

Listed below are some of the leading national organizations providing resources, networking, crisis aid, and information on legal issues for the LGBTQA community.

ACLU/Lesbian and Gay Rights Issues: <http://www.aclu.org/>

- The ACLU is our nation's guardian of liberty, working daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties that the Constitution and laws of the United States guarantee everyone in this country.

Advocates for Youth: www.advocatesforyouth.org/glbtc.htm

- Established in 1980 as the Center for Population Options, Advocates for Youth champions efforts to help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health. Advocates believes it can best serve the field by boldly advocating for a more positive and realistic approach to adolescent sexual health.

Affirmation (Gay Mormons): www.affirmation.org

- Affirmation: Gay & Lesbian Mormons serves the needs of gay Mormon women and men, as well as bisexual and transgender LDS and their supportive family and friends, through social and educational activities.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP): www.afsp.org

- The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is the leading national not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through research, education and advocacy, and to reaching out to people with mental disorders and those impacted by suicide.

American Institute of Bisexuality <http://www.bisexual.org/home.html>

- The American Institute of Bisexuality encourages, supports and assists research and education about bisexuality, through programs likely to make a material difference and enhance public knowledge, awareness and understanding about bisexuality.

Amnesty International: www.amnesty.org

- Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights for all.

BiNetUSA <http://www.binetusa.org/>

- As an umbrella organization and voice for bisexual people, BiNet USA focuses to facilitate the development of a cohesive network of bisexual communities, promote bisexual visibility, and collect and distribute educational information regarding bisexuality. To accomplish these goals, BiNet USA will provides a national network for bisexual organizations and individuals across the United States, and encourage participation and organizing on local and national levels.

Bisexual Resource Center <http://www.biresource.net/>

- The Bisexual Resource Center envisions a world where love is celebrated, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression. Because bisexuals today are still misunderstood, marginalized and discriminated against, the BRC is committed to providing support to the bisexual community and raising public awareness about bisexuality and bisexual people.

Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) <http://www.colage.org/>

- COLAGE is a national movement of children, youth, and adults with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer (LGBTQ) parent/s. COLAGE strives to build community and work toward social justice through youth empowerment, leadership development, education, and advocacy.

Dignity USA (Gay Catholics): www.dignityusa.org

- DignityUSA envisions and works for a time when Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Catholics are affirmed and experience dignity through the integration of their spirituality with their sexuality, and as beloved persons of God participate fully in all aspects of life within the Church and Society.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) <http://www.glaad.org/>

- The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

Gay & Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) <http://www.glma.org/>

- GLMA's mission is to ensure equality in health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and health care providers.

Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund: www.victoryfund.org

- The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund identifies, trains, and elects LGBT leaders to all levels of office, in every corner of America. The Victory Fund and the courageous candidates we endorse have proven that with smart strategic support and the financial resources necessary - typically twice what straight candidates need to raise - LGBT candidates can run and win anywhere.

Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC): www.gmhc.org

- GMHC is the world's first and leading provider of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and advocacy. Building on decades of dedication and expertise, GMHC understands the reality of HIV/AIDS and empower a healthy life for all.

Gay Rights Change: <http://gayrights.change.org/>

- Change.org aims to address the need for broad social change by serving as the central platform informing and empowering movements for social change around the most important issues of our time.

Gay Straight Alliance Network International: www.gsani.org

- GSANI is non-profit international GLBT youth network headquartered in the Philadelphia Metropolitan area. The mission of GSANI is comprised of several very important principles: Education, Leadership, and Community. Within these principles, GSANI constantly develops new ways to advance GLBT youth health, community, education, and leadership.

Gay-Straight Alliance Network: www.gsanetwork.org

- Gay-Straight Alliance Network is a youth leadership organization that connects school-based Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) to each other and community resources through peer support, leadership development, and training.

Gender Education & Advocacy - <http://www.gender.org/>

- Gender Education & Advocacy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation which provides information about transsexual and transgender issues. This website is our primary tool for both education and advocacy.

GLBT National Help Center: www.glnh.org

- The GLBT National Help Center is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that is dedicated to meeting the needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and those questioning their sexual orientation and gender identity. The GLBT National Help Center is an outgrowth of the Gay & Lesbian National Hotline, which began in 1996 and now is a primary program of the GLBT National Help Center.

GLBT National Youth Talkline: www.glnh.org/talkline/index.html

- Between 1.6 and 2.8 million youth run away in a year. The mission of the National Runaway Switchboard is to help keep America's runaway and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. Services are provided in part through funding from Family and Youth Services Bureau in the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

GLBT Student Pride: www.glbstudentpride.com

- GLBT Student Pride is an online resource and community social networking site for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning students, their allies and others who are interested in GLBT issues.

Human Rights Campaign (HRC): www.hrc.org

- The Human Rights Campaign represents a grassroots force of over 750,000 members and supporters nationwide. As the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization, HRC envisions an America where LGBT people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

IntegrityUSA (Gay Episcopalians): www.integrityusa.org

- The mission of Integrity USA is to be a witness of God's inclusive love to the Episcopal Church and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHC): www.iglhrc.org

- The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) is a leading international organization dedicated to human rights advocacy on behalf of people who experience discrimination or abuse on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

Intersex Society of North America - <http://www.isna.org/>

- The Intersex Society of North America (ISNA) is devoted to systemic change to end shame, secrecy, and unwanted genital surgeries for people born with an anatomy that someone decided is not standard for male or female.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund <http://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.

Marriage Equality USA: www.marriageequality.org

- Marriage Equality USA's sole purpose and focus is to end discrimination in civil marriage so that same-sex couples can enjoy the same legal and societal status as opposite-sex couples.

National Center for Transgender Equality <http://www.nctequality.org/>

- 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.

National Consortium of Directors of LGBT Resources in Higher Education: <http://www.lgbtcampus.org>

- The combined vision and mission of the Consortium is to achieve higher education environments in which lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni have equity in every respect. The goals of the Consortium are to support colleagues and develop curriculum to professionally enhance this work; to seek climate improvement on campuses; and to advocate for policy change, program development, and establishment of LGBT Office/Centers.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force <http://www.thetaskforce.org/>

- The Academy for Leadership and Action was created by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in 2008 in response to a shortage of qualified candidates to fill local, state and national positions of significant responsibility in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) movement. One of the Academy's primary goals is to build a diverse pool of skilled leaders and activists and, as a result, we place great emphasis on developing strategic partnerships with individuals and organizations that are known as the best trainers in their fields across political and social justice movements.

National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association <http://www.nlgja.org/>

- Founded in 1990, NLGJA is an organization of journalists, media professionals, educators and students working from within the news industry to foster fair and accurate coverage of LGBT issues. NLGJA opposes all forms of workplace bias and provides professional development to its members.

National Lesbian and Gay Law Association - <http://www.nlgla.org>

- The National LGBT Bar Association is a national association of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals, law students, activists, and affiliates lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender legal organizations. The LGBT Bar promotes justice in and through the legal profession for the LGBT community in all its diversity.

Network Q: <http://www.networkq.org/home.cfm?target=main>

- Network Q is a free service to the LGBT business school community and is entirely staffed by volunteers. The site is purely informational and with very basic features, with plans to expand to a multi-functioning resource website.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG): www.pflag.org

- PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, 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. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

Queer Resources Directory: www.qrd.org

- The QRD (short for Queer Resources Directory) is an electronic library with news clippings, political contact information, newsletters, essays, images, hyperlinks, and every other kind of information resource of interest to the GLBO community. Information is stored for the use of casual network users and serious researchers alike.

Service members Legal Defense Network (SLDN): www.sldn.org

- Service members Legal Defense Network is a non-partisan, non-profit, legal services, watchdog and policy organization dedicated to ending discrimination against and harassment of military personnel affected by "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT).

Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL): www.smyal.org

- The Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL) is the only Washington, DC metro area service organization solely dedicated to supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. Founded in 1984, SMYAL is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. The mission of SMYAL is to promote and support self-confident, healthy, productive lives for LGBTQ youth ages 13-21 as they journey from adolescence into adulthood.

Suicide.org: www.suicide.org/gay-and-lesbian-suicide.html

- Suicide.org is 501c3 nonprofit organization with the mission to prevent suicides, support suicide survivors, and educate the public about suicide.

Survivor Project - <http://www.survivorproject.org/>

- Survivor Project is a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of intersex and trans survivors of domestic and sexual violence through caring action, education and expanding access to resources and to opportunities for action. Since 1997, we have provided presentations, workshops, consultation, materials, information and referrals to many anti-violence organizations and universities across the country, as well as gathered information about issues faced by intersex and trans survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

The National Coalition for LGBT Health: www.lgbthealth.net

- The National Coalition of LGBT Health is committed to improving the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and communities through public education, coalition building and advocacy that focus on research, policy, education and training.

Transgender Law and Policy Institute - <http://www.transgenderlaw.org/>

- The Transgender Law and Policy Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to engaging in effective advocacy for transgender people in our society. The TLPI brings experts and advocates together to work on law and policy initiatives designed to advance transgender equality.

Youth Resource: www.youthresource.com

- YouthResource is a Web site created by and for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (GLBTQ) young people. YouthResource takes a holistic approach to sexual health and exploring issues of concern to GLBTQ youth, by providing information and offer support on sexual and reproductive health issues through education and advocacy. Through monthly features, message boards, and online peer education, GLBTQ youth receive information on activism, culture, sexual health, and other issues that are important to them.

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