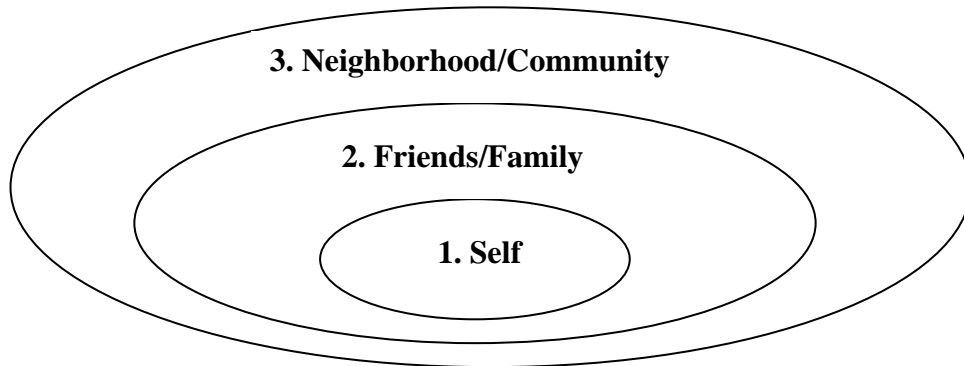


Spheres of Influence

Write about ways that you can challenge heterosexism by using your influence in the spheres in which you function.



1. The first sphere of influence is yourself. What can you do to continue your own learning and challenge your own misconceptions about LGBT people?
2. The second sphere of influence is your family and circle of friends. What can you do to facilitate awareness and knowledge of LGBT people within these groups?
3. The third sphere of influence is your neighborhood, community, the groups and organizations that you belong to, etc. What can you do to facilitate awareness and knowledge of LGBT people in these arenas?

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