



## RESOURCES FOR LGBT YOUTH

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### **Ali Forney Center—SHELTER**

224 W. 35th St. Suite 1102

New York, NY 10001

(212) 222-3427

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

The Ali Forney Center (AFC) was started in June of 2002 in response to the lack of safe shelter for LGBT youth in New York City. We are committed to providing these young people with safe, dignified, nurturing environments where their needs can be met, and where they can begin to put their lives back together.

### **Audre Lorde Project**

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

NYC center for gender variant people of color. Community organizing center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit, and Transgender people of color.

### **Bisexual Resource Center**

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

An international organization providing education about and support for bisexual and progressive issues, Bisexual Resource Center is committed to providing support to the bisexual community and raising public awareness about bisexuality and bisexual people.

### **Callen Lorde Center**

[www.callen-lorde.org](http://www.callen-lorde.org)

New York City's only primary health care center dedicated to meeting the health care needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities and people living with HIV/AIDS—regardless of any patient's ability to pay.

### **CANDLE Youth Pride**

(845) 634-6677 ext. 20

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

[www.myspace.com/commonthreads](http://www.myspace.com/commonthreads)

CANDLE Youth Pride in Rockland County offers various services LGBTQ youth and peer allies. Weekly groups include TRUST for high school aged youth and TRIANGLES for young adults 18+. On the CANDLE Web site, click on Community-Based Programs to get to TRIANGLES and TRUST. Retreats include *Queer Spirit Camp* for young adults 18-24 and *Common Threads Youth Empowerment Retreat* for high school aged youth which is held every January.

**Center Lane**

(914) 358-1006

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

34 South Broadway, White Plains, NY 10601

Center Lane is Westchester's only community center for LGBTQ youth and their allies ages 14 to 21 since 1995. Center Lane is open Mon-Fri and offers social/emotional/recreational services. Center Lane features a main site, which is located in White Plains as well as a satellite site in Yonkers.

**The Door**

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

The Door is New York City's premier youth development agency, offering unique and highly effective programs for young people 12 to 21. Since 1972 The Door practices a holistic and human approach that helps each individual member to dismantle the complex barriers that often stand in the way of success.

**The Gateway Program at Westchester Medical Center**

(914) 493-1753

[http://www.wcmc.com/body\\_behavioral.cfm](http://www.wcmc.com/body_behavioral.cfm)

The Gateway Program is a mental health program serving the LGBT communities of the Hudson Valley. Services include individual, family and group psychotherapy which are provided by Identified Professionals or Professionals who are allies of the LGBT communities. Contact: Donna Festa, LCSW, Director, at (914) 493-1753.

**The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgender Historical Society (GLBTHS)**

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

Collects, preserves, and interprets the history of GLBT people and the communities that support them.

**The Gay/Lesbian National Hotline**

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

From the website:

*"We are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and those questioning their sexual orientation and gender identity. We are an outgrowth of the Gay & Lesbian National Hotline, begun in 1996, and now is a primary program of the GLBT National Help Center. We help end the isolation that many people feel by providing a safe environment on the phone or via the internet to discuss issues that people can't talk about anywhere else."*

**Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)—Hudson Valley Chapter**

(914) 962-7888

[www.glsen.org/hudsonvalley](http://www.glsen.org/hudsonvalley)

GLSEN, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, is a national education organization whose mission is to create safe schools for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. The Hudson Valley chapter is one of over 30 chapters in the nation and includes Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange and Ulster counties.

**Gay Teens Resources**

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

Support and information for young people.

**Gender Education and Advocacy (GEA)**

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

National organization focused on the needs, issues and concerns of gender variant people in human society.

**The GLBTQ Encyclopedia**

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

This is a powerful tool for GLBTQ people and their allies. What is it? Why, it's a GLBTQ dedicated online encyclopedia! It's gotten everything from culture, arts, and society. It presents it in a sleek, easy-to-use interface along with loads of information.

**Green Chimneys—SHELTER**

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

(212) 491-5911, ext. 13

Green Chimneys operates a wide range of residential, social service and educational programs that specifically focus on responding to the unique needs of GLBTQ youth 16 to 21 in New York City. Get more information about services for GLBTQ youth, visit the Web site. Click on Programs, New York City Programs, then either Audre Lorde School, Agency Operated Boarding Home or Gramercy Residence at Ungar House.

**Hetrick Martin Institute**

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

The Hetrick-Martin Institute (HMI) in New York City is the oldest and largest non-profit agency created to serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth between the ages of 12 and 21. HMI offers a wide range of programs including After-School and Supportive Services.

**The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center**

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

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center in New York City provides a home for the birth, nurture and celebration of our organizations, institutions and culture; cares for our individuals and groups in need; educates the public and our community; and empowers our individuals and groups to achieve their fullest potential.

**The Gender Identity Project**

[www.gaycenter.org/gip](http://www.gaycenter.org/gip)

The Gender Identity Project's community-based approach works to help people of transgender experience become freer to celebrate their identities and experiences. The GIP is committed to increasing the visibility of trans-people within the greater queer community and to helping trans-people grow and evolve by challenging the system while respecting difference and diversity.

**YES (Youth Enrichment Services)**

[www.gaycenter.org/youth](http://www.gaycenter.org/youth)

The YES program is open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people between the ages of 13 and 21. Everything in YES is free and confidential!

**The LOFT: the LGBT Community Center of the Lower Hudson Valley**

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

914-948-2932 (office)

914-948-4922 (HELPLINE)

Serving the Lower Hudson Valley with support groups, programs and services for LGBT people 18 and over.

**Modern History Sourcebook, LGBT History**

[www.fordham.edu/halsall/pwh](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/pwh)

"*People with a History*" presents the history of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people. It includes hundreds of original texts, discussions, and (soon) images, and addresses LGBT history in all periods, and in all regions of the world.

**National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC)**

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

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition is a social justice organization that advocates for and with young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ) in an effort to end discrimination against these youth and to ensure their physical and emotional well being.

**PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexual and Transgender persons)**

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

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

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of LGBT people, their families and their friends through support, education and advocacy. Local monthly meetings and telephone support are available.

**The Safe School Coalition**

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

This is a great organization to help fight LGBTQ discrimination in schools. The Safe Schools Coalition offers resources as a starting point for educators, parents/guardians and youth.

**Sylvia's Place—SHELTER**

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

[www.mccny.org/Ministries/shelter.htm](http://www.mccny.org/Ministries/shelter.htm)

<http://www.homelessyouthservices.org/sylviasplace.html>

(718) 300-0133

(212) 629-7440 ext. 14

Sylvia's Place is New York City's ONLY EMERGENCY shelter for LGBTQ youth. To make arrangements to enter the shelter, call Kate Barnhart, Director of "Sylvia's Place." No one will be turned away the first night, but space limitations may necessitate a referral thereafter.

**The Trevor Project**

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

The Trevor Helpline: 866-4-U-TREVOR (866-488-7386)

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization focused on crisis and suicide prevention efforts among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. The Trevor Project operates the only accredited, nationwide, around-the-clock crisis and suicide prevention helpline for LGBTQ youth. If you or a friend are feeling lost or alone, **call *The Trevor Helpline. There is hope, there is help.***

**Westchester County Office of LGBT Affairs & LGBT Community Liaison**

[www.westchestergov.com/lgbt](http://www.westchestergov.com/lgbt)

Offers information and referral on matters such as advocacy groups, legal help, support groups and services, discrimination and violence complaints, and issues involving HIV and AIDS. Also offers trainings about LGBT issues and outreach to LGBT and non-LGBT community-based organizations, government agencies and faith communities.

**Youth Resource**

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

Youth Resource, a web site created by and for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (GLBTQ) young people 13 to 24 years old, takes a holistic approach to sexual health by offering support, community, resources, and peer-to-peer education about issues of concern to GLBTQ young people.