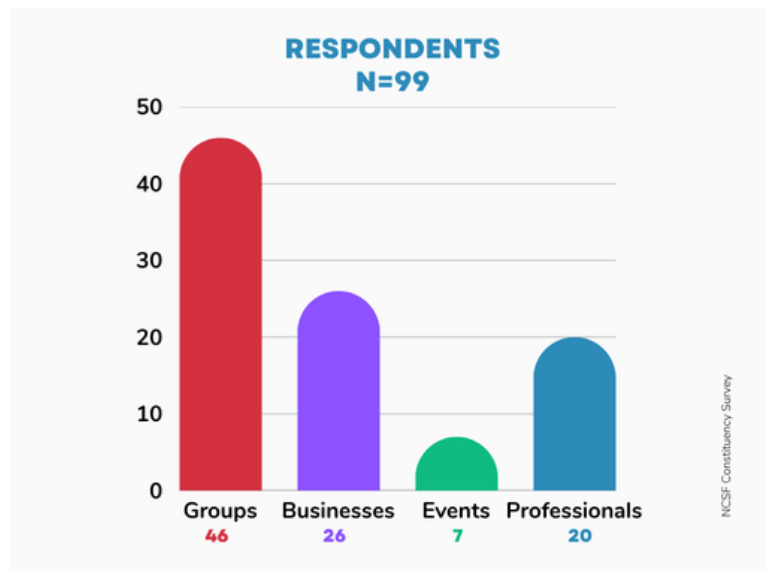
The Constituency Survey (2025), was conducted by the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom to determine the needs of our constituents. We sought responses from events, groups, businesses and professionals who currently serve the kink and/or non-monogamy communities for a community-needs assessment.

In response to the Survey results, NCSF staff have instituted changes to address the needs of our constituency. This includes a series of promotional infographics to inform our constituents of our resources. As a grassroots advocacy organization and charitable foundation, NCSF is directly responsible to our constituent communities.

The Constituency Survey was posted on the NCSF website throughout 2025. The survey was advertised to NCSF member groups, businesses and professionals (n=166) and broadcast to NCSF's Announcement list (n=7,853). The survey was also posted on NCSF's social media accounts: Facebook and Instagram.

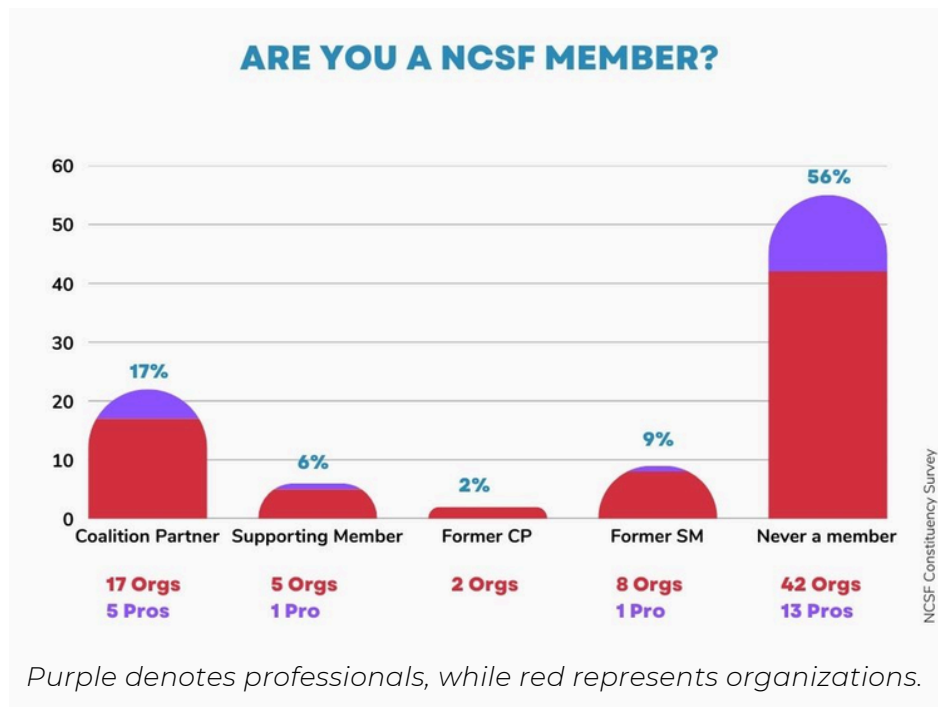
Respondents are:

- 44 groups
- 26 businesses
- 7 events
- 20 professionals

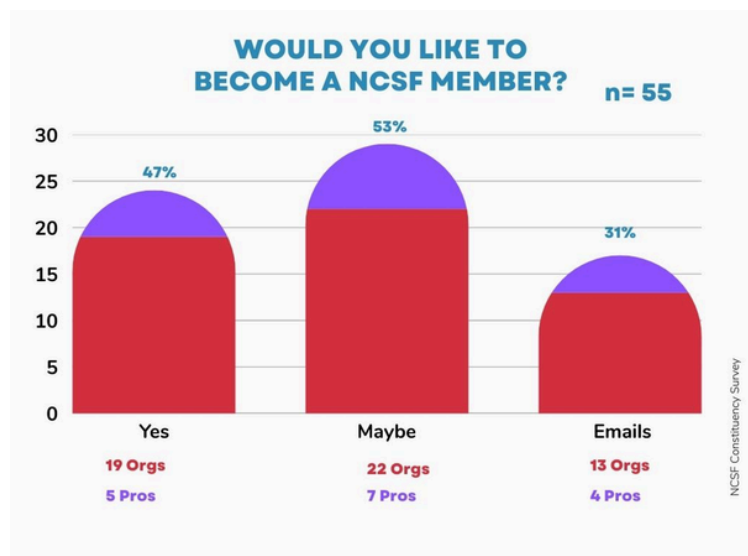


MEMBERSHIP

It's important to note that a lot of non-members are using NCSF resources and consider themselves our constituency even though they aren't members. More than half of our responses were from those who have never been members.



Nearly one-third of the respondents who have never been an NCSF member (n=17) offered their email and asked to join, without us asking for any contact information.



QUOTES ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

NCSF MEMBERSHIP

"I was never a member, I'm relatively new to hosting events & was not particularly aware of this org"

"I'm financially unable at this time."

"We have no budget."

"Our financial situation changed, and we cannot afford this at this time. We hope to be able to do so again in the future!"

"I have limited income"

NCSF doesn't restrict our membership to only those who can pay the fee. We regularly waive the membership fee on request by our member groups.

"Knowing that you have a company that can provide event insurance is a game-changer for me. I would love if the NCSF could make their activities more common knowledge (I know this is difficult). However, I've had people who are actively studying things that fit into the mission of NCSF who haven't heard of the organization."

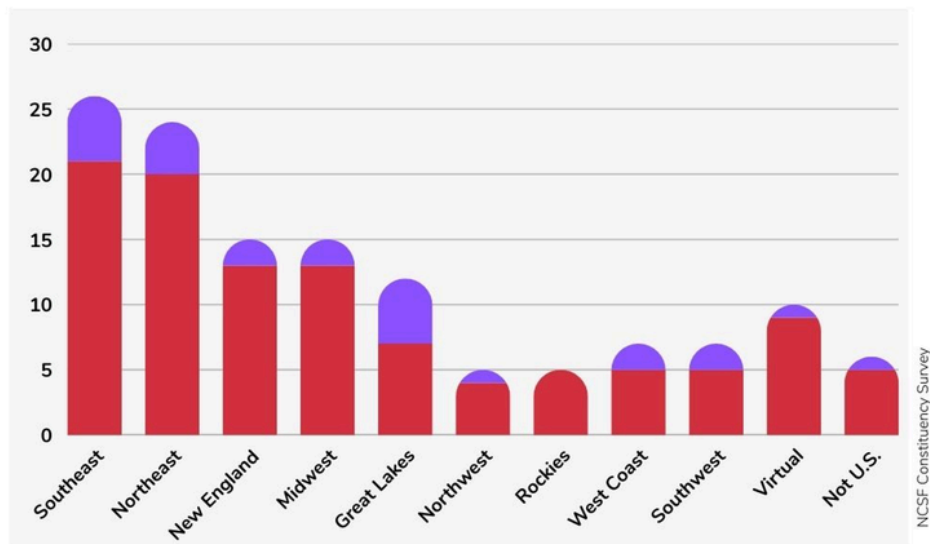
"We're impressed by the work you're doing and we support that and give our Community your website and resources often."

"Thank you for the work you are doing to support and strengthen our communities."

WHO DO YOU SERVE?

Almost half of the respondents are in the Southeast and Northeast. 10% of respondents are Virtual, which sometimes serve an International audience. 6% are not in the U.S.

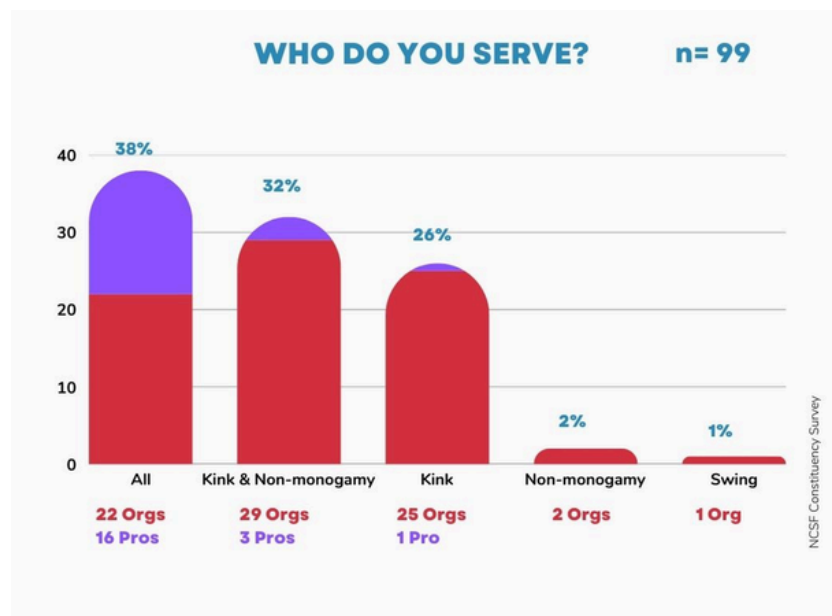
WHAT REGION DO YOU SERVE?



Over half of the organizations (54%) serve the Kink communities, with 29% serving both the Kink and Non-monogamy communities.

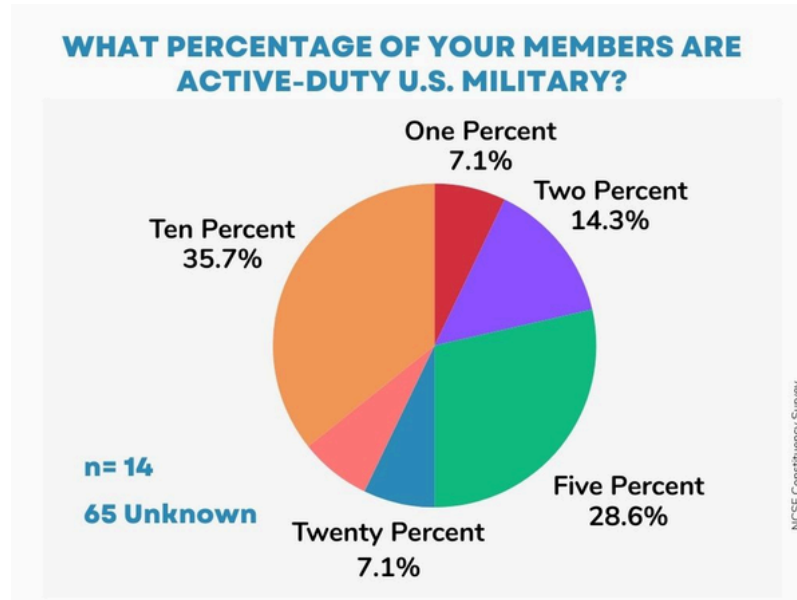
Most of the Professionals and 22% of the organizations serve all of the Alt-Sex communities, including the Swing lifestyle.

Only 1 organization is exclusively devoted to the Swing lifestyle, and 2 groups are devoted solely to Polyamory.

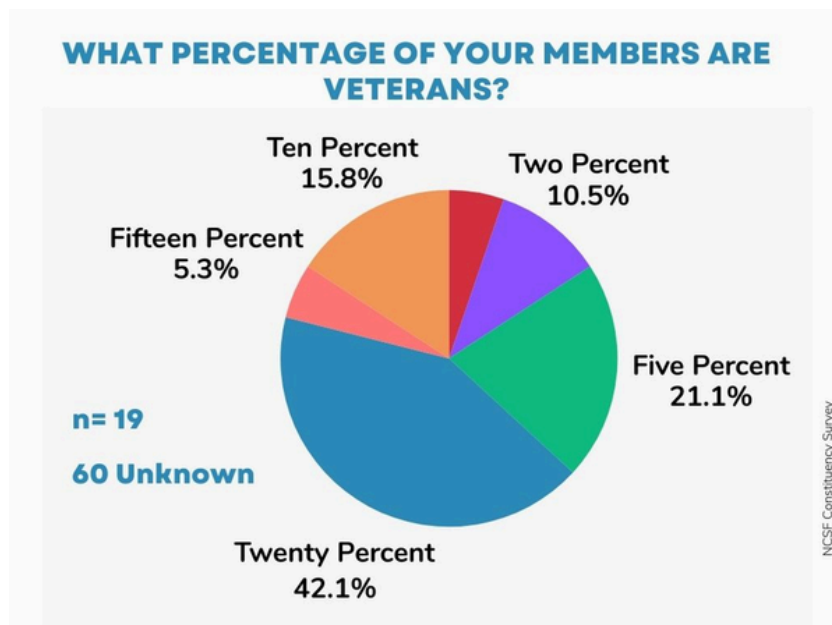


U.S. MILITARY MEMBERS

Most organizations don't track this information about their members, with only 14 organizations responding that they serve active-duty U.S. Military personnel. However, these orgs report rates much higher than .5% the general population (approximately 1.3 to 1.4 million Americans are on active duty).

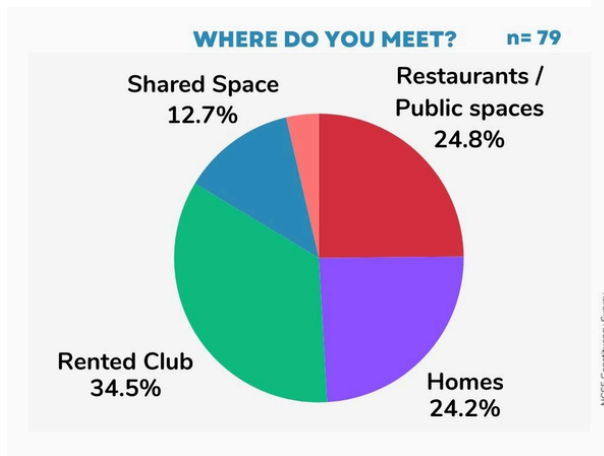
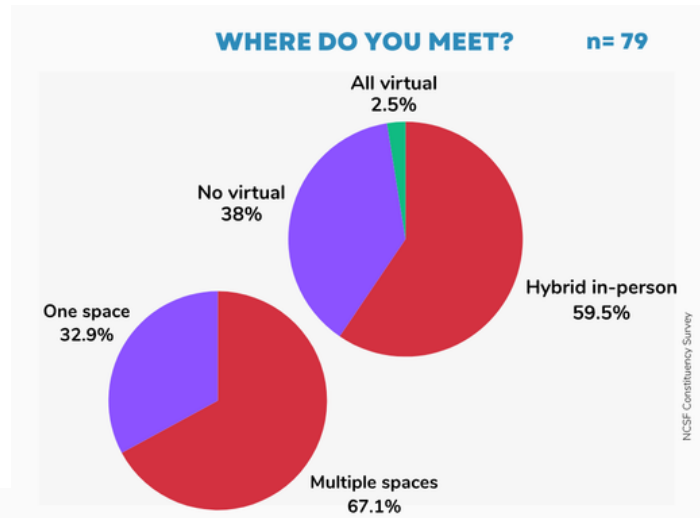


As for Veterans, only 19 organizations responded, and also reported numbers that skew higher than the general population percentage of 6%.



WHERE DO YOU MEET?

It's notable that nearly 60% of organizations are doing hybrid in-person and virtual meetings, to better serve their members. Over 2/3rds meet in multiple spaces.



Over 1/3rd meet in a rented club (35%), while 25% meet in homes and 25% in restaurants. The shared spaces are community centers and events at bigger events. The pink slice is camps and parks.

QUOTES ABOUT MEETING SPACES

"Right now, it's incredibly difficult to find spaces willing to host events. Spaces that have been open to this in the past are now requiring general insurance in order to rent their space, which is not something my group has been able to afford so far. It also makes it cost prohibitive to try to start events in new areas without relying on personal funds."

"We need kink spaces. Laws need to change so we can have agency over our own consent. No state has any right to say I can't consent, and by making strict laws to protect abuse victims (which everyone agrees have not worked as intended) it forces kink underground and allows predators to flourish."

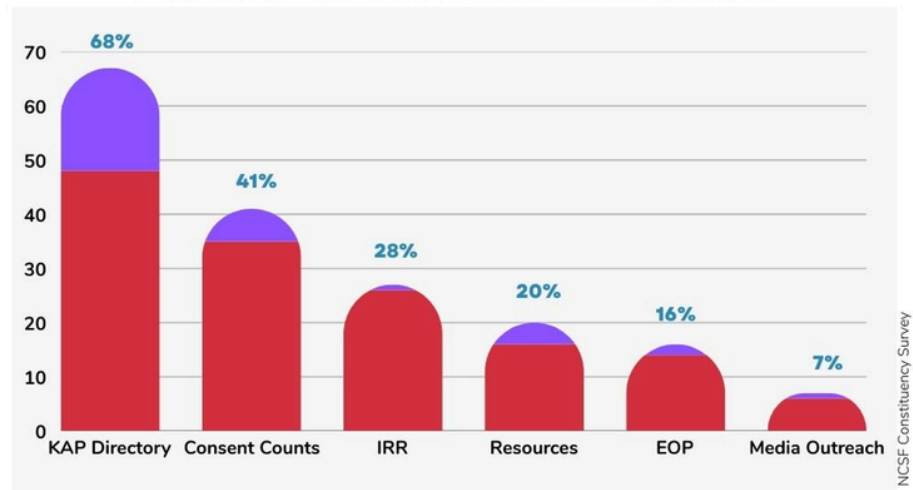
NCSF'S FREEDOM & PRIVACY PROJECT IS FIGHTING TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY MEETING SPACES AND CLUBS!

NCSF PROGRAMS USED

KAP is our most popular program, by far, followed by Consent Counts and Incident Reporting and Response (IRR).

Only 16% used our Education Outreach Program the most, despite our participation in 50 events and workshops a year.

WHAT PROGRAM HAS YOUR GROUP/BUSINESS USED THE MOST?



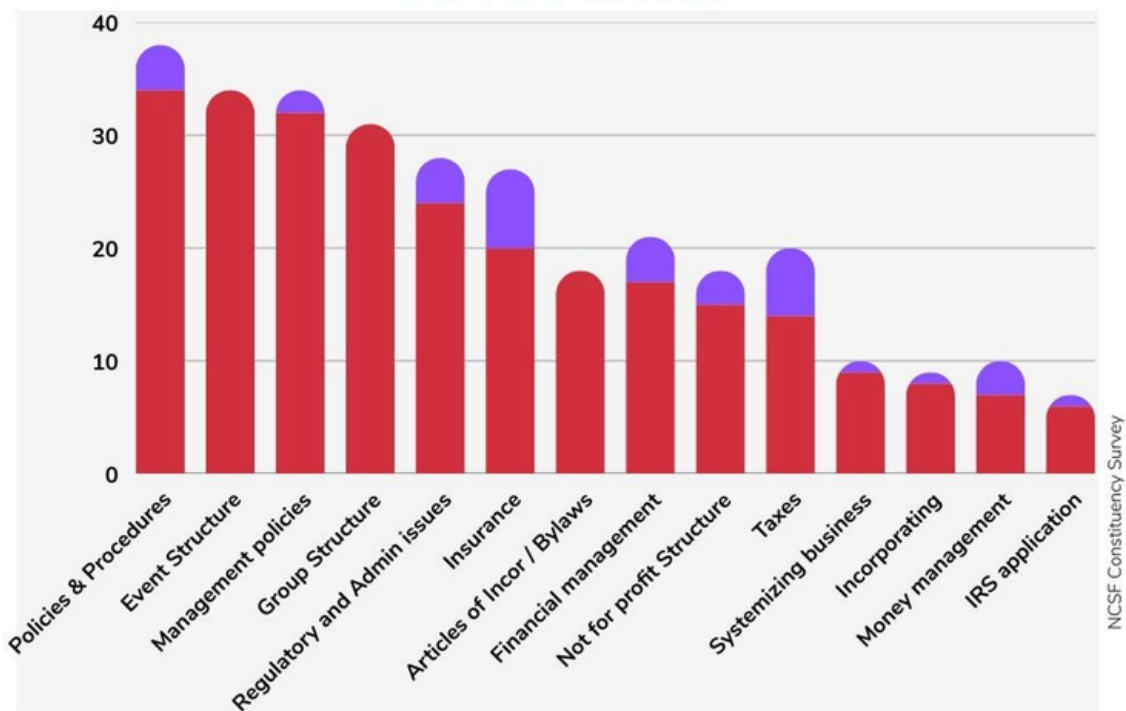
WE ARE MAKING SURE THAT OUR CONSTITUENTS KNOW THAT NCSF OFFERS THE FOLLOWING:

- Consent training for BDSM educators
- Educational materials in a format that can easily be presented would be helpful.
- Printed materials to share with our members
- Scaled incident response resources to local communities.
- Consent mediation
- How to handle consent violators.
- Attorneys available
- Across the board, nearly everyone lacks resources for neurodivergent teens and adults.
- Structuring Consent policies and incident reporting and response.
- Tracking database for problematic people that contains information about reports that have been made about the person.

BUSINESS CONCERNS

NCSF does offer resources for some of these issues, such as insurance for Directors & Officers and liability.

WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE?



QUOTES ABOUT BUSINESS CONCERNS

"How to test, and learn if our annual dues are too high or how can we promote our group and up-sell new members on why or annual dues could be higher, for the value and education and new friends you might meet."

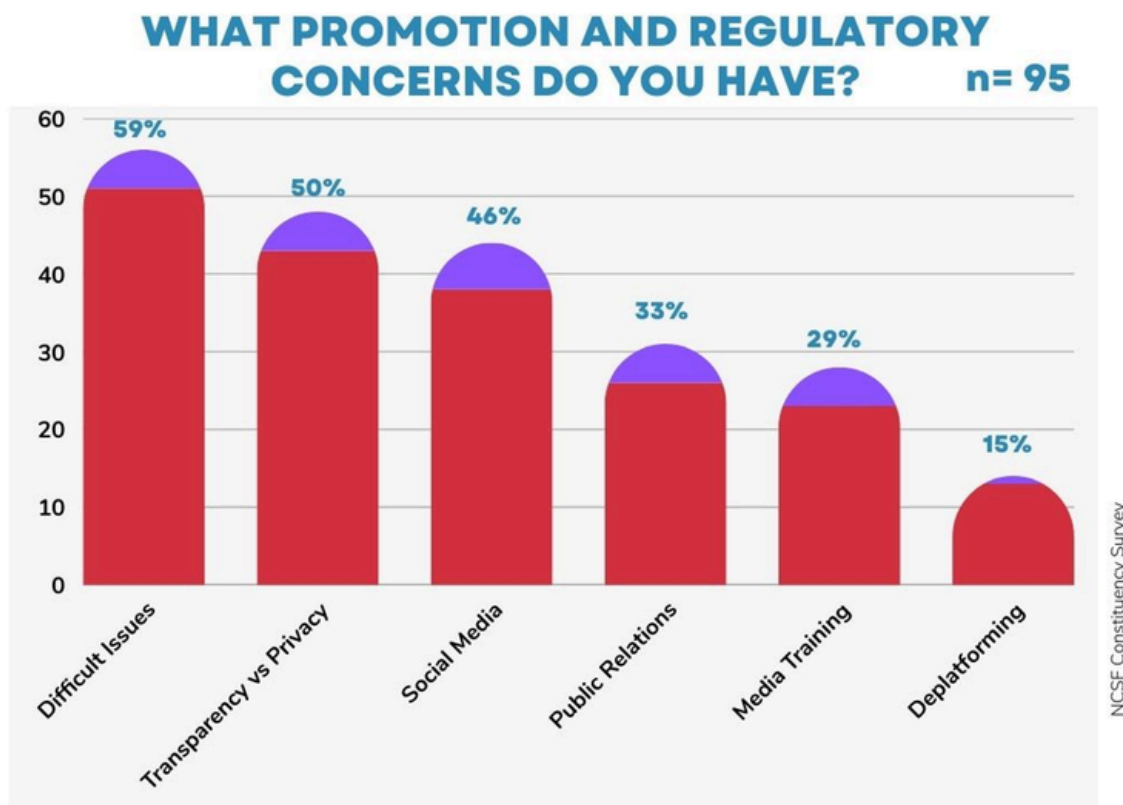
"Volunteer recruitment and vetting."

"Any input on group organization is super appreciated!"

NCSF OFFERS RESOURCES ON HOW TO RUN A HOTEL EVENT, STRUCTURING YOUR GROUP, INCORPORATION, MANAGEMENT POLICIES, AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

REGULATORY CONCERNS

Difficult issues are why NCSF was created. We provide resources through our confidential Incident Reporting & Response program so our constituents don't have to reinvent the wheel.



QUOTES ABOUT PROMOTION AND REGULATORY CONCERNS

"We need to be very careful about hosting anything in certain areas. City ordinances are inconsistent. Trying to find venues to hold events has been my biggest challenge."

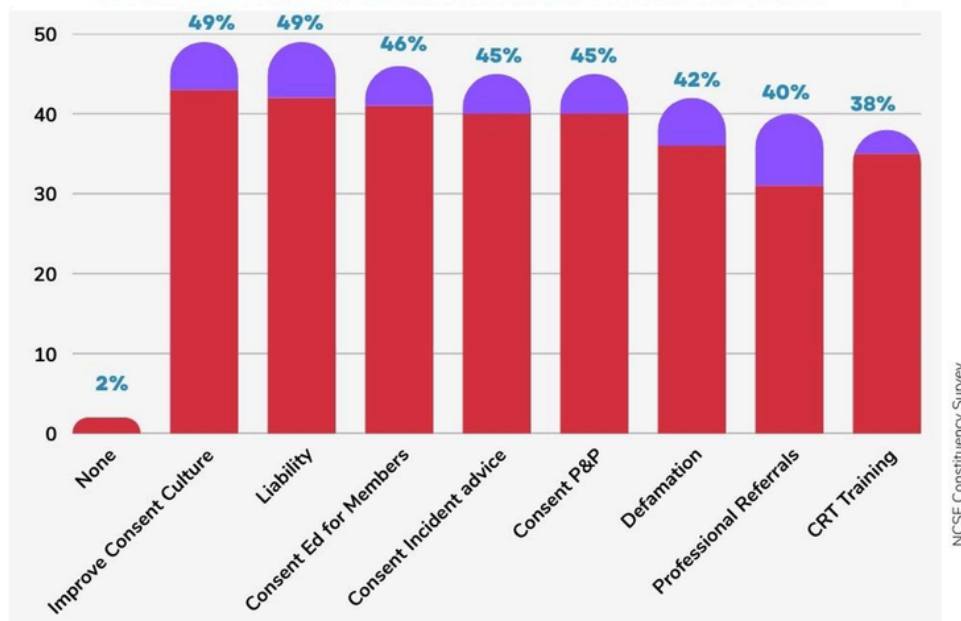
"We need resources to help with flags/bans from Stripe, PayPal, Instagram, Facebook."

NCSF CAN PROVIDE A MEDIA TRAINING FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR PRACTICE, AND EMAIL POLICIES FOR YOUR VOLUNTEERS.

CONSENT CONCERNS

Only 2% of organisations and professionals said they had no consent concerns.

WHAT CONSENT CONCERNS DOES YOUR GROUP/EVENT/BUSINESS HAVE? n= 99



QUOTES ABOUT CONSENT CONCERNS

"My local kink community largely self polices consent, with discussion groups, labs detailing procedures and inclusions for how two consenting adults can interact with or without an established long-term relationship."

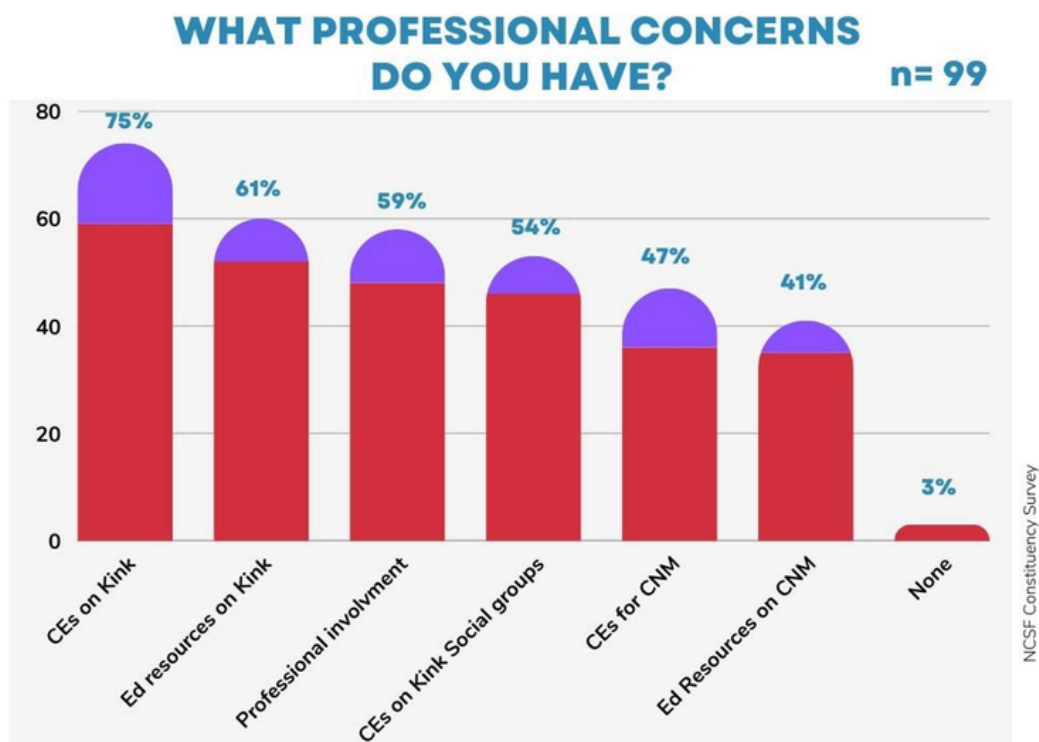
"Our group has technology and community resources available to assist individuals in reporting consent violations. This includes ASL interpreters. Local POC / Disability / Non-binary groups assist with resources."

**NCSF CAN PROVIDE CONSENT INCIDENT ADVICE, EDUCATION AND HELP CREATE
CONSENT POLICY & PROCEDURES TO IMPROVE YOUR CONSENT CULTURE.
NCSF PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL REFERRALS THROUGH OUR IRR.**

PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS

NCSF contributes to the work of the APA Division 44: Kink/BDSM Committee to help promote continuing education for Kink, and with the CNM Committee to provide education for non-monogamy.

We also advised on the revised kink clinical guidelines, and provide our own CE workshops at professional conferences on Explicit Prior Permission for consent, IPV Tactics, sexual choking, and much more.

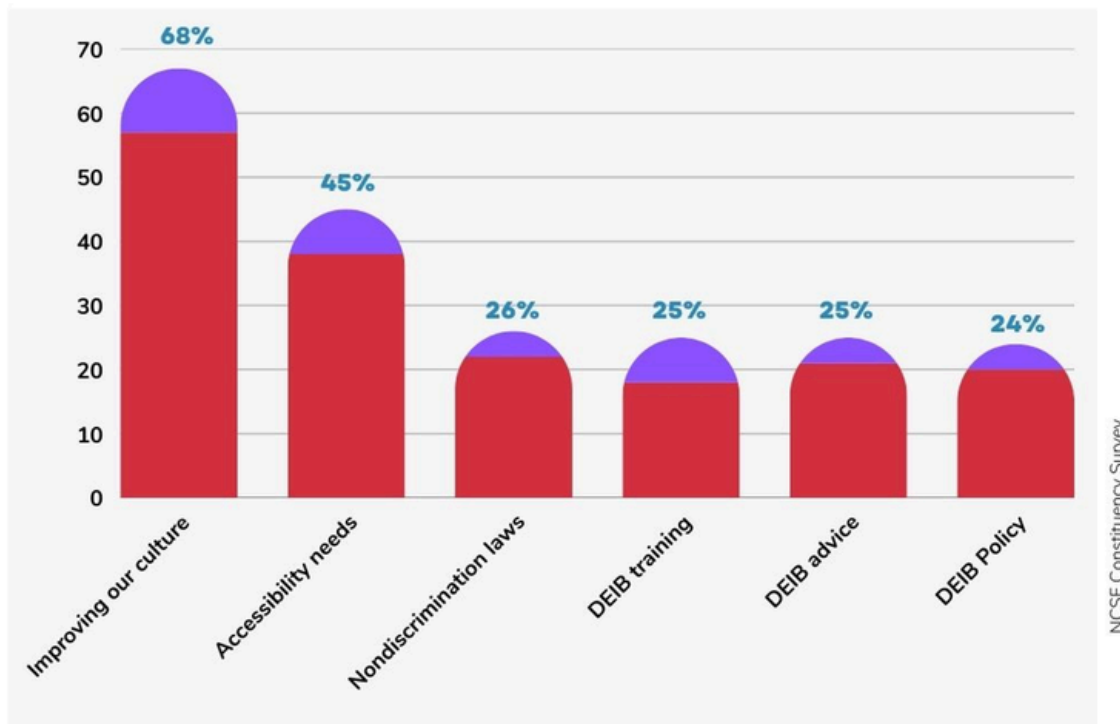


NCSF PROVIDES FREE BOOKLETS ON WHAT PROFESSIONALS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KINK AND NON-MONOGAMY. ORDER THEM ONLINE THROUGH OUR MATERIALS FORM.

DEIB CONCERNS

Improving our culture is the clear concern for our constituency.

WHAT ARE YOUR DEIB CONCERNS? n= 99



"Our event is centered around not just acceptance of others and our many differences, but the co-mingling across those differences."

"Finding ways to better serving those who may not mesh well with mainstream kink culture from the outset and allowing them to better themselves without becoming ostracized in the process."

NCSF PROVIDES DEIB RESOURCES INCLUDING: CREATING POLICY PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT, BYSTANDER INTERVENTION, AND WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION SHOULD IMPLEMENT DEIB POLICY.

ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

WHAT KINDS OF ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS DOES YOUR GROUP, EVENT OR BUSINESS MAKE? n= 79

ADA Compliant	25	Seating Options	6
Physical accessibility	18	Accessibility Policy	4
Closed Captions	14	Staff Training	3
Sensory Room	12	Transit Routes	2
Sound/Visual Aids	10	Info about Accessibility	2
Translate/Interpreters	10	Clear Signage	2
Accessible Docs	10	No/Low cost	2
Fidgets	7	Unscented products	1
Website/Marketing	6	None	3

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QUOTES ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

"We have a ramp, wheel chair measured sitting and practice areas and workshops on handicapable pleasure, bigger bodied sex positions, our bathrooms and showers have handrails and all of the amenities needed to be mentally and physically well on site."

"As a social gathering, accessibility centers on room to move at our space, comfortable seating, ingress and egress safety, and a nonjudgmental atmosphere."

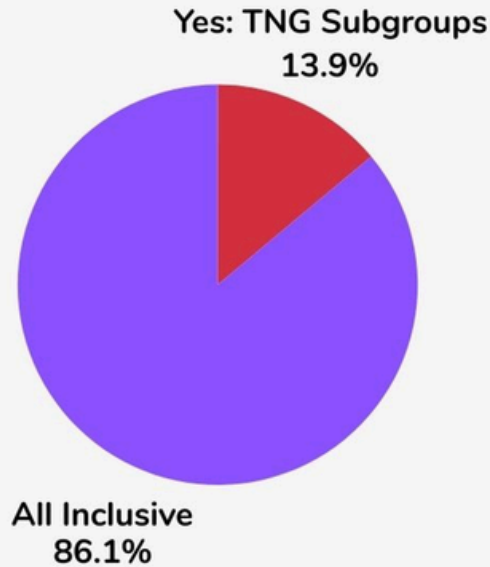
"Stimulation-free areas anyone can head to at any time."

**NCSF OFFERS SUGGESTIONS AND RESOURCES ON MAKING YOUR EVENTS
MORE ACCESSIBLE, AS WELL AS BEING A MORE ACCESSIBLE AND
INCLUSIVE PRESENTER**

AGE ACCOMODATIONS

DO YOU HAVE ACCOMODATIONS FOR AGE GROUPS?

n= 79



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QUOTES ABOUT AGE ACCOMODATIONS

"Diverse marketing use, knowledge of generationally sensitive language and issues."

"Providing services for older kinksters who are age-restricted out of activities and spaces."

"Small group not enough members to segregate into smaller group based activities."

"We need a way to handle the influx of young adults into the scene."

"We offer services and education for all age groups, but we have a growing need in helping older ones access to kink."

"We do not operate on a model that targets different age groups."

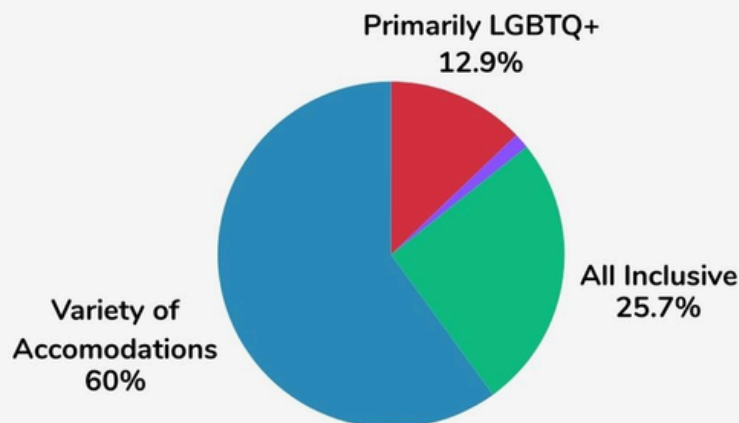
GENDER AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION ACCOMODATIONS

WHAT KIND OF ACCOMMODATIONS DOES YOUR GROUP, EVENT OR BUSINESS MAKE FOR GENDER? n= 79

Pronoun ID Assist	36	Presenter pronouns	6
Neutral Bathrooms	33	Clothing neutral	3
Website/Marketing	31	Use chosen names	2
Pricing	30	Recruit organizers	2
Honorifics optional	20	Support trans causes	2
<u>Nondiscrim</u> Policy	8	Staff Training	2
Events & Subgroups	8		

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WHAT KIND OF ACCOMMODATIONS DOES YOUR GROUP, EVENT OR BUSINESS MAKE FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION? n= 79



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RACE/ETHNICITY/CULTURE ACCOMODATIONS

WHAT KIND OF ACCOMMODATIONS DOES YOUR GROUP, EVENT OR BUSINESS MAKE FOR RACE/ETHNICITY/CULTURE? n= 79

Website/Marketing	21	DEI Training	2
Recruiting Organizers	9	Free entry	2
Events & Subgroups	9	Land Acknowledge	2
Translation	5	POC liaison	1
Recruiting Presenters	5	Take Feedback	2
BIPOC exclusively	3	<u>Antidiscrim Policy</u>	1

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QUOTES ABOUT RACE/ETHNICITY/CULTURE ACCOMODATIONS

"We tried to include many ethnicities, body types, relations and preferences in our brochure."

'We try to ensure sensitivity, but we make a point to never fetishize or highlight race/ethnicity as a feature of anything.'

NCSF CELEBRATES AWARENESS MONTHS WITH GUEST BLOGS THAT
EXPLORE INTERSECTIONAL IDENTITIES THAT INCLUDE
KINK AND/OR NON-MONOGAMY.

OTHER ACCOMODATIONS

Here are some additional accomodations that our constituent organizations offer:

“Recovery in the lifestyle meetings, programming towards mental health challenges”

“We offer a quiet space for both aftercare and mental health (stress reduction, stimulus reduction, etc.). We regularly offer a non-staff led 12-step meeting at our events.”

“We often host family-friendly events around certain holidays to ensure that those people who are not supported by their families are supported by the community.”

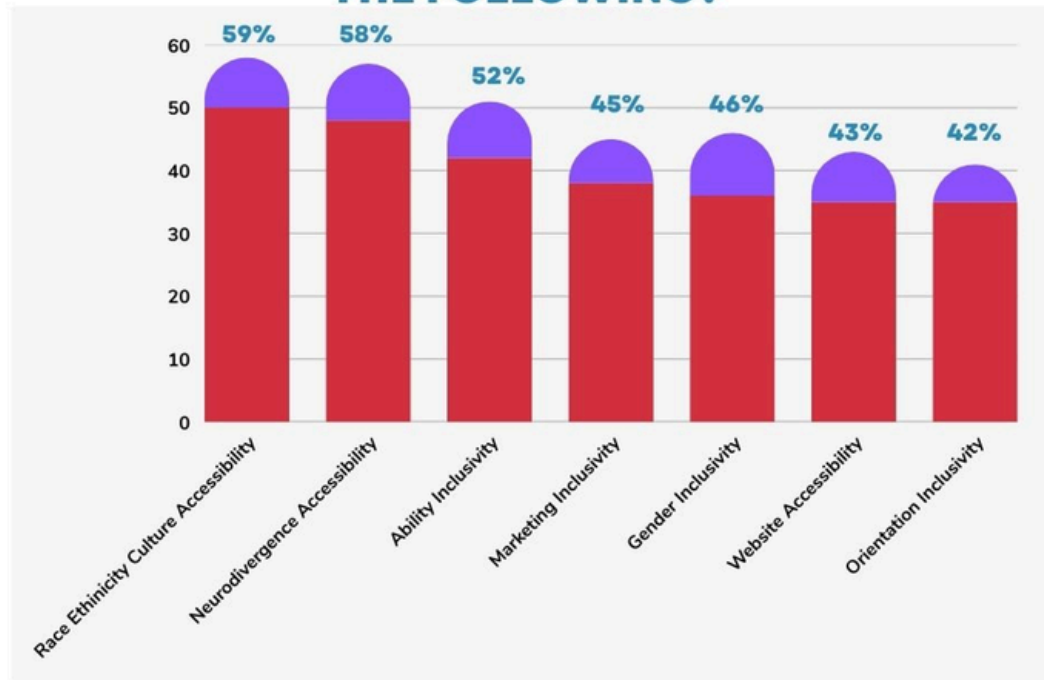
“We are a veteran support group.”

“We also offer one-on-one mentoring and training to address specific needs.”

“We work a lot in harm reduction and drug policy, decriminalization of psychedelics. Anti-carceral justice is also a main tenant of our organizational practices and beliefs.”

RESOURCES NEEDED

IS YOUR GROUP, EVENT, OR BUSINESS INTERESTED IN RESOURCES ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?



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