

# Resources, Reports, Guides and Other Tools for Lawyers, Social Workers, and other Providers Working with LGBTQ Youth in Out-of-Home Care

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA (CWLA)

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.

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Washington, DC, 20036  
Phone: 202-688-4200  
Fax: 202-833-1689  
[www.cwla.org](http://www.cwla.org)

### LAMBDA LEGAL

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 Street, Suite 1500  
(National Headquarters)  
New York, NY 10005  
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Email: [legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org](mailto:legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org)  
[www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org)

### AFFIRMATION: GAY AND LESBIAN MORMONS

Affirmation's mission is to provide a forum for gay Mormons to associate with their peers. It seeks to meet the needs of persons experiencing frustration or alienation from family, friends, and the Church. Affirmation includes extensive resources for transgender individuals and youth.

P.O Box 1435  
Palm Springs, CA 92263-1435  
Phone: 661-367-2421  
[www.affirmation.org](http://www.affirmation.org)

### AMBIENTE JOVEN

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.

[www.ambientejoven.org](http://www.ambientejoven.org)

### BISEXUAL RESOURCE CENTER

BRC is a website dedicated to providing resources to the bisexual community, as well as those who identify as pansexual, fluid, etc. It includes youth resources.

Email: [brc@biresource.net](mailto:brc@biresource.net)  
[www.biresource.net](http://www.biresource.net)

### CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS

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.

Email: [aclsa@casey.org](mailto:aclsa@casey.org)  
[www.caseylifeskills.org](http://www.caseylifeskills.org)

### CENTERLINK

*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.

PO Box 24490  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307  
Phone: 954-765-6024  
Fax: 954-765-6593  
Email: [CenterLink@lgbtcenters.org](mailto:CenterLink@lgbtcenters.org)  
[www.lgbtcenters.org](http://www.lgbtcenters.org)

## **CHILDREN OF LESBIANS AND GAYS EVERYWHERE (COLAGE)**

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

1550 Bryant Street, Suite 830  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
Phone: 415-861-5437  
Email: [colage@colage.org](mailto:colage@colage.org)  
[www.colage.org](http://www.colage.org)

## **FAMILY ACCEPTANCE PROJECT**

The Family Acceptance Project is a community research, intervention and education initiative to study the impact of family acceptance and rejection on the health, mental health and well-being of LGBT youth. Results will be used to help families provide support for LGBT youth, to develop appropriate interventions, programs and policies, and to train providers to improve the quality of services and care they receive.

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## **FAMILY EQUALITY COUNCIL**

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.

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Email: [info@familyequality.org](mailto:info@familyequality.org)  
[www.familyequality.org](http://www.familyequality.org)

## **THE GAY, LESBIAN AND STRAIGHT EDUCATION NETWORK (GLSEN)**

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

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New York, NY 10004  
Phone: 212-727-0135  
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[www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)

## **GENDER SPECTRUM**

Gender Spectrum provides education, resources and training to help you create a more gender sensitive and supportive environment for all people, including gender variant and transgender youth. In a simple, straightforward manner, Gender Spectrum helps students, families, schools, and organizations understand and address the concepts of gender identity. Their accessible, practical approach is based on research and experience, enabling their clients to gain a deeper understanding of gender variance.

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Seattle, WA 98122  
Phone: 510-567-3977  
Email: [info@genderspectrum.org](mailto:info@genderspectrum.org)  
[www.genderspectrum.org](http://www.genderspectrum.org)

## **GLBT NATIONAL HELP CENTER**

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. It offers counsel to callers of all ages about coming out issues, relationship concerns, HIV/AIDS anxiety, safer-sex information and more.

2261 Market Street, PMB #296  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
National Hotline: 888-843-4564  
Youth Talkline: 800-246-7743  
Administrative Phone: 415-355-0003  
Fax: 415-552-5498  
Email: [info@GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org](mailto:info@GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org)  
[www.GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org](http://www.GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org)

## **LGBTQ MUSLIM YOUTH**

Young people who are Muslims and identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or who may be questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity are welcomed to join this online discussion group.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LGBTQMuslimYouth/>

## MATTHEW'S PLACE

An online community and resource center for GLBTQQ and allied youth, the Youth Lounge provides resources about GLBTQQ youth friendly shelters, outreach centers and empowerment programs across the country. It includes moderated chats, discussion boards, and informational columns from notable individuals in the GLBTQQ and allied communities.

[www.matthewsplace.com](http://www.matthewsplace.com)

## NATIONAL CENTER FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS (NCLR)

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 Street, Suite 370  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Phone: 415-392-6257  
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Email: [info@nclrights.org](mailto:info@nclrights.org)  
[www.nclrights.org](http://www.nclrights.org)

## NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSGENDER EQUALITY

The National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) is a 501(c)3 social justice organization dedicated to advancing the equality of transgender people through advocacy, collaboration and empowerment.

1325 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-903-0112  
Fax: 202-393-2241  
[www.transequality.org/](http://www.transequality.org/)

## NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCACY COALITION (NYAC)

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition is a capacity-building organization that 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.

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Email: [nyac@nyacyouth.org](mailto:nyac@nyacyouth.org)  
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## OPENING DOORS PROJECT

The Opening Doors Project, a project of the American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law, aims to increase the legal community's awareness of LGBTQ youth in foster care and the unique issues they face, and to provide the legal community with advocacy tools to successfully represent these youth.

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[www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/migrated/child/PublicDocuments/opening\\_doors\\_brochures.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/migrated/child/PublicDocuments/opening_doors_brochures.authcheckdam.pdf)

## OUTPROUD

OutProud, the National Coalition for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Youth, serves the needs of these young men and women by providing advocacy, information, resources and support. Its goal is to help queer youth become happy, successful, confident and vital LGBT adults.

369 Third Street, Suite B-362  
San Rafael, CA 94901-3581  
Email: [info@outproud.org](mailto:info@outproud.org)  
[www.outproud.org](http://www.outproud.org)

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

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.

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Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: 202-467-8180  
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[www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)

## RENAISSANCE TRANSGENDER ASSOCIATION

RTA offers support groups in various locations on the East Coast, and its website offers extensive resources for transgender people.

[www.ren.org](http://www.ren.org)

## SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION

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.

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Seattle, WA 98133  
Phone: 206-632-0662, ext. 49  
Email: [questions@safeschoolscoalition.org](mailto:questions@safeschoolscoalition.org)  
[www.safeschoolscoalition.org](http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org)

## TRANSGENDER ZONE

Transgender Zone is an online resource for transgender people, offering numerous forums and virtual support groups.

[www.transgenderzone.com](http://www.transgenderzone.com)

## THE TREVOR PROJECT

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

9056 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 208  
West Hollywood, CA 90069  
Phone: 310-271-8845  
Hotline: 866-4-U-TREVOR  
Email: [info@thetrevorproject.org](mailto:info@thetrevorproject.org)  
[www.thetrevorproject.org](http://www.thetrevorproject.org)

## THE WORLD PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSGENDER HEALTH

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 Street, Suite 180  
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Phone: 612-624-9397

Email: [wpath@wpath.org](mailto:wpath@wpath.org)  
[www.wpath.org](http://www.wpath.org)

## YOUTH GUARDIAN SERVICES

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

101 East State Street, #299  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
Phone: 877-270-5152  
[www.youth-guard.org](http://www.youth-guard.org)

## YOUTHRESOURCE

YouthResource, a website created by and for LGBTQ young people ages 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 Street NW, Suite 750  
Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: 202-419-3420  
[www.youthresource.com](http://www.youthresource.com)

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Order online at [www.cwla.org/pubs](http://www.cwla.org/pubs) or call CWLA at 1-800-407-6273.

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Order online at [www.cwla.org/pubs/](http://www.cwla.org/pubs/) or call CWLA at 1-800-407-6273.

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