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## Vermont

### Resource List

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NOTE: See the following publications for additional resources:

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

# Civil Rights

## **Vermont Human Rights Commission**

Discrimination Investigation--Housing, state government employment and places of public accommodations.

14-16 Baldwin Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-6301

Tel: 800-416-2010, x25

Fax: 802-828-2481

[robert.appel@state.vt.us](mailto:robert.appel@state.vt.us)

[www.hrc.vermont.gov](http://www.hrc.vermont.gov)

Contact: Robert Appel, Executive Director

## **Vermont Attorney General's Office, Civil Rights Unit**

The Civil Rights Unit is responsible for enforcing State and Federal laws which prohibit discrimination in employment. These include laws which prohibit discrimination based on race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, place of birth, age, handicap, HIV status, or for asserting a claim to worker's compensation, and laws which prohibit retaliation against any person who makes a claim of discrimination. Also focuses on hate crimes.

109 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05609-1001

Tel: 802-828-3657 (general); 888-745-9195 (toll-free in-state)

Fax: 802-828-2154

[civilrights@atg.state.vt.us](mailto:civilrights@atg.state.vt.us)

[www.atg.state.vt.us](http://www.atg.state.vt.us)

## **American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont**

The American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont (ACLU) is an affiliate of the national ACLU, the nation's foremost advocate of freedom, liberty and equality -- litigating, legislating, and educating the public on a broad array of issues affecting civil liberties in the United States. Call for complaint form or download from website.

137 Elm Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
Tel: 802-223-6304  
[info@acluvt.org](mailto:info@acluvt.org)  
[www.acluvt.org](http://www.acluvt.org)

## **General Legal Services**

### **Vermont Legal Aid**

A non-profit law firm established in 1968 to provide free civil legal services to Vermonters who are low-income, elderly and those with disabilities. Projects include senior law, disability issues, poverty law, health care ombudsmon, and long-term care ombudsmon. Also locations in Montpelier, Rutland, Springfield, and St. Johnsbury.

264 North Winooski Avenue  
Burlington, VT 05402  
Tel: 800-889-2047 (toll-free in-state); 802-863-5620 (Burlington admin office)  
[www.vtlegalaid.org](http://www.vtlegalaid.org)

### **Vermont Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service**

Referral service hours: weekdays, 8:00-4:00. Initial 30-minute consultations for \$25 or less.

P.O. Box 100  
Montpelier, VT 05601-0100  
Tel: 800-639-7036  
[www.vtbar.org](http://www.vtbar.org)

## **General Human Services**

### **R.U. 12? Community Center**

R.U.1.2.? Community Center addresses the social, cultural, educational, and health needs of Vermont's queer and allied communities across all races, ages, and genders through community building, social support, and civic engagement. Programs include the Vermont Diversity Health Project, the

Vermont Queer Summits, SafeSpace, the Vermont Queer Archives and VTM4M.net.

Operates a SafeSpace Support Line for victims for violence at 802-863-0003 or 866-869-7341, weekdays 9:00-6:00.

The Champlain Mill, 20 Winooski Falls Way, Suite 102

Winooski, VT 05404

Tel: 802-860-7812

Fax: 802-861-6487

[thecenter@ru12.org](mailto:thecenter@ru12.org)

[www.ru12.org](http://www.ru12.org)

Contact: Kara DeLeonardis

## **211 Vermont**

Universal number and website for non-emergency health, social, economic, and human services information, available 24 hours a day.

P.O. Box 111

Essex Junction, VT 05453

Tel: 2-1-1 (in-state); 866-652-4636 (toll-free in-state); 802-652-4636 (out-of-state)

[info@vermont211.org](mailto:info@vermont211.org)

[www.vermont211.org](http://www.vermont211.org)

## **HIV/AIDS**

### **Vermont Department of Health, Services for People Living with HIV/AIDS**

The AIDS Program offers low-cost HIV counseling and testing at 15 sites around the state, prevention education and referrals. It also offers Ryan White CARE services to HIV+ Vermont residents with annual incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The services include financial assistance, medication and dental care. The website includes a list of FIV/AIDS service providers in VT at:

[http://www.healthvermont.gov/prevent/aids/documents/HIVAIDS\\_ResourceGuide.pdf](http://www.healthvermont.gov/prevent/aids/documents/HIVAIDS_ResourceGuide.pdf).

Mailing address: PO Box 70, Drawer 41--HASH, Burlington, VT 05402.

108 Cherry Street

Burlington, VT 05402

AIDS Hotline: 800-882-2437; weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tel: 802-863-7245 (general); 800-244-7639 (toll-free in-state)

[www.healthvermont.gov/prevent/aids/aids\\_index.aspx](http://www.healthvermont.gov/prevent/aids/aids_index.aspx)

## **Other Health/Disability**

### **Vermont Department of Health, Office of Minority Health**

The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities is charged with development and implementation of Vermont's Strategic Plan to eliminate health disparities in the delivery of health prevention and health care services to Vermonters. Serving: African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders, Latino Americans, American Indians, Refugees, Immigrants, Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Vermonters, Underserved Vermonters.

108 Cherry Street, P.O. Box 70

Burlington, VT 05402

Tel: 802-863-7288

[minorityhealth@ahs.state.vt.us](mailto:minorityhealth@ahs.state.vt.us)

[www.healthvermont.gov/local/mhealth/minority.aspx](http://www.healthvermont.gov/local/mhealth/minority.aspx)

### **Disability Rights Vermont**

Phone line hours: weekdays, 8:30-4:30.

Also offices in Rutland and St. Johnsbury. Disability Rights Vermont, Inc. (DRVT) is part of the National Protection and Advocacy system. This national system was created by Congress in response to concerns that States were not doing enough to protect people with disabilities against abuse, neglect and serious rights violations. DRVT provides information, referral and advocacy services, including legal representation when appropriate, to individuals with disabilities throughout Vermont.

141 Main Street, Suite 7

Montpelier, VT 05602

Tel: 802-229-1355; 800-834-7890 (toll-free)

Fax: 802-229-1359

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

### **Vermont Department of Mental Health**

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) consists of two programmatic divisions: Adult and Child, Adolescent, and Family Mental Health Units. Direct services are provided by private, non-profit service providers called Designated Agencies located throughout the state. The Department of Mental Health designates one Designated Agency (DA) in each geographic region of the state as responsible for ensuring needed services are available through local planning, service coordination, and monitoring outcomes within their region.

Their referrals to local crisis hotlines are handled through 211 Vermont.

103 South Main Street

Wasson Hall

Waterbury, VT 05671

Tel: 802-241-2601

Fax: 802-241-4004

### **Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault**

#### **Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

The Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is a statewide network of direct service groups committed to ending physical, sexual, and emotional violence against women and their children through direct services and social change. Refers to local service providers. The Vermont Network does have resources to support male and LGBT victims.

Street Address: 5 School Avenue

PO Box 405

Montpelier, VT 05601

Tel: 800-228-7395 (domestic violence hotline); 800-489-7273 (sexual assault hotline); 802-223-1302 (general)

[vtnetwork@vtnetwork.org](mailto:vtnetwork@vtnetwork.org)

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

## Youth/Schools

### **Outright Vermont**

Vermont's queer youth center, Outright Vermont provides Direct Service, Prevention and Education. Peer social support group, weekly drop-in center, trans support group. Serving youth 22 and under.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 5235, Burlington, VT 05402-5235

241 North Winooski Ave

McClure Mutigenerational Building

Burlington, VT 05401

Tel: 866-488-7386 (Youth Crisis Hotline); 802-865-9677 (general)

Fax: 802-861-2075

[info@outrightvt.org](mailto:info@outrightvt.org)

[www.outrightvt.org/wordpress](http://www.outrightvt.org/wordpress)

Contact: Melissa Murray Executive Director

### **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.

Burlington/Champlain Valley Chapter

23 Birchwood Lane

Burlington, VT 05401

Tel: 802-863-4285

[venner@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:venner@burlingtontelecom.net)

Contact: Lillian Venner

White River Junction Chapter

819 Orizzonto Road

White River Junction, VT 05001

Tel: 802-295-7064

## **New England Network for Child, Youth, and Family Services**

New England Network (NEN) is a nonprofit organization that works with over 100 child- and youth-service organizations in New England to strengthen social services and promote best practices. NEN's Reach Out Program prepares rural-based New England youth service providers to meet the needs of out-of-home gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) young people through an integrated program of organizational assessment, program planning, training, technical assistance, follow-up, and evaluation.

P.O. Box 35

Charlotte, VT 05445

Tel: 802-425-3006

Fax: 802-425-3007

[mgoodman@nenetwork.org](mailto:mgoodman@nenetwork.org)

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

Contact: Melanie Goodman, Executive Director

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](http://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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corrections to [bbell@glad.org](mailto:bbell@glad.org)***

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