

Resources

To Improve Your Work with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Foster Youth

Support/Services/Hotlines:

National Youth Advocacy (NYAC): maintains a database of local and national organizations, which provide support services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. Find an organization near you. **1-800-541-6922** www.nyacyouth.org

The Gay & Lesbian National Hotline: offers a toll-free telephone number for totally anonymous information, referrals and peer counseling. Callers will be able to speak directed to a trained volunteer who can access a national data base of referrals specific to the gay and lesbian community. National toll-free number: **1-888- THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)**

Parents, Families and friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG): works to promote the health & well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender persons, their families & friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination & to secure equal civil rights. www.pflag.org **(202-467-8180)**

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN): through its network of 85 chapters in 35 states, works with school officials & parents to assure that each member of every school community is valued & respected, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. **(212) 727-0135** www.glsen.org

The Gender Identity Project offers transgender and transsexual people an opportunity to discover who they are in an atmosphere of self-acceptance and to build a community. The Gender Identity Project's community-based approach works to help transgender people to become freer to celebrate their identities and experiences. **(212) 620-7310** (ask for G.I.P.)
<http://www.gaycenter.org/programs/mhss/gip.html>

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men and people with HIV/AIDS through impact litigation, education and public policy work. **(212) 809-8585** www.lambdalegal.org

The American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR): is the nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of HIV/AIDS research, AIDS prevention, treatment education and the advocacy of sound AIDS-related public policy. amfAR's mission is to prevent HIV infection and the disease and death associated with it and to protect the human rights of all people threatened by the epidemic of HIV/AIDS. **1-800-39-amfAR** www.amfar.org

Web Sites:

- www.nrcys.ou.edu-- publications and links to services for LGBTQ foster youth
- www.youth.org/loco/PERSONProject/-- was formed to provide the needs of LGBTQ youth; the need for a rare opportunity to express themselves, to know they are not alone and to interact with others who have already accepted their sexuality
- www.lambdalegal.org/cgi-bin/iowa/documents/record?record=1027-Getting Down to Basics About Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender ("LGBT") Youth in Foster Care
- www.gsanetwork.org-- empowering youth activists to fight homophobia
- www.bidstrup.com/pardata.htm-- Resources for Parents of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth
- www.aclu.org -- ACLU Gay and Lesbian Rights
- www.equality.org.za-- South African Lesbian and Gay Equality Project
- www.glassla.org-- Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services of Los Angeles

Media/Publications:

- *Youth in the Margins: A Report on the Unmet Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Adolescents in Foster Care Including a Survey of Fourteen states and Proposals for Reform*
<http://www.lambdalegal.org/cgi-bin/iowa/news/publications.html?record=899>
- *Task Force to End Homophobia- Los Angeles County Dependency System Recommendations for DCFS* at <http://www.aclu-sc.org/News/Releases/2001/100165/>
- *Serving Gay & Lesbian Youths: The Role of Child Welfare Agencies.* Recommendations from a CWLA Colloquium. 1991
- *No Safe Bed: Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth in Residential Services.* By Laurie Bell, Carol O'Brien and Robb Travers. 1993.
- *Often Invisible: Counseling Gay and Lesbian Youth* by Margaret Schneider. 1988.
- *Opening Doors: Making Substance Abuse and Other Services More Accessible to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth* by Bonnie Simpson. 1993.
- *Is It A Choice? Answers to 300 Most Asked Questions About Gay and Lesbian People* by Eric Marcus. 1999.
- *Loving Someone Gay* by Don Clark, Ph.D. 1977
- *Lesbian and Gay Youth: Care and Counseling* by Caitlin Ryan and Donna Futterman. 1998.
- *Lesbian and Gay Youth Issues: A Practical Guide for Youth Workers* by Gerald P. Mallon. 2001.
- *Am I Blue? Coming Out From The Silence* edited by Marion Dane Bauer. 1995. Sixteen original short stories about growing up gay or lesbian or with gay or lesbian parents or friends.