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NOTE: See the following publications for additional resources:

- *Immigration Issues and Resources:*
<http://www.glad.org/uploads/docs/publications/immigration-issues-and-resources.pdf>
- *Resources for Prisoners and Ex-Offenders in New England:*
<http://www.glad.org/uploads/docs/publications/resources-for-prisoners-and-ex-offenders-in-ne.pdf>
- *Transgender Resources:*
<http://www.glad.org/uploads/docs/publications/trans-resources.pdf>

Civil Rights

Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

CHRO is a government organization that seeks to eliminate discrimination through civil and human rights law enforcement and to establish equal opportunity and justice for all persons within the state through advocacy and education. The Commission takes discrimination complaints and will investigate your allegation without charge. CHRO has four regional offices: Hartford, Waterbury, Bridgeport and Norwich.

25 Sigourney Street

Hartford, CT 06106

Tel: 1-800-477-5737 (toll free); 860-541-3400

<http://www.ct.gov/chro/site/default.asp>

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) – CT

The American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut (ACLU-CT) is a nonpartisan, non-profit membership organization whose mission is to assure that the Bill of Rights and the rights guaranteed by the Connecticut Constitution are preserved for each new generation. The ACLU-CT accomplishes these goals through legislative advocacy, litigation, grassroots organizing and public education on a broad array of issues affecting our liberties. The ACLU-CT is one of 53 affiliates of the American Civil Liberties Union nationwide. The ACLU-CT generally files cases that affect the civil liberties of large numbers of people, rather than those involving a dispute between two parties

330 Main St., First Floor

Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Tel: 860-523-9146

info@acluct.org

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

General Legal Services

Statewide Legal Services, Inc.

Statewide Legal Services (SLS) is a telephone hotline providing legal assistance in Connecticut, particularly regarding civil cases such as housing

and employment discrimination, and for low-income individuals and families. SLS advises over the phone, mails information, and refers callers to appropriate and available legal services or private attorneys at no cost to the client. SLS is part of a broader Connecticut Network for Legal Aid, which also includes Connecticut Legal Services, Greater Hartford Legal Aid, New Haven Legal Assistance Association, and Legal Assistance Resource Center.

Tel: 1-800-453-3320 (toll free) or 860-344-0380

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

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Connecticut Bar Association

The Connecticut Bar Association is a membership organization of Connecticut attorneys working to advance the principles of justice, the practice of law and the public understanding of the law. The CBA website includes a service called “[Find A Lawyer](#)” that lists attorneys in Connecticut by practice area, as well as a list of participating agencies in the [Connecticut Pro Bono Network](#).

30 Bank Street

PO Box 350

New Britain, CT 06050-0350

Tel: 860-223-4400

E-mail: msc@ctbar.org

Local Bar Association Lawyer Referral Services

The Hartford, New Haven, and New London County Bar Associations each provide lawyer referral services for a fee:

Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, Tolland and Windham Counties

179 Allyn Street, Suite 210

Hartford, CT 06103

Lawyer Referral Service: 860-525-6052

<http://www.hartfordbar.org/ref.html>

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. and Friday, 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Fee: \$25 per half hour, waived for Personal Injury, Worker’s Compensation and Social Security Disability matters.

New Haven County
PO Box 1441
New Haven, CT 06506
Lawyer Referral Service: 203-562-5750
Modest Means Reduced Fee Referral Program: 203-562-0162

New London County
PO BOX 97 Yantic, CT 06389-0097
Tel: 860-889-9384
Online Referral Form: <http://www.nlcba.org/Html/referralinfopublic.php>

Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)

CWEALF is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to empowering women, girls and their families to achieve equal opportunities in their personal and professional lives. CWEALF offers services to women and LGBT people who step outside of gender roles. CWEALF explains laws, makes referrals to attorneys and other service providers, and provides training to employers, schools, and community organizations.

Information & Referral Service: 860-524-0601; 1-800-479-2949 (toll free)
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., and Tuesdays from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

General Contact Information

Tel: 860-247-6090
cwealf@cwealf.org

Community Mediation, Inc.

Community Mediation, Inc. (CM), established in 1980, is the oldest community-based mediation program in Connecticut. We provide mediation and other conflict resolution services in the greater New Haven area and training throughout Connecticut. Staff and trained volunteers empower individuals, families, organizations and communities to resolve their own disputes. We also collaborate with a wide range of organizations. Community mediation can help with many types of conflicts or refer parties to more appropriate agencies. Mediation is the use of trained neutral third parties to help people resolve their conflicts themselves.

3013 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518

Tel: 203-782-3500

LGBT Community Centers

The New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center

The New Haven Pride Center has served Connecticut's LGBT community since it was officially incorporated in 1996. The Center serves as a meeting space for several groups, including the Rainbow Support Group, GLANCE (ages 18-28), and Transgender Social/Support Group.

14 Gilbert Street
West Haven, CT 06516
203-387-2252
nhglcc@gmail.com

Triangle Community Center

The Triangle Community Center serves as a meeting point for several groups, including Adult Survivors of Abuse of Fairfield County, Lesbian Latebloomers, My Single Mom and Me, and OutSpoken (youth), and Triangle Transgender Society.

16 River Street
Norwalk, CT 06850
Tel: 203-853-0600
TCCenter@aol.com

General Health

211 Connecticut

2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects callers, at no cost, to information about critical health and human services available in their community. It is free, multilingual, and operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

United Way of Connecticut
1344 Silas Deane Highway
Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067-1350
Tel: 211 (in-state); 860-571-7500 (out-of-state)

infoline@ctunitedway.org

www.infoline.org/

Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective

The Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective (HGLHC) currently provides medical services, support groups, mental health services and health education tailored to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities, but serves clients of all genders and gender identities, sexual orientations, ages and ethnicities. Medical services by appointment include STD diagnosis and treatment, HIV Counseling and testing, and dental care.

1841 Broad Street

Hartford, CT 06114

Tel: 860-278-4163

info@hglhc.org

HIV/AIDS

CT AIDS Resource Coalition

CARC is a statewide coalition of organizations that provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS in Connecticut, including financial assistance, advocacy, employment, consumer empowerment, prevention and outreach, and homeless management information system.

110 Bartholomew Ave

Suite 4000, Hartford

CT 06106-2251

Tel: 860-761-6699

info@ctaidcoalition.org

CT Department of Public Health – Aids and Chronic Diseases

Connecticut provides core medical and supportive services to people living with HIV or AIDS (PLWHA) and their families through various "HIV/AIDS service and community-based organizations." These services include: medical case management, primary medical care, oral health, mental health, substance abuse-outpatient, medical nutrition therapy, HIV-related medications, health insurance premium and cost sharing assistance, home health care, home-and-

community based services, hospice care, medical transportation, housing-related services, food bank/meals, psychosocial support, linguistic services and related emergency financial assistance. Eligible PLWHA can access these core medical and support services throughout Connecticut at no cost to them.

Health Care and Support Services Unit: 1-860-509-7806

Additionally, the DPH website provides a 13-page guide of both government funded and non-governmental organizations that provide HIV care, prevention and support: [HIV Care, Prevention, and Support Services by County](#).

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – National HIV and STD Testing Resources

The CDC-INFO Center (a replacement of the CDC HIV/AIDS Hotline) provides science-based health information to answer questions regarding HIV/AIDS. The CDC-NPIN (National Prevention Information Network) provides information about organizations that provide HIV/AIDS –related services, educational materials, and funding resources.

CDC-INFO: 1-800-232-4636 (24-hour hotline)

cdcinfo@cdc.gov

CDC-NPIN: 1-800-458-5231

Children, Youth & Family AIDS Network (CYFAN)

CYFAN, a program of the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut, subcontracts 7 community health centers that offers HIV/AIDS primary care services, coordination of the Perinatal HIV Transmission Project, medical case management services (intensive child and youth centered), mental health services and support groups for infected and affected children, youth and their families. CYFAN focuses on services for youth between 13-24. Participating CYFAN agencies can be found in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, and Willimantic.

Nadine Repinecz: nrepinecz@chcact.org

Community Health Center Association of Connecticut
375 Willard Avenue
Newington, CT 06111

Tel: 860-667-7820

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) acts as the umbrella organization for the eighteen domestic violence agencies operating throughout Connecticut, offering referrals to support groups and shelters. All information is strictly confidential. GLAD has found that though the CCADV comfortably assists women battered by women, the CCADV offers few resources for men battered by men. For additional services for men battered by men, refer to Massachusetts' Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project, which provides 24-hour hotline services in Connecticut at 1-800-832-1901 (toll free).

90 Pitkin Street
East Hartford, CT 06108
Tel: 888-774-2900
macklin@ctcadv.org
<http://www.ctcadv.org/>

Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.

CONNSACS is a statewide coalition of individual sexual crisis programs that works to end sexual violence through victim assistance, community education, and public policy advocacy. The 24 hour/7 days a week hotline provides free and confidential services, including counseling, information, and referrals. The website provides a [list of member sexual assault crisis programs](#) throughout the state, which each offer support groups, community education programs, and community prevention programs.

96 Pitkin Street
East Hartford, CT 06108
Tel: 860-282-9881
Statewide 24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline: 1-888-999-5545 (English); 1-888-568-8332 (Español)
info@connsacs.org
<http://www.connsacs.org/index.htm>

Youth/Schools

True Colors: Sexual Minority Youth and Family Services

True Colors is a non-profit organization that works with other social service agencies, schools, organizations, and within communities to ensure that the needs of sexual and gender minority youth are both recognized and competently met. The organization trains more than 2400 people annually, organizes the largest LGBT youth conference in the country with more than 2000 attendees and manages the state's only LGBT mentoring program. True Colors offers both One-on-One and Group Mentoring Programs.

576 Farmington Ave.

Hartford, CT 06105

Tel: 860-232-0050

director@ourtruecolors.org

Kids in Crisis

Kids in Crisis Counselors offer 24-hour support to work through any situation. Kids in Crisis also offers two emergency shelters in Cos Cob: the Crisis Nursery for infants and young children and the Teen House for adolescents. Both homes are licensed by the State of Connecticut, include medical clinics, and provide therapeutic care.

1 Salem Street

Cos Cob, CT 06807

Tel: 203-327-5491 (24-hour support)

GLSEN - Connecticut

Network of parents, students, educators and others ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression in K-12 schools.

P.O. Box 2405

Stamford, CT 06906-0405

Tel: 203-288-2399

Connecticut@chapters.glsen.org

www.glsen.org/connecticut

PFLAG

PFLAG is an international organization dedicated to preserving families in loving relationships, to educating an ill-informed public about homosexuality, and to the attainment of full civil rights for gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual people and their families. Parents, children, and friends are all welcome to monthly meetings to share experiences and learn from one another. Local chapters:

Hartford

1335 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Tel: 860-633-7184

HfdPflag@aol.com

<http://www.pflaghartford.org/connecticut.html>

New Haven/Shoreline

166 Lovers Lane, Guilford, CT 06437

greaternewhavenpflag@yahoo.com

Tel: 203-458-0493

Norwalk/Southwestern CT

16 River Street, Norwalk, CT 06851

pflagswct@yahoo.com

Tel: 203-874-7365

Southeastern CT

c/o Noank Baptist Church, 18 Cathedral Heights, Noank, CT 06340

pflagsect@snet.net

Tel: 860-447-0884

The Rainbow Room at the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective (HGLHC)

The Rainbow Room provides a support group for young people from ages 13-21, meeting the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3-6 PM at the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective.

1841 Broad Street

Hartford, CT 06114

Tel: 860-278-4163

info@hglhc.org

<http://www.myspace.com/hartfordrainbowroom>

Outspoken at the Triangle Community Center

Every Sunday from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., the Triangle Community Center hosts a support group for LGBT and questioning youth, discussing various topics including family, school, work, friends, relationships, movies, politics, and fitting into both the gay and straight world. The group also hosts guest speakers, health educations, and social events.

Contact: Dan Woog

dwoog@optonline.net

Tel: 203-227-1755

<http://www.ctoutspoken.com>

Triangle Community Center

16 River Street

Norwalk, CT 06850

Tel: 203-853-0600

TCCenter@aol.com

Transgender

Connecticut Outreach Society

The Connecticut Outreach Society (COS) is a support group for transgendered individuals and their spouses or significant others. COS meets twice monthly in the Hartford area.

P.O. Box 163

Farmington, CT 06034

(860) 604-6343

info@ctoutreach.org

Triangle Transgender Society

The Triangle Transgender Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. to share life experiences, thoughts, support each other, and make new friends. Any member of the TG family and community is welcome.

Contact: Amy

TriangleTGS@yahoo.com

Triangle Community Center

16 River Street

Norwalk, CT 06850

Tel: 203-853-0600

TCCenter@aol.com

New Haven Transgender Social/Support Group

The New Haven Transgender Social/Support Group meets the first Saturday of each month from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. at the New Haven Gay & Lesbian Center. All attendees are invited to join.

Contact: Sylvia (Lacy) Whitelace (Group Facilitator)

whitelaceblue@yahoo.com

New Haven Gay & Lesbian Center

14 Gilbert Street

West Haven, CT 06516

203-387-2252

nhglcc@gmail.com

Immigration

International Institute of Connecticut (IIC)

IIC provides a variety of educational programming and technical assistance to immigrants. They will assist in the preparation and filing of applications for adjustment of status. Represents immigrants in exclusion, deportation, or asylum proceedings, and refers to local attorneys. Fee for service. Does not represent immigrants with criminal histories, but can consult and refer to other attorneys. Services are available in all major world languages.

Tel: 203-336-0141, 670 Clinton Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06605

Tel: 860-692-3085, 175 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106

Tel: 203-965-7190, 22 Grove St., P.O. Box 1090, Stamford, CT 06902

Tel: 203-736-4837, 30 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT 06418

www.iiconn.org

Jerome N. Frank Legal Services--Yale University Law School

Attorneys and students work together to provide assistance to asylum seekers, by preparing applications for work authorization and asylum, preparing clients for INS asylum interviews, presenting cases before judges. Also represent clients in deportation proceedings. Provide referrals to other attorneys when unable to represent clients themselves. Services are provided in a wide variety of languages.

P.O. Box 209090
New Haven, CT 06520-9090

Tel: 203-432-4800

<http://www.law.yale.edu/academics/JeromeNFrankLSO.htm>

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) is the leading legal rights organization in New England dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. Through impact litigation, education and public policy work, GLAD seeks to create a better world that respects and celebrates diversity—a world in which there is equal justice under law for all.

GLAD's Legal InfoLine and publications are provided *free of charge* to all who need them. We hope that those who are able will make a contribution to ensure that GLAD can continue the fight for equal justice under the law.

To make a tax-deductible contribution, visit our website at www.glad.org, or call us at (800) 455-GLAD (4523) with your credit card, or mail your check, payable to GLAD to 30 Winter Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02108. If your workplace has a matching gift program, please be sure to have your donation matched. Please contact us if you would like more information on becoming a GLAD partner.

Thank You!



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