

Getting Down to Basics

Tools to Support LGBTQ Youth in Care

LGBTQ Youth Resources

A growing body of resources is available to assist the child welfare community to provide competent, supportive care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (“LGBTQ”) young people. The following resources offer support to LGBTQ youth and to the caregivers and professionals in their lives.

FOSTERING TRANSITIONS

A CWLA/Lambda Legal
Joint Initiative

CWLA/LAMBDA LEGAL JOINT INITIATIVE — FOSTERING TRANSITIONS

In 2002, the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) and Lambda Legal launched a historic partnership to change the way LGBTQ youth and adults are treated in the nation’s child welfare systems. As leading national advocacy and education organizations, CWLA and Lambda Legal offer assistance on a variety of educational, legal and policy matters to better serve LGBTQ people in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA (CWLA)

www.cwla.org

CWLA is an association of nearly 1000 public and private nonprofit agencies that assist over 3.5 million abused and neglected children and their families each year with a wide range of services.

2345 Crystal Dr., Suite 250
(National Headquarters)
Arlington, VA 22202
Phone: 703-412-2400

LAMBDA LEGAL

www.lambdalegal.org

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

120 Wall St., Suite 1500
(National Headquarters)
New York, NY 10005
Phone: 866-LGBTeen (toll free), or 212-809-8585
Email: cwla.lambda.network@lambdalegal.org

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

These national organizations offer resources for LGBTQ young people and the adults who care for them.

AMBIENTE JOVEN

www.ambientejoven.org

Ambiente Joven is a project of Advocates for Youth and is dedicated to the gay, lesbian and transgender Latino/a youth community in the U.S. and Latin America, with the goal of providing information about sexual and mental health, as well as general cultural information.



CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS, LIFE SKILLS ASSESSMENT, LGBTQ SUPPLEMENT

www.caseylifeskills.org

Casey Family Programs' Life Skills Assessment is a free and easy-to-use tool to help young people prepare for adulthood. The Assessment includes an optional supplement developed specifically for LGBTQ youth. It provides instant feedback. Customized learning plans provide a clear outline of next steps, and the accompanying teaching resources are available for free or at a minimal cost.

CHILDREN OF LESBIANS & GAYS EVERYWHERE (COLAGE)

www.colage.org

COLAGE is the only national and international organization in the world specifically supporting young people with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender parents.

1550 Bryant St., Suite 830
San Francisco, CA 94103
Phone: 415-861-5437
Email: colage@colage.org

FAMILY ACCEPTANCE PROJECT

<http://familyproject.sfsu.edu>

The Family Acceptance Project is a community research, intervention and education initiative studying the impact of family acceptance and rejection on LGBT and offering intervention services to help families support these youth.

Marian Wright Edelman Institute
San Francisco State University
432 Capp Street
San Francisco, CA 94110
Email: fap@sfsu.edu

FAMILY EQUALITY COUNCIL

www.familyequality.org

The Family Equality Council works to ensure equality for LGBT families by building community, changing hearts and minds, and advancing social justice for all families.

PO Box 206
Boston, MA 02133
Phone: 617-502-8700
Fax: 617-502-8701

GLBT NATIONAL HELP CENTER

www.glbtnationalhelpcenter.org

The GLBT National Help Center is dedicated to meeting the needs of this community and those questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity. The hotline offers free and confidential peer-counseling, information and local resources for cities and towns throughout the United States. The hotline offers counsel to callers of all ages about coming out issues, relationship concerns, HIV/AIDS anxiety, safer-sex information and more.

2261 Market St., PMB #296
San Francisco, CA 94114
Phone: 888-843-4564
Email: info@glbtnationalhelpcenter.org

THE GAY, LESBIAN & STRAIGHT EDUCATION NETWORK

www.glsen.org

GLSEN, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for all students.

90 Broad St., 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10004
Phone: 212-727-0135
Email: glsen@glsen.org

CENTER LINK

www.lgbtcenters.org

The National Association of LGBT Community Centers' website features the capability to search for LGBT community centers in your city or state. Centers are the primary point of contact for people coming out and seeking LGBT health services, community information and referrals.

1325 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005
Phone: 202-824-0450

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS

www.nclrights.org

NCLR is a national legal resource center with a primary commitment to advancing the rights and safety of lesbians and their families through a program of litigation, public policy advocacy, free legal advice and counseling and public education.

870 Market St., Suite 370
San Francisco, CA 94102
Phone: 415-392-6257
Email: info@nclrights.org

THE NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCACY COALITION

www.nyacyouth.org

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition advocates for and with LGBTQ young people in an effort to end discrimination against these youth and to ensure their physical and emotional well-being. NYAC builds the capacity of organizations that serve LGBTQ youth through technical assistance, resource sharing and youth engagement.

1638 R St. NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC, 20009
Phone: 800-541-6922
Email: nyac@nyacyouth.org

PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (PFLAG)

www.pflag.org

PFLAG promotes the health and well being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons and their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

1726 M St. NW, Suite 400 (National Office)
Washington, D.C. 20036
Phone: 202-467-8180
Email: info@pflag.org

SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION

www.safeschoolscoalition.org
The Safe Schools Coalition is a public-private partnership in support of LGBT youth to help schools, at home and all over the world, become safe places where every family can belong, where every educator can teach, and where every child can learn, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

10501 Meridian Ave. N.
Seattle, WA 98133
Phone: 206-632-0662 ext. 49
Email: questions@safeschoolscoalition.org

THE WORLD PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSGENDER HEALTH

www.wpath.org
WPATH is a professional organization devoted to the understanding and treatment of gender identity disorders with 500 members from around the world, in fields such as medicine, psychology, law, social work and counseling.

1300 South Second St., Suite 180
Minneapolis, MN 55454
Phone: 612-624-9397
Email: wpath@wpath.org

THE TREVOR PROJECT

www.thetrevorproject.org
The Trevor Project operates a nationwide, around-the-clock crisis and suicide prevention helpline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth.

9056 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 208
West Hollywood, CA 90069
Phone: 310-271-8845
Hotline: 866.4.U.TREVOR
Email: info@thetrevorproject.org

YOUTH GUARDIAN SERVICES, INC.

www.youth-guard.org
Youth Guardian Services is a youth-run organization that provides support services on the Internet to LGBTQ and supportive youth.

101 East State St., #299
Ithaca, NY 14850
Phone: 877-270-5152

YOUTHRESOURCE

www.youthresource.com
YouthResource, a website created by and for LGBTQ young people 13 to 24 years old, takes a holistic approach to sexual health by offering support, community, resources and peer-to-peer education about issues of concern to LGBTQ young people.

2000 M St. NW, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 202-419-3420

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This tool kit includes additional handouts covering a variety of topics addressing the needs of LGBTQ youth and adults involved with the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, such as *Basic Facts About Being LGBTQ*, *Caseworkers with LGBTQ Clients*, *Teaching LGBTQ Competence in Schools of Social Work*, *Working with Transgender Youth*, *Families Supporting an LGBTQ Child* and *Information for LGBTQ Youth in Care*. To order free copies of the *Getting Down to Basics* tool kit, contact Lambda Legal at 1-866-LGBTeen (toll free) or 212-809-8585, or download it for free at www.lambdalegal.org or www.cwla.org.

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