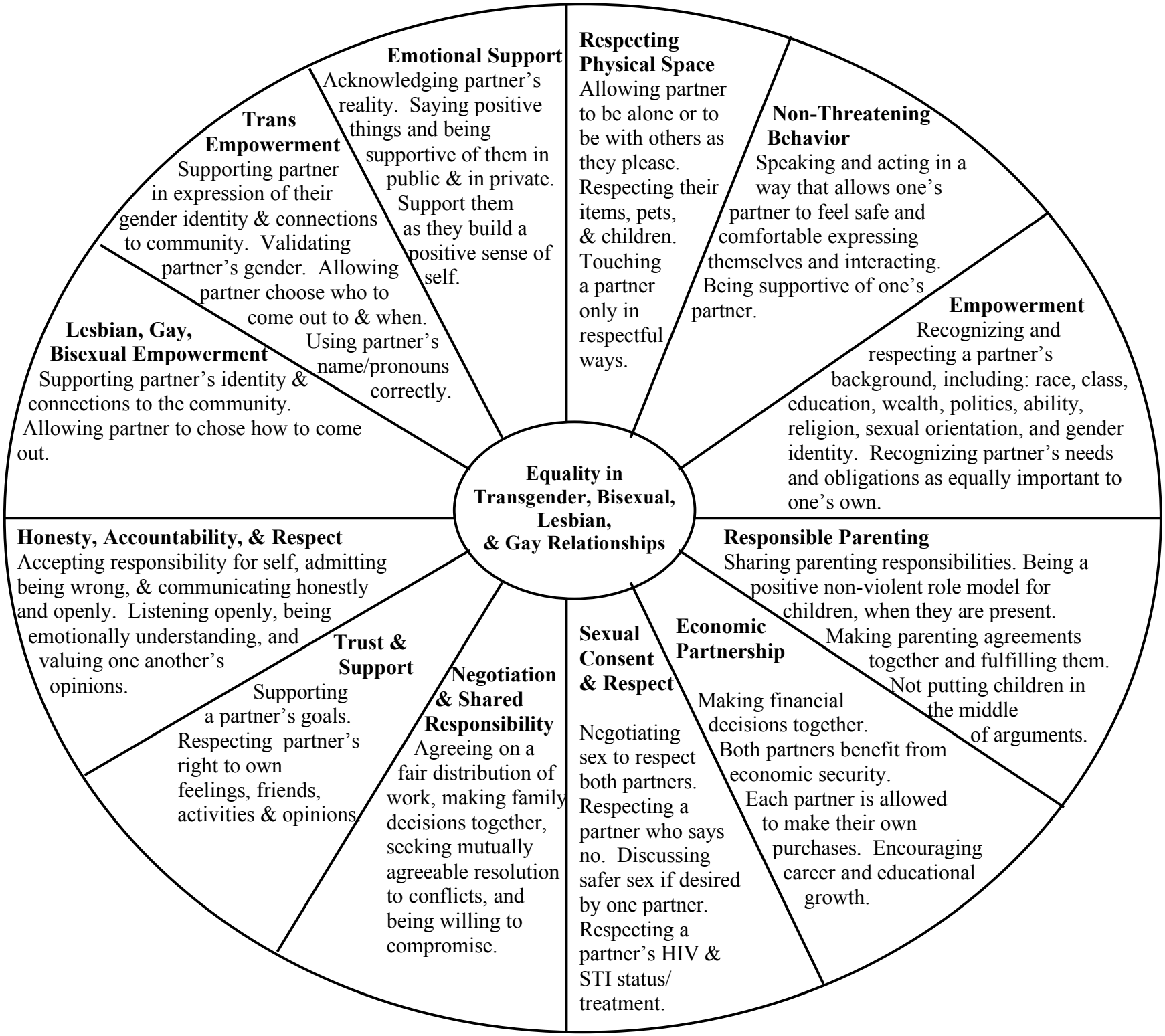
Equality in Transgender, Bisexual, Lesbian, & Gay Relationships
Emotional Support
Acknowledging partner's reality. Saying positive things and being supportive of them in public & in private. Support them as they build a positive sense of self.
Respecting Physical Space
Allowing partner to be alone or to be with others as they please. Respecting their items, pets, & children. Touching a partner only in respectful ways.
Non-Threatening Behavior
Speaking and acting in a way that allows one's partner to feel safe and comfortable expressing themselves and interacting. Being supportive of one's partner.
Empowerment
Recognizing and respecting a partner's background, including: race, class, education, wealth, politics, ability, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Recognizing partner's needs and obligations as equally important to one's own.
Responsible Parenting
Sharing parenting responsibilities. Being a positive non-violent role model for children, when they are present. Making parenting agreements together and fulfilling them. Not putting children in the middle of arguments.
Economic Partnership
Making financial decisions together. Both partners benefit from economic security. Each partner is allowed to make their own purchases. Encouraging career and educational growth.
Sexual Consent & Respect
Negotiating sex to respect both partners. Respecting a partner who says no. Discussing safer sex if desired by one partner. Respecting a partner's HIV & STI status/ treatment.
Negotiation & Shared Responsibility
Agreeing on a fair distribution of work, making family decisions together, seeking mutually agreeable resolution to conflicts, and being willing to compromise.
Trust & Support
Supporting a partner's goals. Respecting partner's right to own feelings, friends, activities & opinions.
Honesty, Accountability, & Respect
Accepting responsibility for self, admitting being wrong, & communicating honestly and openly. Listening openly, being emotionally understanding, and valuing one another's opinions.
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Empowerment
Supporting partner's identity & connections to the community. Allowing partner to chose how to come out.
Trans Empowerment
Supporting partner in expression of their gender identity & connections to community. Validating partner's gender. Allowing partner choose who to come out to & when. Using partner's name/pronouns correctly.