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# Introduction

## Rationale for the Resource Manual

The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Training Program created the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Questioning Resource Manual as a guide for Child Welfare Professionals that have attended the “202-3: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth in the Child Welfare System” training. Workers are strongly encouraged to use this manual as a reference tool when working with young adults, youth, and families.

It is estimated that one out of every ten persons in this country has a gay/lesbian sexual orientation. For child welfare workers and other human services professionals, this means that possibly ten percent of the adolescents that we encounter could be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youths. In order to best assist these youths, child welfare workers need to know the proper definition of terms such as gender identity, sexual behavior, and sexual orientation. They also must have an understanding of their own values and biases, and how these values and biases might influence their behavior toward these youths; the issues and challenges that face these youths; and the resources and assistance that may be available to help these youths.

## Recommended Uses of the Resource Manual

This manual gives Child Welfare Professionals additional information about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth. The manual should preferably be used by persons introduced to the manual with the *202-3: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth in the Child Welfare System* training.

By using this manual, you will be provided with information about agencies, organizations and committees throughout Pennsylvania that may be of assistance to you as you interact with youth and young adults that are exploring their sexuality. The information provided includes various contact options ranging from e-mail and web address to phone numbers and physical addresses. This will allow both the worker and the youth to explore a multitude of options based on their level of comfort.

## Terminology

The definitions<sup>1</sup> provided on the next several pages may prove useful for navigating the often-confusing world of sexual orientation and gender identity. Please remember, however, not to impose any of these words as labels upon LGBTQ youth. It is vital to ask the young adult/youth how they self-identify and/or about language that makes them feel safe. If they choose to avoid self-identifying terms, honor their decision. This will clearly indicate youth's right to be whatever they perceive themselves to be and to be safe. In no way are these terms to be used by the Child Welfare Professional to label the young adult/youth.

**Affirm:** To acknowledge or assert as fact; here, to assert one's own sexual orientation or gender identity strongly and publicly or to openly acknowledge and publicly assert the rights and dignity of LGBTQ people.

**Alliance:** A system which welcomes and incorporates all respectful forms of sexuality as a normal variation in a system based on love, friendship, and acceptance; a Gay-Straight Alliance would be a system in which “gay” (homosexual) and “straight” (heterosexual) people form effective relationships and work for acceptance of all people.

**Ally:** A non-gay person whose Total Behavior is characterized by anti- heterosexism; creates and seizes opportunities to work counter to heterosexism and homophobia; uses correct words to describe sexuality; use non-heterosexual bias language; may wear a pin or symbol to show alliance and support; will explain symbol when asked.

**Androgyny:** Exhibiting the identity and/or appearance of both male and female, as neither male nor female, or as between male and female; exhibiting behaviors of either or both traditional genders; a descriptive term that many in the LGBTQ community find offensive; see also third gender and also Two-Spirit.

**Bi:** a slang term for people with a bisexual orientation and who self-identify as bisexual.

**Bisexuality:** The Quality World picture of emotional and sexual attraction may be felt for both sexes.

**Butch:** Slang term for individuals who exhibit characteristics or behaviors traditionally considered as masculine; sometimes derogatory; also sometimes used by lesbian women or gay men to self-identify with varying notions of gender.

**Camp:** Deliberately affected or exaggerated style, sometimes for humorous effect.

**Closeted:** The intentional concealment of an individual's own sexual orientation or gender identity.

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<sup>1</sup> Terms in bold print: White, Vanessa (2005). “202-3 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth in the Child Welfare System A Training Outline” Handout #4 “Definitions”.



Cross Dressers: Preferred term for people who usually self-identify with their biological sex and gender but who sometimes wear the clothing, jewelry, etc., of the opposite gender to fulfill emotional needs.

Dyke: A derogatory word for a lesbian and/or for any woman who projects the role, appearance, attitudes, and/or behaviors that a culture traditionally assigns to males; also reclaimed by some to identify with varying notions of gender.

Equality: The state of being equal in regard to status, rights, opportunities, and treatment.

Equity: The state of being fair and impartial; here, fairness in opportunities and treatment under the law.

Faggot: A derogatory word for a gay male and/or for any man who projects the role, appearance, attitudes, and/or behaviors that a culture traditionally assigns to females; also reclaimed by some men to identify with varying notions of gender.

Female-to-Male (FTM): A person born or assigned at birth as biologically female, who identifies as a male and who takes the sex, gender, and identity of a male through dress, mannerisms, behavior, hormone therapy, and/or surgery.

Feminine: A term used to describe the socially constructed and culturally specific gender behaviors expected of females; see also masculine.

Femme: A slang term for an individual who projects a traditionally feminine gender role; sometimes, but not always, derogatory; also used by some to self-identify regarding gender.

Gay: Persons who feel romantic, emotional, and sexual attraction to the same sex; a term used to proclaim self-acceptance and self-affirmation. The term 'gay' is often used to describe both men and women.

Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA): Formal organization of LGBTQ and straight people in support of the dignity and rights of LGBTQ people, usually in the context of and to create change within educational institutions and environment.

Gender: Social and cultural expression of sex; not biological sex.

Gender Conformity: Acting within the culturally expected gender role for people of one's biological sex.

Gender Dysphoria: A medical term for unhappiness or discomfort with the gender role assigned by one's culture to one's biological sex; a term disliked by many transgender people as implying that there is something wrong with them; may or may not coincide with sexual dysphoria.

**Gender Expression:** The ways in which an individual communicates gender identity to others through behavior, clothing, hairstyle, voice, and/or the emphasis or de-emphasis of bodily characteristics; not an indication of sexual orientation; behaviors and traits used publicly to express gender identity – as masculine or feminine or something else; also called gender presentation.

**Gender Fluidity:** The belief that social constructions of gender identity and gender roles lie along a spectrum and cannot be limited to two genders; a feeling that one's gender varies from societal notions of two genders.

**Gender Identity:** This is the gender that an individual person most believes, through their Total Behavior and QW pictures, is the gender with which they most identify.

**Gender Neutral:** Anything (such as clothing, styles, activities, or spaces) that a society or culture considers appropriate for anyone, irrespective of gender; anything that carries with it no particular gender associations.

**Gender Presentation:** The ways in which an individual communicates one's own gender identity to others, through behavior, clothing, hairstyle, voice, and/or the emphasis or de-emphasis of bodily characteristics; not an indication of sexual orientation; behaviors and traits used publicly to express one's gender – as masculine or feminine or something else; also called gender expression.

**Gender Role:** The cultural and societal expectations that exist as a result of the gender with which we most identify. These expectations are expressed through our Total Behavior, which, alternate to gender identity, is always chosen.

**Genderqueer (also Gender Queer):** People who reject the normative societal construct of gender and view their own identity as unrelated to such gender constructs.

**Genetic Sex:** Defined by the 23 rd chromosomal pair, coded XX for female and XY for male, although other chromosomal code sets also exist.

**LGBTQ:** standard acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning people; variations exist, such as including an I for intersex and a second Q for queer.

**Heterophobia:** A fear or distrust of heterosexual people and of anything associated with heterosexuality, often based on negative life experiences.

**Heterosexism:** The assumption that everyone is heterosexual (or should be) and that heterosexuality is the only 'normal,' right, and moral way to be and that, therefore, anyone of a different sexual orientation is 'abnormal,' wrong, and immoral.

**Heterosexuality:** The QW picture of emotional and sexual attraction is felt for person of a gender other than his or her own.

**Homosexuality:** The QW picture of emotional and sexual attraction is felt for persons of the same gender.

**Identity:** What, how and who one perceives oneself to be; a multi-faceted self-concept that evolves throughout life.

**In The Closet:** Also referred to as “closeted”, which means that one’s LGBT identity is concealed; some choose to give the impression of heterosexuality, as a means of self-protection.

**Intersex:** Having some degree of ambiguity in regard to primary sex characteristics (genitalia) or being born with predominantly male or female genitalia that medical professionals deem to be physiologically 'incorrect,' usually addressed through medically unnecessary surgery during infancy; a condition that may apply to about one in 2,000 infants; sometimes offensively called 'hermaphroditic.'

**Intervention:** Action to change a situation for the better; a deliberate, organized effort to improve the circumstances of one or more individuals by altering the environment, policies, and/or circumstances facing or affecting those individuals.

**Isolation:** The state of being or feeling alone and apart from, or unable to connect with others; a cause of deep emotional distress for any person.

**Lesbian:** A woman who feels romantically, emotionally, and sexually attracted to other women; a descriptive and socially acceptable label that homosexual women often prefer because it offers an identity separate from that of homosexual men; a term originating from Lesbos, an Aegean island and the home of the Greek poet Sappho, a woman who loved women.

**Male-to-Female (MTF):** A person born or assigned at birth as biologically male, who self-identifies as female and who takes the sex, gender, and identity of a female through dress, mannerisms, behaviors, hormone therapy, and/or surgery.

**Out:** Can mean several things, including: coming out being a process or coming to integrate sexual orientation with the total self; the act of telling others of your gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender orientation; can indicate being open about one’s orientation with some persons, but still hidden with other persons.

**Pansexual:** A term of choice for people who do not self-identify as bisexual, finding themselves attracted to people across a spectrum of genders.

**Passing:** A term for those who successfully assume a gender role and gender expression different than the one to which they were born or assigned at birth; also may refer to closeted gay, lesbian, or bisexual people passing as straight (please note that in some cultures, passing refers to successfully assuming a different racial/ethnic or cultural identity).

**Power:** Having the ability to do something or to act in a particular way; here, the freedom and ability to acknowledge openly one's sexual orientation or gender identity without fear of oppression, discrimination, injustice, violence, or abuse.

**Prejudice:** Bias; an attitude that favors one person or group over another; here, favoring: one sexual orientation and/or gender identity over any other; an attitude that usually leads to discrimination.

**Pride:** National, citywide, and neighborhood local events and programs, usually during the month of June (see Stonewall) in celebration of the ongoing fight for equality for LGBTQ people.

**Primary Sex Characteristics:** Physical characteristics present at birth and that are used by those around an infant to determine its biological sex, including penis and scrotum to identify the infant as male or vulva, vagina, clitoris, and labia to identify the infant as female.

**Privilege:** Special rights, advantages, or immunity granted to, or assumed by, certain groups and considered by them as their right; for example in the United States, privilege accrues mostly to whites, to heterosexual people, and most of all, to white, heterosexual males.

**Sexual Behavior:** Total behavior, which can indicate sexual action or sexual abstinence.

**Sexual Dysphoria:** A medical term for unhappiness or discomfort with the biological sex to which one was born or assigned at birth; describing a disconnect between one's internal sense of gender identity and one's outwardly apparent biologic sex; a term disliked by many transgender people as implying that there is something wrong with them; may or may not coincide with gender dysphoria.

**Sexual Identity:** One's personal self-evaluation based on information, Total Behavior, and a focus on what gender that person is most sexually attracted to.

**Sexual Orientation:** Based on our QW pictures and feeling behaviors, the sex or sexes to which we are most attracted to on many levels; seems to be driven by genetics.

**Sexual Reassignment Surgery:** Surgical procedures that modify one's primary and/or secondary sex characteristics; formerly called a "sex change operation," a phrase now considered by many to be offensive.

**Stonewall:** Referring to riots at the Stonewall Bar in New York City on June 27, 1967; often cited as the birth of the modern LGBT civil rights movement.

**Straight:** a slang term for a person with heterosexual orientation.

Third Gender: A category for those who do not self-identify as either masculine or feminine and who believe that they belong to an alternative gender.

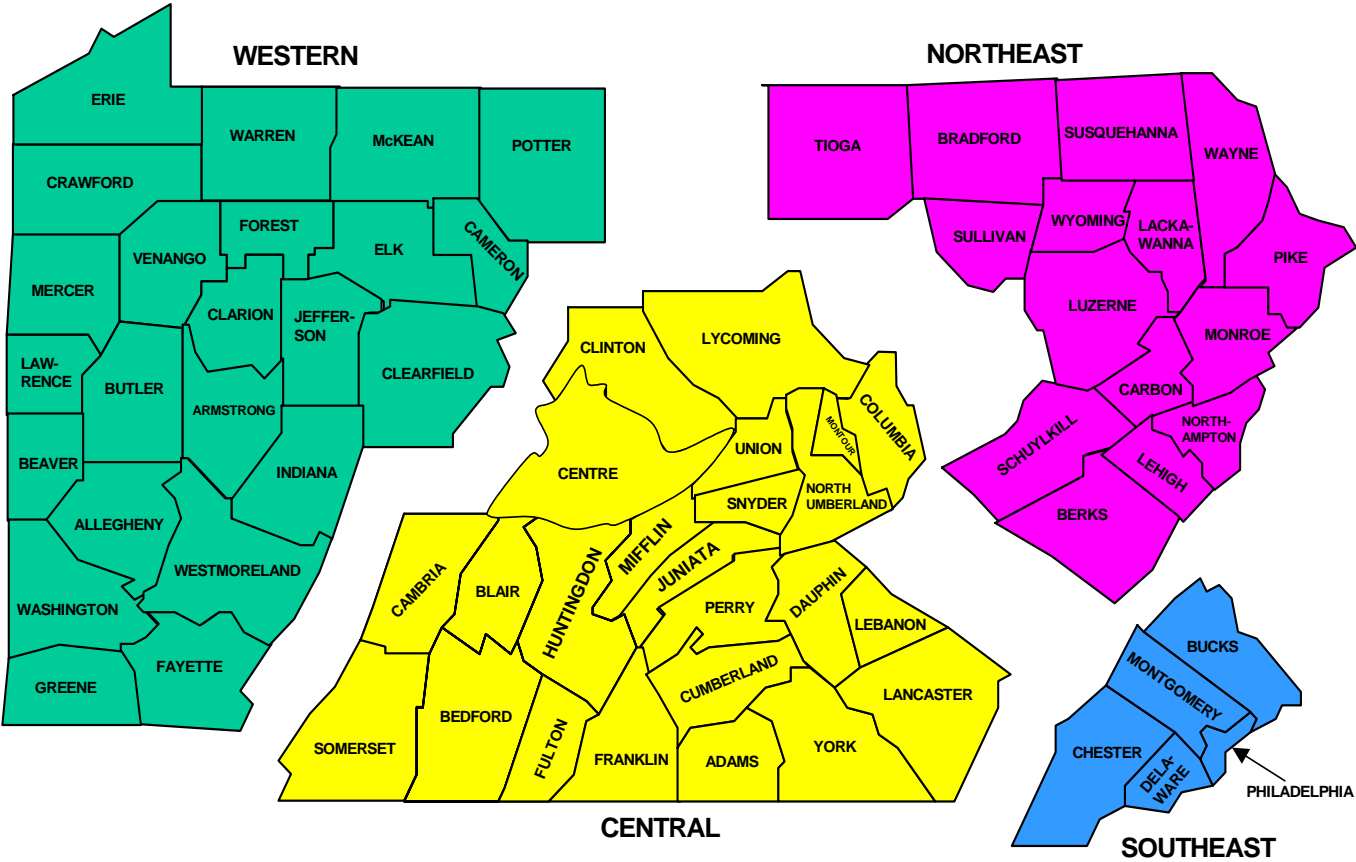
Trannie: a slang term for transgender people; considered offensive by most.

**Transsexual:** Refers to a strong feeling component of Total Behavior, which suggests a person's biological gender identity and a person's anatomical gender is incongruent; the person often feels trapped in a body that is the wrong gender.

**Transvestite:** Also known as a Cross Dresser, refers to a person who dresses in what is typically dress for persons other than the gender of the transvestite; for erotic pleasure, may feel quite natural to the person; may be homosexual, heterosexual, transsexual, or just participates in the behavior and enjoys the gender that he/she is.

Two-Spirit: A term whose definition varies across Native American cultures, but which generally means a person born with one biological sex and fulfilling at least some of the gender roles assigned to both sexes; often considered part male and part female or wholly male and wholly female; often revered as natural peace makers as well as healers and shamans.

# Pennsylvania L,G,B,T,Q Resources



# Central Pennsylvania

## **Central PA LGBT Community Center Coalition**

221 North Front Street

Harrisburg, PA 17101

Tel: 717-920-9534

E-mail: [info@commonroads.org](mailto:info@commonroads.org) or [carolr@commonroads.org](mailto:carolr@commonroads.org).

Web Address: <http://www.centralpalgbtcenter.org/>.

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Community Center Coalition is a volunteer-led effort to create a regionally representative community center that is both a location and a unifying point for Central Pennsylvania's large, diverse and Multi-county LGBT population.

This is also the link for Common Roads. Common Roads is coordinated by a team of adults who have expertise in working with young people ages 14-22. At least two of the team members are present at all meetings. Common Roads offers a safe environment where young adults can ask questions, get information and simply “be themselves.”

Common Roads meets every Friday evening at 7:30pm and has been serving central Pennsylvania since 1993. Often, guest speakers address issues related to the arts and culture, sexual identity, safe sex, education and advocacy, religion and other issues that affect young people.

## **Common Roads Lancaster County**

717-920-9534

Contact: Michelle Simmons

## **Central Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce**

Web Address: [www.cpglcc.org](http://www.cpglcc.org)

This is the first GLBTQ Chamber of Commerce in Pennsylvania.

## **The Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Equity**

The Pennsylvania State University

234 Grange Building

University Park, PA 16802

Tel: 814-863-7696

Web Address: [www.equity.psu.edu/clgbte/](http://www.equity.psu.edu/clgbte/)

Contact: Kathy Putt

Created in 1991, the Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Equity is an advisory group to the President. The purpose of the Commission is to improve the climate for diversity within Penn State and specifically to address

issues affecting the welfare of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) members of the University community

The Commission serves to improve the climate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender members of the Penn State community through examination of current policies and practices and through the initiation and promotion of programs which will result in a more equitable and supportive environment.

### **Dignity/Central PA**

P O Box 297

Harrisburg, PA 17108

Tel: 717-652-7683

E-mail: [baloveland@aol.com](mailto:baloveland@aol.com)

Web Address: [www.dignityusa.org/](http://www.dignityusa.org/)



DignityUSA works for respect and justice for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons in the Catholic Church and the world through education, advocacy and support.

In local chapters across the United States, we worship openly with other GLBT and supportive Catholics, socialize, share personal and spiritual concerns, and work together on educational and justice issues.

### **Elizabethtown Allies**



Elizabethtown College Allies is a gay awareness group; we work to provide an environment in which gay, lesbian, bisexual and straight students can assemble to provide mutual support and to address the campus and community on pertinent issues. We work for unity and harmony among the members of the campus community and the community at large, regardless of race, religion, sex, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, age, handicap, or ancestry. We believe in the right of all individuals to be able to express their sexual orientation equally. Meetings are held twice a month and membership is open to all those interested; we often work in cooperation with Womenspeak, a campus group which addresses gender and women's issues.

For information contact: Dana Berglund, 547 Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Email: [bergludl@vax.etown.edu](mailto:bergludl@vax.etown.edu)

Gay or Straight, It Doesn't Matter. That's the Point!



## Franklin & Marshall College – Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals & Allies

LGB's & Allies exists to promote the welfare of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and ally students, faculty, and staff at Franklin & Marshall College and in the community at large. This is accomplished by providing information, education and programming for the college community on gay, lesbian and bisexual issues and issues concerning the larger community.

Allies meets every other Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Allies Resource Center (12 Buchanan Hall). For more information, call the Allies Resource Center at (717) 399-6192, or send e-mail to [LGBA@acad.fandm.edu](mailto:LGBA@acad.fandm.edu).

## Franklin & Marshall Alumni – GALA Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Franklin & Marshall College

GALA's mission is to advance the welfare of Franklin & Marshall College by supporting undergraduate gay, lesbian, and bisexual students, providing them with positive role models, promoting positive images of gay and lesbian people, and providing education for the Franklin &, Marshall community about gay and lesbian issues.

GALA members are based locally in Lancaster as well as all over the United States. A number of social and educational events are held throughout the year, and an annual business meeting is held during Homecoming Weekend each fall. A newsletter is published quarterly.

For more information about GALA or its events, please contact co-chair Paul Cooper '83 at [CooPaul@aol.com](mailto:CooPaul@aol.com).

## Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg

Tel: 717-234-0328

Web Address: [www.askglsh.org](http://www.askglsh.org)

Resource listing for LGBTQ communities. Listings include medical services, publications, political/advocacy work, etc.

## Institute for Cultural Partnerships

3211 North Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-1342

Tel: 717-238-1770

Fax: 717-238-3336

Web Address: [www.culturalpartnerships.org/](http://www.culturalpartnerships.org/)



The Institute for Cultural Partnerships is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help individuals and communities successfully live, learn, and work in our increasingly diverse society.

The Institute focuses on helping people understand their own culture, understand others, develop positive inter-group relations, and build strong communities.

### **The Lavender Letter of Harrisburg**

P.O. Box 6235

Harrisburg, PA 17112

Tel: 717-579-8402

E-Mail: [Lavlet266@aol.com](mailto:Lavlet266@aol.com)

Web Address: [www.lavenderletter.com/](http://www.lavenderletter.com/)

## *Lavender Letter*

The Lavender Letter is a calendar of events for and by women in south-central Pennsylvania. Available by subscription, The Lavender Letter is published monthly and contains information about upcoming events and activities, as well as area social, support and spiritual groups.

The primary goal of the Lavender Letter is to not only inform our readers, but to educate them as well. There is currently a Health Spotlight that features health issues that are of interest to women. The Letter will cover financial issues and legal issues too.

### **The Men's Covered Dish Dinner**

In 1986, a group of gay men organized the Men's Covered Dish Dinners. The association is a non-profit group dedicated to providing social interaction for gay men. The covered dish dinners are usually held the third Saturday of the month at 7:00pm. The gatherings are restricted to men and are hosted at a different location each month.

Hosts volunteer to open their homes to the group and provide soft drinks, paper plates, napkins, utensils, and cups. Those attending bring a covered dish. At each dinner a collection is taken. The donations are given to the Lancaster Gay and Lesbian Helpline to help defray their expenses. A bi-monthly newsletter that includes the dinner schedule, location, directions, and miscellaneous information is mailed to members. Subscription is \$2.00 a year. Businesses are welcome to run ads at \$30.00 per year.

For more information, please contact Lael Metzger, (717) 354 - 6370.

### **Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit**

2973 Jefferson Street

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Tel.: 717-236-7387

Specific outreach to GLBTQ community.

## Millersville University's Gay-Straight Alliance

MU Allies is Millersville University's GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance). Our goal is to encourage tolerance, embrace diversity, and to promote social equity of LGBTQIA students on campus, while serving as a social network and support group for those students and their allies, where everyone can come together without fear of persecution or discrimination.

### Office of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns

Bucknell University  
100A Roberts Hall  
Lewisburg, PA 17837  
Tel: 570-577-1609

E-mail: [mcdaniel@bucknell.edu](mailto:mcdaniel@bucknell.edu) or [dwilson@bucknell.edu](mailto:dwilson@bucknell.edu)

Web Address: [www.bucknell.edu/x5699.xml](http://www.bucknell.edu/x5699.xml)

Contact: Fran McDaniel



The Office of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Awareness is committed to making Bucknell a safe place for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. This is accomplished by supporting student groups and efforts to educating and increase awareness about LGBT issues and current public policy concerns.

The office is guided by an Advisory Board comprised of students, faculty, staff, and administrators who are interested in and committed to the mission of the Office.

### Penn State University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Support Network

Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity  
311 Grange Building  
University Park, PA 16802  
Tel: 814-863-7696

Web Address: [www.sa.psu.edu/lgbt/network/index.htm](http://www.sa.psu.edu/lgbt/network/index.htm)



The goal of this program is to provide a more hospitable environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons by establishing an identifiable network of persons who can provide support, information, and a safe haven to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender persons within the University.

Also at Penn State University, State College, PA:

### Delta Lambda Phi - Alpha Rho Chapter

Penn State University  
PO Box 10537  
State College, PA 16805-0537  
Tel: 888-839-7009

E-mail: [DeltaLambdaPhi@yahoo.com](mailto:DeltaLambdaPhi@yahoo.com)

## **Pride Festival of Central PA**

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

The mission of the Pride Festival of Central PA is to increase positive visibility of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Ally community of Central Pennsylvania by providing opportunities to express and celebrate diverse perspectives, emphasizing acceptance of all individuals regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

## **REACCH Program**

Community Health Center

2645 N. 3rd Street

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Tel: 717-782-2750

Fax: 717-782-4761

E-mail: [slloyd@pinnaclehealth.org](mailto:slloyd@pinnaclehealth.org)

Web Address: <http://www.pinnaclehealth.org/services/community-health-cen/#adult-reacch-clinic>

With an emphasis on treatment and prevention of the spread of HIV for adults and children, Pinnacle Health's Resource Education and Comprehensive Care for HIV (REACCH) Program is the only one of its kind in Central Pennsylvania. Care is coordinated by a registered nurse and includes diagnostic, therapeutic and supportive services such as education about HIV disease and transmission, as well as treatment recommendations and how to access them.

## **Students Advocating Life Equality (SALE)**

Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

Shippensburg University of PA

200 Gilbert Hall

Shippensburg, PA 17257

(717)477-1616

E-mail: [susale@gmail.com](mailto:susale@gmail.com)

Web Address: [webspaces.ship.edu/msa/clubs](http://webspaces.ship.edu/msa/clubs)



Students Advocating LGBT Equality is a group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and ally individuals. We seek to educate the campus and surrounding communities, to advocate for diversity and open mindedness, and to provide opportunities for group interaction. We also seek to open lines of communication to the administration to create and promote a safe and accepting atmosphere.

We wish to abolish myths that perpetuate homophobia and bring tolerance, awareness, and acceptance of gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals to

Shippensburg University. S.A.L.E. is open to all students, regardless of sexual orientation, who share in these goals.

*S.A.L.E. was the recipient of the 2004-2005 Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Organization of the Year Award.*

### **The Susquehanna Club**

P.O. Box 10122  
Lancaster, PA 17605-0122

The Susquehanna Club is a social organization designed to provide recreational opportunities to gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and "gay friendly" heterosexuals. The recreational opportunities are mostly outdoor sporting activities including hiking, camping, biking, canoeing, rafting and swimming. Monthly outings are held from April through November and generally include camping in conjunction with one other of the aforementioned activities. The organization is in its sixth successful year of operation and its members have enjoyed countless good times. The membership includes a diverse group of individuals of varying outdoors experience.

An annual planning meeting is held in early March each year. If you are interested in the organization or attending the annual planning meeting, please drop us a line, and put it to the attention of the secretary. Thanks!

### **Susquehanna University Gay/Straight Alliance (Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Association of SU Students (BGLASS))**

514 University Avenue  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870  
E-mail: [bglass@susqu.edu](mailto:bglass@susqu.edu)  
Web Address: [www.susqu.edu/gsa](http://www.susqu.edu/gsa)



The Gay/Straight Alliance works to create an awareness of and respect for gender and sexual diversity. Because of the prevalence of heterosexism, transphobia and homophobia, the GSA recognizes the difficulty sexual and gender minority students may have in realizing and celebrating all aspects of their personalities and cultures. By providing educational programs to the Susquehanna University campus, the Gender and Sexuality Alliance will combat myths, prejudgments and fears about gender and sexual minorities and their cultures in order to dispel them. We will sponsor lectures, panels, residence hall programs, discussions, films, showcases, literature and entertainment events concerning issues of sexual and gender diversity.

### **Unitarian Church of Harrisburg**

1280 Clover Lane  
Harrisburg, PA 17111  
(717) 564-4761

Actively promote inclusion of GLBTQ parishioners.

### **Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley**

2 Forge Road  
Boiling Springs, PA 17013  
(717) 249-8944

Actively promote inclusion of GLBTQ parishioners.

### **York Area Women's Potluck**

This potluck group meets about once a month, usually on a Saturday or Sunday, as determined by the host. Women attend from both York and Lancaster counties. The responsibilities of the host are setting the date and time, and providing paperware and eating utensils.

For more information, contact Cindy or Kate at (717) 848-9142 or look in **The Lavender Letter**, the women's newsletter from Harrisburg.

# Northeast Pennsylvania

## **Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)**

Muhlenberg College

2400 Chew Street

Allentown, PA 18104-5586

Tel: 484-664-3200 #3657

E-mail: [gsa@muhlenberg.edu](mailto:gsa@muhlenberg.edu)

Web Address: [www.muhlenberg.edu/studorgs/rainbowspace/](http://www.muhlenberg.edu/studorgs/rainbowspace/)

The GSA is a student group that fosters a positive community for GLBTQ students and their allies on campus, while also reaching out to the Lehigh Valley community to educate on positive sexuality. Our activities include panel discussions, Coming Out Day celebrations, trips to Broadway shows and an annual Drag Ball.

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# Northwest Pennsylvania

## **Allegheny College Pride Alliance**

520 North Main Street

Room 304, Reis Hall

Meadville, PA 16335-3902

Tel: 814-332-3100

E-mail: [pride@allegheny.edu](mailto:pride@allegheny.edu)

Web Address:

[webpub.allegheny.edu/administration/diversity/committees/index.php](http://webpub.allegheny.edu/administration/diversity/committees/index.php)

Pride Alliance (formerly known as The Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered People) works to create a positive environment for sexual diversity and sponsors events including Coming Out Day, Day of Silence, the Gay Pride Dance, and the Lesbian and Gay Film Series. Pride Alliance meets every other week.

## **Erie Sisters Transgender Group/Lake Erie Group**

1903 West Eighth Street, PMB 261

Erie, PA 16505

Tel: 814-746-5524 (Best time to call is Mon, Wed, Fri from 5 pm - 9 pm.)

E-mail: [bethanymyers@eriesisters.org](mailto:bethanymyers@eriesisters.org)

Web Address: [www.eriesisters.org/](http://www.eriesisters.org/)

The Lake Erie Group is a social organization of cross dressers based in the northwest Pennsylvania city of Erie. Membership is open to spouses, significant others, transsexuals and transvestites. Sexual orientation and race are non-issues. They are an outgoing group of transgendered girls who enjoy having fun!

Lake Erie Group has members around the country, including Florida and Washington, D.C., but most girls hail from the Great Tri-State area of Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio.

## **Catholic Charities Diocese of Erie**

429 E. Grandview Blvd.

Box 10397

Erie, PA 16514

Tel: 814-824-1250 or 1-800-374-3723

Web Address: [www.eriercd.org/charities7.asp](http://www.eriercd.org/charities7.asp)

Many services focus on the needs of communities throughout the Erie diocese, especially on helping youth and socially disadvantaged persons of all ages. Services provided include, but are not limited to: youth treatment programs, emergency assistance, work readiness and housing programs.

Northwest



# Southeast Pennsylvania

## **AIDS Services in Asian Communities (ASIAC)**

340 North 12th Street, Suite 205  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Tel: 215-629-2307  
Web Address: [ASAIC.org](http://ASAIC.org)



Provides culturally sensitive and language appropriate HIV-related services to Asians and Pacific Islanders and their partners, friends, family members and service providers in the Philadelphia area.

We believe in being a resource, serving as an advocate, outreaching, empowering, and assisting 1) Asians & Pacific Islanders at-risk for HIV infection, 2) those living with HIV/AIDS, and 3) their friends, partners, family members, and service providers to meet their needs and improve access to services. Delivered by a trained professional staff, our services are confidential and provided free of charge regardless of residency or immigration status.

## **Attic Youth Center**

255 South 16th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
Tel: 215-545-4331  
Fax: (215) 545-5774  
Web Address: <http://www.atticyouthcenter.org/>  
Contact: Ashley Pollard [info@atticyouthcenter.org](mailto:info@atticyouthcenter.org)



In April 1993, The Attic started off as an after school support group at Voyage House. Six years later, The Attic is the largest l/g/b/t/q youth center in the Philadelphia area. We provide a safe space for social activities and interaction for queer youth, as well as sexual education, counseling, support, psychological services, and crisis intervention. The Attic is run by the Youth Planning Committee (YPC), a number of Attic members that meet regularly to discuss and plan the Attic's activities, upcoming events, and the overall direction of the group. This makes the Attic the only youth-run youth-only organization in the Philadelphia area. The Attic is concerned with the well being of our youth and our programs and activities are geared towards nurturing and educating them so they can become part of the community in a safe, healthy and loving environment.

Southeast

## **Bread & Roses Community Fund**

1500 Walnut Street, Suite 1305  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Tel: 215-731-1107

Fax: 215-731-0453

Web Address: [www.breadrosesfund.org/](http://www.breadrosesfund.org/)



**Bread & Roses** *community fund*

Bread & Roses Community Fund is a unique partnership of donors and activists committed to supporting social change in the Delaware Valley. A public foundation, Bread & Roses has distributed nearly \$6 million to groups working for access to health care; economic justice; a clean, safe environment; civil and human rights; peace; and other issues. In addition, Bread & Roses provides services to grantees and donors. Through its membership in the Funding Exchange, Bread & Roses is part of a national funding movement supporting social change philanthropy. After twenty-five years of supporting change not charity, Bread & Roses remains committed to providing technical and financial resources to the voices of progressive activism.

Bread & Roses is part of a larger movement of local and national organizations, technical assistance providers, think tanks, foundations and socially responsible business people that work for social change.

## **Congregation Beth Ahavah**

615 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19123

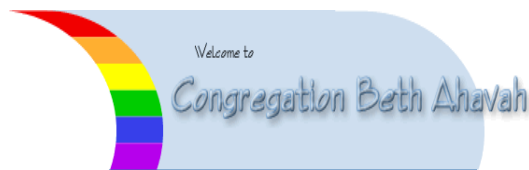
Tel: 215-627-1313

Fax: 215-873-0108

E-mail: [BethAhavah@verizon.net](mailto:BethAhavah@verizon.net)

Web Address: [www.bethahavah.org](http://www.bethahavah.org)

Contact: Eve Miller



Congregation Beth Ahavah serves Philadelphia and the greater Delaware Valley's GLBT Jewish community and welcomes people of all gender and sexual identities. We are committed to providing a comfortable place for people of all sexual orientations and religious affiliations to experience Judaism. We are affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and draw from meaningful traditions and practices in all branches of Judaism. We are also a member of the World Congress of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Jews: Keshet Ga'avah.

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## **The COLOURS Organization, Inc.**

112 North Broad Street

11th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19102

Tel: 215-496-0330

Fax: 215-496-0354

E-mail: [info@coloursorganization.org](mailto:info@coloursorganization.org)

Web Address: [www.coloursorganization.org](http://www.coloursorganization.org)

Contact: Lawrence Frazier



COLOURS was established in 1991 to respond to the lack of positive and progressive educational, advocacy, and support mechanisms for sexual minority people of color in the greater Philadelphia area.

COLOURS is the very first non-club, non-commercial, free-standing center specifically designed for sexual minority men and women of color ever to exist in the City of Brotherly Love. It offers community members a safe and comfortable atmosphere to unite with other sexual minorities of color.

COLOURS is committed to a measured, responsible plan of action to continue to enhance its organizational capacity to better meet the urgent needs of the community of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people of color in Philadelphia.

## **The GALAEI Project**

Gay and Lesbian Latino AIDS Education Initiative

1207 Chestnut Street, Fifth Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19107

Tel: 215-851-1822

Fax: 215-851-1775

Toll-Free in PA: 866-222-3871

Web Address: [www.galaei.org/](http://www.galaei.org/)

Contact: Gloria Casarez



The Gay and Lesbian Latino AIDS Education Initiative (GALAEI) is a program designed to meet the HIV/AIDS education and prevention needs of Latino/a sexual minorities. GALAEI understands the impact of overall health on the well being of Philadelphia's Latino/a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities, and seeks to address general health issues through education, prevention, advocacy and representation.

South  
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## Giovanni's Room

345 South 12th Street (at 12th & Pine)

Philadelphia, PA 19107

Tel: 215-923-2960

Fax: 215-923-0813

E-mail: [giovannis\\_room@verizon.net](mailto:giovannis_room@verizon.net)

Web Address: [www.giovannisroom.com](http://www.giovannisroom.com)

Contact: Ed Hermance

Mail-order:

1145 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19107

America's World-Class Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Bookstore for Queers & Our Friends. Giovanni's room does no formal community outreach; however, authors do come in for signings and discussions. The bookstore also sells CDs, pens, key chains, jewelry, etc and provides lists of books films and events that are being held in the community.

### Store Hours:

Monday	11:30 AM	to	7:00 PM
Tuesday	11:30 AM	to	7:00 PM
Wednesday	11:30 AM	to	7:00 PM
Thursday	11:30 AM	to	7:00 PM
Friday	11:30 AM	to	7:00 PM
Saturday	11:30 AM	to	7:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 PM	to	7:00 PM

## Jewish Family & Children Services

2100 Arch Street, 5th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Tel: 267-256-2100

Fax: 267-256-2119

Web Address: [www.jfcsphil.org/](http://www.jfcsphil.org/)



JFCS offers professional counseling and supportive services to children, adolescents, and adults in every phase of the life cycle and from all walks of life.

JFCS works with individuals, couples and families to develop better ways of understanding and coping with life's challenges. And we are dedicated to preventive strategies - strengthening and Jewish family life through educational programs, seminars and discussion groups that address the specific needs of participants.

## Legal Clinic at the Center for Lesbian & Gay Civil Rights

1211 Chestnut Street, Suite 605

Philadelphia, PA 19107

Tel: 215-731-1447

Fax: 215-731-1544

E-Mail: [info@equalitypa.org](mailto:info@equalitypa.org)

Web Address: [www.equalitypa.org](http://www.equalitypa.org)

Contact: Shannon Cross



THE CENTER FOR LESBIAN  
AND GAY CIVIL RIGHTS

The Clinic advocates equality for lesbians and gay men in Pennsylvania by operating a legal hotline and litigating lesbian and gay civil rights cases. The legal hotline handles over a thousand calls each year from lesbians and gay men facing discrimination based on their sexual orientation. The Clinic is the only student-run legal clinic in the nation that focuses exclusively on lesbian and gay civil rights issues.

## Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center at University of PA

3907 Spruce Street

Philadelphia, PA 19104-6031

Tel: 215.898.5044

E-mail: [center@dolphin.upenn.edu](mailto:center@dolphin.upenn.edu)

Web Address: <http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lgbtc>

Hours of Operation: M-T 10am-10pm, F 10am-5pm

Contact: Bob Schoenberg



Lesbian Gay Bisexual  
Transgender Center  
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center at Penn, one of the oldest and most active programs of its kind in the country, supports Penn lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students, staff, alumni, and faculty and increases the general Penn community's understanding and acceptance of its sexual and gender minority members. Established in 1982, the Center provides a variety of services throughout the year for and concerning Penn's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

## Main Line Pink & Blues (founded 2008)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Questioning Mental Health Support & Recovery groups.

Telephone: (215)546-0300, ext. 3301 or (215)627-0424

Website: [www.PinkandBlues.org](http://www.PinkandBlues.org)

E-mail: [MADpride1988@yahoo.com](mailto:MADpride1988@yahoo.com)

Contact: Mark A. Davis

The Bryn Mawr Consumer Center

1001 West Lancaster Avenue (at the intersection of Warner Avenue)

Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Contact the Center at: (610)527-1511

Meets every Thursday from 6-7 pm.

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**Main Line Youth Alliance**

106 West Lancaster Avenue  
PO Box 442  
Wayne, PA 19087  
(Office space generously provided by  
Central Baptist Church. MYA has no  
religious affiliation.)  
Tel: 610-688-1861 (Leave a message)  
Email: [info@myaonline.org](mailto:info@myaonline.org)  
Web Address: <http://www.myaonline.org/index.php>



The Main Line Youth Alliance (MYA) provides gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and straight youth with social, educational and supportive activities in a confidential, respectful and safe environment. Main Line Youth Alliance programs, unique in Philadelphia's western suburbs, encourage healthy relationships with peers, family and community.

**Mazzoni Center**

21 South 12th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Tel: 215-563-0652  
Fax: 215-563-0664  
Web Address: [www.mazzonicenter.org](http://www.mazzonicenter.org)  
E-mail: [info@mazzonicenter.org](mailto:info@mazzonicenter.org)

Provides free counseling for LGBTQ youth between the ages of 12 and 23 through the Open Door Program. Also provides counseling for parents with LGBTQ youth and parents, and referrals to psychiatric and other psychological services as necessary.

The Open Door program exists to help Lesbians, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender individuals and families enjoy healthy and fulfilling lives. We offer professional, culturally affirming, outpatient mental health and substance abuse services to strengthen our communities.

**Mountain Meadow Country Experience**

1315 Spruce Street, Suite 411  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Tel. 215-772-1107  
Fax: 215-772-0313  
Web Address: <http://www.mountainmeadow.org/>  
E-mail: [inquiries@mountainmeadow.org](mailto:inquiries@mountainmeadow.org)  
Contact: Randi Sherman

Mountain Meadow was started in 1981 by Julie Greenberg, a lesbian Rabbi and mother from Philadelphia, as a feminist summer camp for girls. In 1992,



Rebecca Subar and Merle Berman decided to revive Mountain Meadow, this time designing and implementing a kid-centered, non-profit summer camp for children of all genders with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer (LGBTQ) parents. From the beginning, creating a diverse community and providing equal access to programming for people of varying economic backgrounds was a priority. Their vision was instituted through a sliding-scale tuition policy and a commitment to engaging in yearly fundraising campaigns.

### **Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives\***

1201 Chestnut Street, Third Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19107

Tel: 215-563-0652, ext. 209, or 215-563-0663

Fax: 215-563-0662 or 215-563-0664 or (267)940-0285

Parents and children have challenges unique to households that do not have issues of sexual orientation or gender identity. Open Door Counseling has developed a program, in coordination with PCHA Education Department, to further support difficult times between parents and children. If you are a parent who identifies as G/L/B/T/Q, or are a parent that has children who identify with G/L/B/T/Q issues, this program could provide needed support. Services offered are Individual or Family Therapy, for specific counseling and educational and peer support groups, to help identify similar challenges with others.

Open Door Counseling at PCHA is a confidential counseling program for Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans or individuals questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity. Counseling is offered to youth and adults. Because this counseling program is funded, services are offered at a minimal cost contribution (suggested per session), but no one will be turned away for inability to pay.

Hours of operation are Monday & Tuesday, 11:00am-7:00pm, or Wednesday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm, by appointment only. To find out more, please call 215/563-0663, ext. 209.

\*See Also:

Mazzoni Center, 21 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Tel: 215-563-0652

### **Pink & Blues Philadelphia** (founded 2003)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Questioning Mental Health Support & Recovery groups.

Telephone: (215)546-0300, ext. 3301 or (215)627-0424

Website: [www.PinkandBlues.org](http://www.PinkandBlues.org)

E-mail: [MADpride1988@yahoo.com](mailto:MADpride1988@yahoo.com)

Contact: Mark A. Davis

The Church of St. Luke & the Epiphany - Blue Room  
330 South 13th Street (between Spruce and Pine)  
Philadelphia, PA

Meets every Wednesday from 7-9 pm. Come in the church courtyard, go to the wheelchair ramp and enter by the single red door on the right.

### **The William Way Center**

1315 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Tel: 215-732-2220  
Fax: 215-732-0770  
E-mail: [info@waygay.org](mailto:info@waygay.org)  
Web Address: [www.waygay.org](http://www.waygay.org)



### Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The William Way Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center was formed in 1974, when a group of community leaders came together with the goal of creating a stronger, more stable community center out of Penguin Place, the community center at the time.

After an extensive search, the Community Center purchased the former Engineers' Club of Philadelphia in March 1997. Soon after, renovations began, and the building opened to the public in July 1997. Since then, the Center has developed an array of programming and services that target LGBT groups and community organizations have moved permanent offices into the Community Center. In addition, over 70 groups meet at the Community Center on a regular basis, and many more use the facility for special events. The building is open seven days a week and is currently used by over 2,500 people each month.

### **Vision of Hope MCC**

130 East Main Street  
Mountville, PA 17554  
Tel: 717 285 9070  
E-mail: [pastor@visionofhopemcc.org](mailto:pastor@visionofhopemcc.org)  
Web Address: [www.visionofhopemcc.org](http://www.visionofhopemcc.org)



Services: Sundays 10:00 am. Morning Children's Sunday School.  
Pastor Debbie Coggin.



# Southwest Pennsylvania

## Bet Tikvah

P.O. Box 10140  
Pittsburgh, PA 15232  
Tel: 412-256-8317  
Call to listen to announcements & leave messages  
E-mail: [info@bettikvah.org](mailto:info@bettikvah.org)  
Web Address: [www.bettikvah.org/](http://www.bettikvah.org/)



An Alternative Jewish Congregation in Pittsburgh for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community, Their Family and Friends.

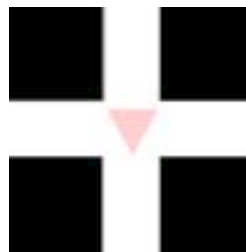
## CMUOut

Carnegie Mellon University  
University Center Room 318F  
University Center Box 99  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
Tel: 412-268-8794  
E-mail: [out@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:out@andrew.cmu.edu)  
Web Address: <http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/user/out/>

CMU Out is a group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer members of the campus community, and their friends. They sponsor educational and social activities throughout the year, and work to make CMU a friendlier place for GLBT people. CMU Out is supported by Student Senate and Student Government.

## Dignity/Pittsburgh

P O Box 362  
Pittsburgh, PA 15230  
Tel: 412-362-4334  
E-mail: [dignity@dignitypgh.org](mailto:dignity@dignitypgh.org)  
Web Address: [www.dignitypgh.org](http://www.dignitypgh.org)



Dignity is a national lay movement of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered Catholics, their families, and their friends. Dignity was founded in 1969 in Los Angeles under the leadership of Fr. Patrick Nidorf, O.S.A., Dignity became a national organization in 1973. Dignity's main office is located in Washington, D.C., and it now comprises about 75 chapters throughout the United States.

Participants worship openly with other lesbian and gay Catholics, socialize, share personal and spiritual concerns, and work together on educational and justice issues.

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At Dignity Pittsburgh you will find: Weekly Catholic Mass and Social, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist), Sacrament of the Sick (Public Anointing Service), Holy Unions and Special Annual Liturgies.

### **Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Pittsburgh**

5808 Forward Avenue  
Squirrel Hill  
P O Box 5441  
Pittsburgh PA, 15206  
Tel: 412-422-0114



E-mail: [center@glccpgh.org](mailto:center@glccpgh.org)

Web Address: [www.glccpgh.org](http://www.glccpgh.org)

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Pittsburgh (GLCC) provides the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) individuals, their families and supporters in Western Pennsylvania with resources and opportunities to promote visibility, understanding and equality within the LGBT communities and the community-at-large. The GLCC will work toward these goals through education, social support, networking and advocacy.

### **Persad Center**

5150 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
Tel: 412-441-9786  
Fax: 412-363-2375  
Web Address: [www.persadcenter.org](http://www.persadcenter.org)



Betty J. Hill, MPM/Executive Director  
Executive Director  
Tel: 412-441-9786 ext. 212  
E-mail: [bhill@persadcenter.org](mailto:bhill@persadcenter.org)

Persad Center, Inc. is the nation's second oldest licensed counseling center specifically created to serve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. In addition, Persad Center is an AIDS Service Organization providing counseling to persons with HIV Disease.

Persad Center is committed to helping LGBT and HIV+ individuals and the people who love them. Our staff of mental health professionals is trained to respond to the emotional needs of the LGBT community in a caring way that is sensitive, non-judgmental and culturally specific. Persad Center offers a variety of Clinical Programs and Services to fulfill our mission to increase the well-being of the community.

## Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force

5913 Penn Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Tel: 412-345-7456

Toll-free: 888-204-8821

E-mail: [PATFinfo@patf.org](mailto:PATFinfo@patf.org)

Web Address: [www.patf.org](http://www.patf.org)



Building on our two decades of experience, PATF fights to break the cycles of prejudice, apathy and denial that are leading to increasing rates of HIV infection, AIDS and death.

In 1985, the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (PATF) was founded by Kerry Stoner and a few caring volunteers from the Pitt Men's Study in response to the need for support and information about the developing AIDS crisis. Since then, PATF has grown both in size and scope. Today, a professional staff and a legion of volunteers provide direct support and information to those living with HIV/AIDS and those at risk of infections regardless of gender, religion, race or sexual orientation.

## Pittsburgh International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

P O Box 81247

Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Tel: 412-422-6776

E-Mail: [info@pilgff.org](mailto:info@pilgff.org)

Web Address: [www.pilgff.org](http://www.pilgff.org)

The Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (PILGFF) is an annual celebration of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered writers, directors, actors and their work. Each year in October, hundreds of movie-goers from Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, and the surrounding areas are treated to ten days of high quality entertainment, including feature films, shorts, and videos from the hottest national and international LGBT filmmakers of our time.

## Western PA Freedom to Marry Coalition

P O Box 81253

Pittsburgh, PA 15217-4253

E-mail: [corwin@telerama.lm.com](mailto:corwin@telerama.lm.com)

Web Address:

[www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs/user/scotts/ftp/wpaf2mc/](http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs/user/scotts/ftp/wpaf2mc/)



The Western PA Freedom to Marry Coalition believes that marriage is a basic human right and individual personal choice. They feel that the state should not interfere with same-gender couples who choose to marry and share fully and equally in the rights, responsibilities, and commitment of civil marriage.

Southwest

## Youth Empowerment Project

Tel: 412-383-2940 or 412-624-5508

E-mail: [yep@stophiv.pitt.edu](mailto:yep@stophiv.pitt.edu)

The Youth Empowerment Project, in Pittsburgh, PA, is a peer-led, community based program that targets at-risk youth, primarily young gay men, bisexuals and African Americans. The program's major activity includes outreach to young adults in clubs and social groups while encouraging HIV counseling and testing.

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## Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)



PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered 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.

### **PFLAG National Office**

1726 M Street, NW  
Suite 400

Washington, D.C. 20036

Tel: 202-467-8180

Fax: 202-467-8194

24 hour Trevor Project Hotline for GLBT Youth: 800-850-8078

Gay & Lesbian National Hotline: 888-THE-GLNH (888-843-4564)

E-mail: [info@pflag.org](mailto:info@pflag.org)

Main Web Address: [community.pflag.org/](http://community.pflag.org/)

### **PFLAG Pennsylvania Offices**

#### **Allentown / Eastern PA (Serving Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe, Bucks, and surrounding counties)**

P.O. Box 403

Macungie, PA 18062

Helplines: 610-967-5219 or  
570-620-1234

Fax: 610-967-6468

E-mail: [info@eastern-pa-pflag.org](mailto:info@eastern-pa-pflag.org)

Web Address:

<http://www.eastern-pa-pflag.org/>

#### **Bucks County (Also see Allentown)**

P.O. Box 31

Penns Park, PA 18943

E-mail:

[BucksCountyPFLAG@gmail.com](mailto:BucksCountyPFLAG@gmail.com)

Phone: 215-598-8005

#### **Central Pennsylvania**

PO Box 812

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Helpline: 717-728-8800

E-mail: [pflagcenpa@yahoo.com](mailto:pflagcenpa@yahoo.com)

Web Address: <http://pflagcentralpa.org/>

**Chambersburg / Franklin Area**

7430 Nyesville Rd.  
Chambersburg, PA 17201-9625  
Tel 1: 717-264-8345 or -4549

**Drexel Hill**

C/O Drexel Hill Baptist Church  
4400 State Road  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026  
E-mail: [eharding@dhbaptist.com](mailto:eharding@dhbaptist.com)  
Tel: 610-259-8139

**Erie/Erie & Crawford Counties**

PO Box 8914  
Erie, PA 16505  
E-mail: [pflagerie.crawford@gmail.com](mailto:pflagerie.crawford@gmail.com)  
Tel: 814-454-1392

**Indiana**

PO Box 272  
Indiana, PA 15701  
Tel: 724-357-8309  
E-mail: [pflagindiana@comcast.net](mailto:pflagindiana@comcast.net)

**Johnstown**

545 Goucher St. Apt. 31  
Johnstown, PA 15905  
Tel: 814- 266-8372  
E-mail: [pflagjohnstown@gmail.com](mailto:pflagjohnstown@gmail.com)  
Web Address:  
<http://www.pflagjtown.org/>

**Lancaster / Red Rose**

1947 New Holland Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
Tel: 717-397-1012

**Philadelphia**

P.O. Box 15711  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
E-mail: [pflagphila@yahoo.com](mailto:pflagphila@yahoo.com)  
Tel: 215-572-1833  
Web Address: <http://www.pflagphila.org/>

**Pittsburgh**

P.O. Box 5406  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
E-mail: [pflagpgh@juno.com](mailto:pflagpgh@juno.com)  
Tel: 412-833-4556

Web Address: <http://www.pflagpgh.org/>  
**Reeders/Monroe County (Also see PFLAG Allentown)**

Post Office Box 419  
Reeders, PA 18352  
E-mail: [amleepflag@aol.com](mailto:amleepflag@aol.com)  
Tel: 570-620-1234

**Schuykill (Pottsville)**

P.O. Box 871  
Pottsville, PA 17901  
Tel: 570-624-3151  
E-mail: [info@pflagpottsville.org](mailto:info@pflagpottsville.org)  
Web Address:  
<http://www.pflagpottsville.org/links.php>

**Washington**

134 E Fair Meadows Drive  
Canonsburg, PA 15317  
Tel: 724-228-2280  
E-mail: [info@pflagwashpa.org](mailto:info@pflagwashpa.org)  
Web Address:  
<http://www.pflagwashpa.org/Home.htm>

**West Chester/Chester County (Also see Allentown)**

Post Office Box 2527  
West Chester, PA 19380  
Tel: 484-354-2448  
E-mail: [lynda895@comcast.net](mailto:lynda895@comcast.net)

**Wilkes-Barre / Northeastern PA**

107 Butler Street  
Forty Fort, PA 18704  
Tel: 570-287-8504  
E-mail: [pflagnepa@aol.com](mailto:pflagnepa@aol.com)

**York**

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York  
925 South George St.  
York, PA 17403  
Tel and Email:  
Cheryl Hershey - 717-891-6440  
E-mail: [cherylhershey@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylhershey@yahoo.com)  
Charles Kress – 717-846-2560  
E-mail: [chuckdk753@aol.com](mailto:chuckdk753@aol.com)  
Web Address: <http://www.pflagyork.org/>

## **PFLAG Training Programs**

PFLAG's Field and Policy Department offers training programs for state and regional conferences to empower chapters in providing support, education and advocacy for their communities. Workshops are offered in the following areas.

- Building Diverse Coalitions
- Hate Crime Prevention
- Marriage Equality
- Membership Recruitment and Retention
- Safe Schools
- Strategic Planning
- Strong Chapter Boards and Leadership Development
- Transgender Issues
- Transgender Youth and Gender Variance
- Train the Trainers (Safe Schools)
- Working with Elected Officials
- Working with Faith Groups
- Working with Families of Color
- Working with Straight Allies

## Websites

### **Advocates for Youth**

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

Dedicated to creating programs and advocating for policies that help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health. Advocates provide information, training and strategic assistance to youth-serving organizations, policy makers, youth activist and the media in the United States and developing world.

### **Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE)**

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

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

### **The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)**

<http://www.glaad.org/>

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 and Lesbian Medical Association**

<http://www.glma.org/>

GLMA is the professional home for all LGBT health care professionals, and is proud to be a multidisciplinary organization. Originally open only to physicians, residents and medical students, in 2002 GLMA expanded its mission and now represents the interests of tens of thousands of LGBT health professionals of all kinds, as well as millions of LGBT patients.

### **The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)**

[www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/home.html](http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/home.html)

Strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

### **Gay Scape**

[www.gayscape.com/gayscape/you.html](http://www.gayscape.com/gayscape/you.html)

A search engine web site containing links to information and resources for or about young gay, lesbian, bisexual and or questioning people.

### **Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)**

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

Founded in 1998 to empower youth activists to start Gay-Straight Alliance clubs and fight homophobia and transphobia in schools. Gay-Straight Alliance Network is a youth-led organization that connects school-based Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) to each other and community resources. Through peer support, leadership development, and training, GSA Network supports young people in starting, strengthening, and sustaining GSAs and builds the capacity of GSAs.



**GayZoo**[www.gayzoo.com](http://www.gayzoo.com)

A Search Engine for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Internet Community. Gayzoo is dedicated to making G/L/B/T related Internet content much easier to find.

**GLBTQ**[www.glbtq.com](http://www.glbtq.com)

A web site devoted to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer (glbtq) education and culture and houses a comprehensive encyclopedia of glbtq culture.

**Lesbian.com**[www.Lesbian.com](http://www.Lesbian.com)

Is a journey...an evolution that began in 1995 to be an excellent avenue for lesbians around the world to connect and network. Their mission is to be an international resource for lesbians, however we define ourselves. Lesbian.com will be an alternative, fun, relevant Internet resource that will reach out to ones both on and off line.

**NAMI Multicultural Action Center**[www.NAMI.org/multicultural](http://www.NAMI.org/multicultural)

NAMI created the Multicultural Action Center in 2002 to focus attention on system reform to eliminate disparities in mental health care for diverse communities, ensure access to culturally competent services and treatment for all Americans, and particularly to help and support people of diverse backgrounds who are affected by serious mental illness.

**National Association of LGBT Addiction Professionals and Their Allies**<http://www.nalgap.org/>

The National Association of Lesbian and Gay Addiction Professionals is a membership organization founded in 1979 and dedicated to the prevention and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse, and other addictions in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender communities. NALGAP provides information, training, networking, and advocacy about addiction and related problems, and support for those engaged in the health professions, individuals in recovery, and others concerned about the health of gender and sexual minorities.

**National Association of LGBT Community Centers (NALGBTCC)**[www.lgbtcenters.org](http://www.lgbtcenters.org)

Exists to support and enhance lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community centers, which are engines of community organizing and liberation, and crucial to the health and strength of LGBT communities.

**National Center for Transgender Equality**[www.NCTEquality.org](http://www.NCTEquality.org)

Dedicated to advancing the equality of transgender people through advocacy, collaboration and empowerment.

**National Coalition for LGBT Health**[www.LGBTHealth.net/stage/](http://www.LGBTHealth.net/stage/)

The Coalition is committed to improving the health and well being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals through federal advocacy that is focused on research, policy, education and training.

### **National Gay & Lesbian Taskforce**

Founded in 1973, was the first national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights and advocacy organization and remains the movement's leading voice for freedom, justice, and equality. We work to build the grassroots political strength of our community by training state and local activists and leaders, working to strengthen the infrastructure of state and local allies, and organizing broad-based campaigns to build public support for complete equality for LGBT people.

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

### **National Youth Advocacy Coalition**

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

A social justice organization focused on equality for LGBTQ youth everywhere.

### **Out Proud, the National Coalition for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Youth**

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

Provides a wide range of resources available for youth and educators.

### **Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission**

[www.phrc.state.pa.us](http://www.phrc.state.pa.us)

The website provides listings and information about LGBT advocacy and support groups.

### **PlanetOut Inc.**

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

Is a leading global online media company offering consumer services, news and entertainment to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. The company serves the worldwide LGBT audience through a comprehensive group of branded businesses featuring diverse chat, news, entertainment, travel, dating, personal finance, career, shopping and community services.

See also [www.gay.com](http://www.gay.com)

### **The Safe Zone Foundation**

[www.safezonefoundation.tripod.com](http://www.safezonefoundation.tripod.com)

Provides support and funding to non-profit organizations, community groups and student organizations that serve the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community. The mission of the Safe Zone Foundation has both a local and a general focus. The local resources serve the LGBT community of information; the Safe Zone site also provides information for setting up your own Safe Zone Program.

### **SAMHSA ADS Center**

[www.StopStigma.SAMHSA.gov](http://www.StopStigma.SAMHSA.gov)

The SAMHSA ADS Center enhances social acceptance and inclusion by ensuring that people with mental health problems can live full, productive lives within communities without fear of prejudice and discrimination. We provide information and assistance to develop successful efforts to counteract prejudice and discrimination and promote social inclusion.

Formerly known as, SAMHSA's Resource Center to Address Discrimination and Stigma, the Center was re-named in 2008 to SAMHSA's Resource Center to Promote Acceptance, Dignity and Social Inclusion Associated with Mental Health (ADS Center).

**Youthresource: A Project of Advocates for Youth**

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

Communicate with a variety of peer educators, learn about national advocacy efforts, read about a variety of LGBT youth issues.

## National Publications / Magazines

### **The Advocate**

Award-winning GLBT magazine

*For subscription information:*

Tel: 800-827-0561 Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 11:00 pm EST

Or Mail to:

The Advocate, Customer Service

P.O. Box 311

Newburgh, NY 12551

Web Address: [www.advocate.com](http://www.advocate.com)

### **Ambush**

Celebrating GLBT Life, Music & Culture

*For subscription information:*

828-A Bourbon Street

New Orleans, Louisiana 70116-3137

Tel: 1-504-522-8047

Web Address: <http://www.ambushmag.com/>

### **Curve**

America's best-selling lesbian magazine is in the hands of over a quarter million sophisticated, well-educated, and upwardly mobile women.

*For subscription information:*

Tel: 800-705-0070 or 818-760-8983

Curve

1550 Bryant St., Suite 510

San Francisco, CA 94103

Web Address: [www.curvemag.com](http://www.curvemag.com)

### **Erie Gay News**

Published once monthly as a source of news, events, information, support and affirmation for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people (GLBT's), their friends, families and supportive allies in the greater Erie, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas.

Subscriptions are \$20/year for 12 issues. Please fill out a subscription form or just send name and delivery address along with your check for \$20 made out to EGC Coalition to the following address:

*For subscription information:*

Erie Gay News

1115 West 7th St

Erie PA 16502-1105

Web Address: [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)

## Out

This is a general interest magazine for gays and lesbians. Each issue includes journalism on culture, people and current issues. It is written for people who appreciate a different slant on everyday life and accept diversity as a given. Individual concerns are also addressed.

*For subscription information:*

Tel: 800-792-2760 Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 11:00 pm EST

Or mail to:

OUT, Customer Service

P.O. Box 311

Newburgh, NY 12551

Web Address: [www.out.com](http://www.out.com)

## Young Gay America

YGA (Young Gay America) is the mainstream voice for the new demographic of Gay & Lesbian teens/twenty-somethings. It is filled with typical teen/youth content like fashion, photos, profiles, interviews, advice, games, reviews, and goofy fun.

*For subscription information:*

YGA Magazine

3107 Isleville Street

Halifax, NS B3K 3X9

Web Address: [www.ygamag.com](http://www.ygamag.com)



## Hotlines

### Contact USA

1 800 273-TALK

CONTACT USA (CUSA) is a network of crisis intervention and telephone helpline centers across the nation. Conceived in 1967 as a response to the growing social issues of a changing nation, CONTACT provides a listening ear as well as information about services in the regional communities.

[www.CONTACT-USA.org](http://www.CONTACT-USA.org)

Altoona	(814)946-9050	
Beaver Valley	(724)728-3650	or Ambridge (724)375-7693
Carlisle	(717) 249-6226	
Harrisburg	(717)652-4400	or Toll-free (800-932-4616)
Lancaster	(717)299-4855	
Pittsburgh	(412)820-HELP (4357)	

### Foster Care Helpline

Monday-Friday, 9-5:30, but callers may leave messages 24-hours.  
866-LGBTTeen (542-8336) ext. 350

For young people in foster care who have questions about LGBT-related discrimination or abuse, a service of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

### The Gay & Lesbian National Hotline

Monday-Friday: 4pm – Midnight (Eastern)

Saturday: Noon – 5pm (Eastern)

Tel: 1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)

Email: [glnh@GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org](mailto:glnh@GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org)

Web Address: <http://www.glnh.org/hotline/index.html>

The Gay & Lesbian National Hotline offers free and confidential peer-counseling, information, and local resources for cities and town throughout the United States. Individuals speak with callers of all ages about coming-out issues, relationship concerns, HIV/AIDS anxiety and safer-sex information and lots more.

### The Gay & Lesbian National Youth Talkline

Monday-Friday: 8 PM to Midnight (Eastern)

Tel: 1-800-246-PRIDE (1-800-246-7743)

Email: [youth@GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org](mailto:youth@GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org)

Web Address: <http://www.glnh.org/talkline/index.html>



The GLBT National Youth Talkline provides telephone and email peer-counseling, as well as factual information and local resources for cities and towns across the United States.

### **Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg**

Web Address: [www.askglsh.org](http://www.askglsh.org)

Tel: 717-234-0328

Resource listing for LGBTQ communities. Listings include medical services, publications, political/advocacy work and other resources.

### **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Helpline**

An informational and crisis intervention line available Monday-Friday, 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m., Saturday, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Helpline  
617-267-9001  
Toll-free - 888-340-4528

Peer Listening Line  
617-267-2535  
Toll-free - 800-399-PEER

Web Address: <http://www.fenwayhealth.org/>. For helpline information, scroll to the center bottom-most portion of the web page and click the “Helpline” link.

### **The Trevor Project LGBT Suicide Prevention Helpline**

Tel: (800)850-8078

Web Address: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

The Trevor Project is a nonprofit endeavor created by the makers of Trevor to promote tolerance for gay and questioning youth, and to aid in suicide prevention among that group. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Teens with nowhere to turn can call 866.4.U.TREVOR (866-488-7386), where they can talk to trained counselors, find local resources and take important steps on their way to becoming healthy adults. All calls are free and confidential.

### **Youth Legal Information Line**

Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

1-800-528-3257

Web site: <http://www.nclrights.org>

Offers confidential & free legal information regarding: safety in schools; psychiatric abuse or forced commitment to a mental hospital or treatment center; homelessness; discrimination in the foster care system or juvenile justice system; medical and legal issues for transsexual youth. A service of the National Center for Lesbian Rights.



# Scholarships

## National Scholarships



### **AHA Committee on Lesbian and Gay History Awards**

The Committee on Lesbian and Gay History, an affiliated society of the American Historical Association, awards four prizes for outstanding work in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, and queer history.

In odd-numbered years (covering the previous two years), CLGH awards the John Boswell Prize for an outstanding book on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, and/or queer history published in English and an unnamed prize for an outstanding paper on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, and/or queer history completed in English by an undergraduate student.

In even-numbered years (covering the previous two years), CLGH awards the Gregory Sprague Prize for an outstanding published or unpublished paper, article, book chapter, or dissertation chapter on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, and/or queer history completed in English by a graduate student and the Audre Lorde Prize for an outstanding article on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, and/or queer history published in English. The Sprague Prize is funded by the Gerber/Hart Library in Chicago.

The undergraduate paper prize is funded through a special fund established by CLGH's lifetime members.

For more information, see the CLGH website at [www.clgbhistory.org](http://www.clgbhistory.org)  
E-mail CLGH chair: Ian Lekas, PhD: [lekas@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:lekas@fas.harvard.edu)

### **American Atheists Gay/Lesbian College Scholarship**

The American Atheists Gay/Lesbian College Scholarship (Dr. Richard Chinn Fund) is a \$500 grant to an outstanding gay/lesbian Atheist activist.

Award amount is \$500.  
Application deadline is March 30th.

For more info, see: [http://www.atheists.org/family/temp/scholarship/body\\_index.html](http://www.atheists.org/family/temp/scholarship/body_index.html)

### **Arch and Bruce Brown Foundation Writing Competition**

The Arch & Bruce Brown foundation gives awards for short stories, one-act plays or short film or video projects that present the gay and lesbian lifestyle in a positive manner and are based on, or directly inspired by, a historic person or event. All works must be unpublished, original, and in English. Adaptations or translations of other works of fiction are not acceptable. One work per author, please.



Submissions deadline (postmarked) Nov 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Cash award of \$1000.

For more information, see <http://www.aabbfoundation.org>

E-mail: [archwrite@aol.com](mailto:archwrite@aol.com)

### **A. Patrick Charnon Memorial Scholarship**

The A. Patrick Charnon Memorial Scholarship helps students afford high quality undergraduate education in their chosen fields of study. [Open scholarship, but has been awarded to GLBT students or students from a GLBT family.

Recipients must be admitted or enrolled in a full-time undergraduate program of study in an accredited four-year college or university in the United States. They must maintain good academic standing and make progress toward a degree. The selection committee looks for candidates who value tolerance, compassion and respect for all people in their communities, and who have demonstrated their commitments to these values by their actions.

\$1,500 per academic year. Recipients may re-apply each year for up to four years.

For more information, see <http://www.cesresources.org/charnon.html>

E-mail: [scholarship@cesresources.org](mailto:scholarship@cesresources.org)

### **Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund**

This fund offers need-based grants to student activists who are able to do academic work at the college level and are involved in building the movement for social and economic justice. US citizenship is not a requirement but there is a strong preference for grantees who are building the progressive movement in the United States.

Grants are up to \$10,000.

For more information, see [www.davisputter.org](http://www.davisputter.org)

E-mail: [davisputter@hotmail.com](mailto:davisputter@hotmail.com)

Mailing Address:

Scholarship  
Davis-Putter Fund  
P.O. Box 7307  
New York, NY 10116-7307

### **Lee Dubin Scholarship Fund**

Scholarships available to daughters and sons of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Parents, named in honor of a gay father and founder of the Family Pride Coalition.

COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere) and the Family Pride Coalition will be awarding scholarships to daughters and sons of LGBT parents through their

collaborative Lee Dubin Scholarship Fund. We are especially seeking to honor students who are actively working to combat homophobia and increase positive awareness of LGBT families to apply. We also strongly encourage individuals with demonstrated financial need to apply.

Five-10 awards of \$500-\$1000 are given each year. Application deadline is April 15th.

For more information, including the downloadable application form, see <http://www.colage.org/programs/academic>, or  
E-mail: [COLAGE@COLAGE.org](mailto:COLAGE@COLAGE.org)  
Tel: 415-861-5437

### **Educational Research Center of America (ERCA) Community Contribution Scholarships**

To recognize and reward students who have made an extraordinary contribution to their community and/or high school. (In the past, they have awarded scholarships to students who started high school Gay-Straight Alliances.)

Each year, awards 25 Scholarships of \$1000 each.

For more information, see <http://www.studentresearch.org/public/application.html> or, E-mail: [info@studentresearch.org](mailto:info@studentresearch.org)

### **GLAAD Dissertation Fellowship**

Two fellowships of \$5,000 each will be awarded to support graduate student research that contributes to the complicated relationships among sexual orientation, gender identity and media representation. This Fellowship is sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).

The program is open to all students currently enrolled in a doctoral program at a U.S. institution and who have completed all pre-dissertation requirements by the application deadline (July 1st).

The GLAAD Dissertation Fellowship Program aims to foster and promote rigorous scholarship as a vital form of intellectual activism. The program solicits proposals for original research on the cultural, economic and political dimensions of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender representation, and how such representations are generated, interpreted, mobilized and contested in a variety of genres and contexts.

Examples of potential research topics include (but are not limited to): the effects of the economic and social organization of media industries on representations of sexual and gender identity; the formation and development of independent media sectors by and for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people; the reception of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender television characters by a range of audiences; public opinion on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues; the development and political

intervention of anti-gay media campaigns; the social and cultural significance of the erotic press for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people; media coverage of legislative reform in contemporary and historical contexts; media images of AIDS activism and of people with AIDS/HIV; youth-oriented images of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, including such educational materials as textbooks and classroom videos; queer cultures in cyberspace.

The GLAAD Dissertation Fellowship Program encourages disciplinary and methodological diversity, and thus seeks proposals from the humanities, social sciences, public health, public policy, education and allied fields.

To apply, applicants must submit a cover sheet as well as three (3) copies of: (1) a 6-8 page project description that demonstrates how the applicant's research addresses the themes of the fellowship program and that outlines the project's methodology or research approach; (2) a 2-page bibliography. Applications must also include a letter of recommendation from the applicant's academic supervisor that confirms eligibility, addresses the student's ability and preparation for his/her dissertation project, and addresses the project's original contribution to the field; as well as two additional letters of recommendation.

Completed applications must be received in GLAAD's New York office by July 1. Fellowship recipients will be announced in September.

For more information as well as application materials, visit the GLAAD website at <http://www.glaad.org>  
E-mail: [plum@glaad.org](mailto:plum@glaad.org)

### **GLSEN Scholarship Program**

These scholarships enable students who have played leadership roles in addressing LGBT issues in their middle and high school years with the support they need to continue their development as leaders through higher education. Scholarships are awarded to those who have taken leadership roles with student clubs commonly known as GSA's (Gay-Straight Alliances), GLSEN chapters, or projects such as the Day of Silence.

The GLSEN Scholarship Program has been created thanks to a generous \$500,000 gift from GLSEN major donors Elliot Leonard and Roger Litz.

Award amount: to be determined by awards committee. Application deadline is May 15th.

For more info, see: <http://www.glsen.org/binary-data/GLSEN-ATTACHMENTS/file/310-1.PDF>

## **Colin Higgins Foundation Courage Awards**

Individuals chosen to receive the Colin Higgins Courage Awards have endured overwhelming hostility and hate, yet have handled themselves with the utmost grace.

Grants are up to \$10,000.

For more information, see <http://www.colinhiggins.org/courageawards/index.html>

E-mail: [info@colinhiggins.org](mailto:info@colinhiggins.org)

Mailing Address:

c/o Tides Foundation NY Office

55 Exchange Place, Suite 402

New York, NY 10005

Phone: (212)509-4975

Fax: (212)509-1059

## **KarMel Artistic Scholarships**

The KarMel Scholarships were created to encourage students to write/create something that will express their views on the gay/lesbian/bi topic. It is designed to challenge students to create something unique and to showcase the many talented artisans/writers.

Awards are offered in 2 categories:

\* Best Written Gay/Lesbian/Bi Themed Work (\$400)

\* Best Artistic Gay/Lesbian/Bi Themed Work (\$300)

Deadline: All entries must be postmarked by March 31st

For more information, including the application form, see

<http://www.KarenandMelody.com/KarMelScholarship.html>

E-mail [KarMelScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:KarMelScholarship@gmail.com)

Mailing Address:

KarMel Scholarship

PO Box 70382

Sunnyvale, CA 94086-0382

## **LEAGUE Foundation Scholarship Fund**

The LEAGUE (Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgendered United Employees) at AT&T Foundation has established a National Youth Scholarship Fund to assist self-identified Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender youth in attending college.

These scholarships are available only to graduating high school seniors in the U.S. who will be attending accredited U.S. colleges or universities. Each year, the Foundation awards several scholarships of at least \$1,500 each. The application deadline varies but is usually in early spring.

Full details, including an application form, are normally available online starting in January at <http://www.leaguefoundation.org>  
Email: [info@leaguefoundation.org](mailto:info@leaguefoundation.org)  
Tel: (571)354-4525

### **Alan Malyon & Adrienne Smith Scholarship Award**

This is a scholarship totaling up to \$1000 that will be awarded to selected graduate students submitting proposals for research into psychological issues of importance to gay, lesbian, or bisexual individuals, groups, or communities, by Division 44 of the American Psychological Association, the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian and Gay Issues.

Proposals must be submitted by February 3, 1997.

For application cover sheet and guidelines for submission:  
[www.apadivision44.org](http://www.apadivision44.org)  
E-mail Alicia Lucksted: [div44.award.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:div44.award.coordinator@gmail.com)

### **The National Gay Pilots Association (NGPA)**

A scholarship program for lesbians and gay men seeking to become professional pilots. "Piloting is one of the last strongholds of homophobia," said NGPA Executive Director Ron Swanda to the Bay Area Reporter. "The best way to change that sad fact is to bring more gays and lesbians into this career field. Many NGPA members have found great satisfaction in their choice of piloting as a career, and they want to encourage other gays and lesbians to do the same." The deadline for applications is March 1st. Since the awards are not currently based on endowment funding, the number and amount of awards may vary from year to year, based on funding availability.

For more information, see <http://www.ngpa.org/>  
Contact (214)336-0873  
Or Email [ngpa@ngpa.org](mailto:ngpa@ngpa.org)

### **National Lesbian and Gay Health Assn. Medical Student Scholarship**

Provides assistance to gay or lesbian medical students. Eligible to apply are medical students who are openly gay or lesbian. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership qualities in advancing gay/lesbian health. The stipend is \$1000 for one year.

For more information:  
National Lesbian and Gay Health Association  
1407 S Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
Tel. 202-939-7880

## **National Lesbian and Gay Law Assn - Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition**

Established in memory of Michael Greenberg, former NLGLA board member and Philadelphia attorney who died in 1996 from complications of AIDS, this competition is dedicated to encouraging and recognizing outstanding law student scholarship on the legal issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered persons.

Open to students enrolled in any accredited law school. Applicants must write a paper on the topic of a cutting edge legal issue affecting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and/or Transgender community.

Entry deadline is June 15th. Award includes cash prizes of \$3,000 (1st), \$2,000 (2nd), and \$1,000 (3rd; publication of the paper in the Journal of Law and Sexuality at Tulane University School of Law; and registration, airfare & lodging for the annual Career Fair and Conference.

For more information, see [http://www.nlgl.org/events/writing\\_2002.html](http://www.nlgl.org/events/writing_2002.html)

E-mail: [Craig.Konnoth@LGBTbar.org](mailto:Craig.Konnoth@LGBTbar.org)

## **National Scholarship Fund for Gay & Lesbian Studies**

This scholarship is for graduate students.

Contact the Fund at:

167 Milk Street

Suite 154

Boston, MA 02109-4315

Or call Mark Eley at 617-424-6559

Or Wynne Walston at 617-438-7848.

## **National Women's Studies Association Graduate Scholarship in Lesbian Studies**

One NWSA Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is engaged in the research or writing stages of a Master's Thesis or Ph.D. dissertation in the field of Lesbian Studies.

Preference will be given to members of NWSA. Scholarship amount is \$1000.

Application deadline is May 1st.

More information, including the application form, is available at [www.nwsa.org/](http://www.nwsa.org/)

## **NGLTF Messenger-Anderson Journalism Scholarships/Internships**

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) administers the Messenger-Anderson Scholarship & Internship Program.

Each of the four Messenger-Anderson Scholarships will provide \$5,000 the first year, renewable at \$2,500 over the next two years for a possible total award of \$10,000.

Winners are required to participate in a paid summer internship at NGLTF offices in Washington, DC.

These scholarships are available to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender high school seniors or undergraduate students who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in journalism at an accredited four-year college or university. In instances where colleges or universities do not offer such a degree, applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are pursuing a career in either journalism or communications advocacy.

Applications for the scholarship must be postmarked by February 1st.

Detailed info and a downloadable application form at:  
<http://www.nglft.org/about/messenger.htm>

Tel: 202-393-5177

E-mail: [thetaskforce@thetaskforce.org](mailto:thetaskforce@thetaskforce.org)

### **NGLTF Vaid Fellowships**

The Billie Jean King Foundation, in honor of activist Urvashi Vaid, provides funds for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) to offer the Vaid Fellowships Program. These fellowships support and recognize emerging leaders (especially people of color) in the progressive movement for GLBT equality.

Applicants must be enrolled in a college, or have graduated within 1 year. Winter fellowship is Jan-Apr, stipend of \$200/20-hr week. Application due by December. Summer fellowship is Jun-Aug, stipend of \$400/40-hr week. Application due by March.

Detailed info, including application info, is available at [www.nglft.org/](http://www.nglft.org/)  
Or by email at [sfrazer@thetaskforce.org](mailto:sfrazer@thetaskforce.org)

### **PFLAG Scholarships**

PFLAG offers several specific scholarships:

- The Palmer B. Carson Memorial Scholarships:
  - "Esera Tuaolo" Scholarship for Athletic Achievement
  - "Jeanne Manford" Scholarship for LGBT Leadership
  - "Sakia Gunn" Scholarship for LGBT Community Involvement
  - PFLAG Scholarship for Nevada/Reno residents
  - PFLAG Scholarship for LGBT Advocacy
- Dow Chemical Employees Group (GLAD -- Gay, Lesbian & Allies at Dow) Scholarships for Science/Engineering (4 available)
- John Drakulich Scholarships (2 available)

Many of these scholarships were made possible by the donation of funds from the estate of Palmer B. Carson of Palm Springs, CA.



Scholarships offered are for \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000.

More information is available at <http://www.pflag.org/education.htm>  
or [http://www.pflag.org/scholar\\_docs.htm](http://www.pflag.org/scholar_docs.htm).

Or Email: [info@pflag.org](mailto:info@pflag.org)

Or write to:

PFLAG National Scholarships  
1726 M St. NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 202-467-8180

Fax: 202-467-8194

### **Point Foundation Scholarship Program**

The Point Foundation supplies financial support, professional guidance and a network of contacts for undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students who are underprivileged and/or have been socially marginalized. They attempt to identify students who are physically, intellectually and morally capable of leadership to play an influential part in the betterment of society, and facilitates their preparation for the future to help ensure a lifetime of effectual leadership and exceptional productivity.

The Point Scholarship covers up to all student expenses including tuition, books, room and board and living expenses, up to between \$8,000 and \$40,000 per year.

Application decision is made by May 1st.

For more info, see: [www.thepointfoundation.org](http://www.thepointfoundation.org)

Or contact:

The Point Foundation  
1357 Broadway, Suite 401  
New York, NY 10018

Tel: 866-33-POINT

Fax: 866-39-POINT

E-mail: [info@thepointfoundation.org](mailto:info@thepointfoundation.org).

### **Transgender Scholarship and Education Legacy Fund**

The International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE), awards numerous scholarships to Transgender Identified Students in the Helping and Caring Professions Including: Social Services, Health Care, Religious Instruction, Teaching and the Law. Most scholarships will be between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Check the website for application deadlines.

For more info, see: [www.ifge.org](http://www.ifge.org)

Or contact:

International Foundation for Gender Education  
TSELF Awards Committee



P.O. Box 540229  
Waltham, MA 02454-0229  
Tel: (781) 899-2212  
Fax: (781) 899-5703  
Or Email: Carrie Davis, [carrie@tself.org](mailto:carrie@tself.org)

### **Uncommon Legacy Foundation Scholarships**

The Uncommon Legacy Foundation offers scholarships to lesbian college graduate students. Scholarships are for \$1,000 and are for 1 year. The deadline is May 1st for the next school year.

Eligibility: Applicants must 1) be full-time students at an accredited college or university; 2) have a 3.0 grade point average or better; 3) demonstrate a commitment or contribution to the lesbian community; and 4) demonstrate financial need.

Contact: Uncommon Legacy Foundation  
Karen Sauvigne, Executive Director  
150 West 26th Street  
New York, NY 10001  
Attn: Scholarship Committee, Suite 602  
Tel.: (212) 366-6507  
Fax: (212) 366-4225  
Email: [uncmlegacy@aol.com](mailto:uncmlegacy@aol.com)  
URL: <http://www.uncommonlegacy.org>

### **United Church of Christ Gay Seminary Scholarships**

The United Church of Christ (UCC) offers scholarships to lesbians and gay men who will work in church ministry. A \$500,000 fund has been established and the church said it expects to award at least 10 students annually and hopes to double the fund. "This fund is a powerful reminder that the response to God's call to ministry should not be limited by economics or sexual orientation," says John H. Thomas, president of UCC.

The scholarship is named after the Rev. William R. Johnson, who in 1972 became the first openly gay man to be ordained by the UCC. He is currently a staff member at the church's national offices in Cleveland. Johnson said he is pleased to lend his name to the scholarship. In 1970 he lost his seminary field job when he came out as openly gay. He was only able to remain at the seminary after a church member arranged a scholarship.

The United Church of Christ was formed in 1957 with the merger of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church and is considered one of the most progressive denominations in regard to lesbian and gay issues. UCC identifies itself as "one of the most diverse Christian churches in the United States." Even as early as 1969, the church took a stand opposing sodomy laws and the military's ban on lesbians and gay men serving in the military.

Information on the W.R. Johnson Fund and other scholarship funds is available from Local Church Ministries, 216-736-3839.

For more info, see: <http://www.ucc-scholarships-for.html>  
or contact UCC at 216-736-3839.

### **Women's Sports Foundation Scholarships**

Since 1996, the Foundation has awarded over \$1.2 million in scholarships. In 2001, we awarded more than \$635,000 to 368 individuals and 232 teams and programs across 48 states and U.S. military bases abroad. Funding girls' and women's sports dreams is our business.

They include a search engine for women's sports scholarships.

For more info, see: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/>

## **Pennsylvania Scholarships**

### **Lambda Alumni Outstanding Student Award - Penn State Univ.**

Given to honor and recognize contributions to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community achieved by an undergraduate/graduate student who is enrolled at the Penn State University.

Eligible applicants must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students enrolled at any location of Penn State University.

For further information, including the downloadable application, see [http://www.sa.psu.edu/lgbt/lambda\\_award.shtml](http://www.sa.psu.edu/lgbt/lambda_award.shtml)

### **Lambda Foundation Scholarship**

Students who are currently sophomores or juniors and graduate students at fully accredited universities and colleges in the western Pennsylvania and the tri-state regions are eligible to apply for the scholarship award. An annual award of \$5,000 is given. Application deadline is May 1st.

For further information, see [www.lambda-pgh.org/scholarships.html](http://www.lambda-pgh.org/scholarships.html)

Or contact:

The Lambda Foundation  
P.O. Box 5169  
Pittsburgh PA 15206-5169  
Tel: 412-521-5444

### **Jonathan R. Lax Scholarship Fund**

Established in 1994 by the late entrepreneur and inventor Jonathan R. Lax for the purpose of encouraging gay men to obtain additional education, aspire to positions in which they contribute to society, be open about their sexual preference, and act as role models for other gay men with similar potential.

Tuition scholarships are awarded either in the sum of \$20,000 (at least one per year) or \$5,000 (multiple awards) and are for either:

- men from the five county Philadelphia region (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties) attending accredited colleges, graduate or professional schools anywhere, or
- men from anywhere attending such schools within the Philadelphia region.

For further information, see <http://www.breadrosesfund.org/grants/lax.html>, or email [info@breadrosesfund.org](mailto:info@breadrosesfund.org).

### **Barry H. Marshal Undergraduate Scholarship - Penn State University**

Donated by Barry Marshal, a Penn State University alumnus of 1965, this scholarship is given to an outstanding undergraduate student enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn

State University who have demonstrated need for funds to meet their necessary college expenses and who advocate for or contribute to the LGBT community.

The amount awarded will vary annually, contingent on the annual interest from the original endowment.

For further information, including the downloadable application,

E-mail [lgbta@psu.edu](mailto:lgbta@psu.edu).

Or visit: [www.sa.psu.edu/lgbt/b\\_m\\_scholarship.shtml](http://www.sa.psu.edu/lgbt/b_m_scholarship.shtml)