



# Resources

If you have a relevant LGBTQ Youth resource you believe should be on this list, contact [Info@youthprideri.org](mailto:Info@youthprideri.org)

## General Resources:

[Youth Pride, Inc.](#) provides support, advocacy, and education for youth and young adults throughout Rhode Island who are impacted by sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.

[RI-LGBT News](#), local, up to date LGBTQ and AIDs related news.

[GLAAD](#), a national organization that works directly with the news media, entertainment, and social media to make our culture more LGBTQ inclusive.

[LGBTQ Glossary of Terms](#), a comprehensive glossary of proper terminology within and regarding the LGBTQ community.

[LGBTQ Resources Master List](#), a comprehensive list of LGBTQ businesses, community centers, social spots, places of worship and more all in one spot! Confined to RI, MA, and CT.

[Options Magazine & Resources](#), in addition to being RI's all volunteer LGBTQ newsmagazine, Options has a detailed resource list worth looking through.

[Trevor Project](#), provides national, 24-hour crisis intervention and suicide prevention services for LGBTQ youth.

## Resources For Family and Friends:

[Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays \(PFLAG\)](#), provides support, education and advocacy for parents, families, friends and allies of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people across Rhode Island, Southeastern Massachusetts and Eastern Connecticut.

[Support Groups Through TGI Network](#), the TGI Network offers three support groups; one for transgender, gender-variant, and intersex people, the second for partners of TGI identifying individuals, and a third for friends and family of TGI identified individuals.

[Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Teens: Facts for Teens and Their Parents](#), a brief overview of identity, coming out, and how to be a supportive guardian.

## Resources For Youth/Students:

[Providence Youth Student Movement \(PrYSM\)](#), PrYSM mobilizes queer Southeast Asian youth, families, and allies to build grassroots power and organize collectively for social justice.

[Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere](#), COLAGE unites people with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer parents and caregivers into a network of peers and supports them as they nurture and empower each other to be skilled, self-confident, and just leaders in our collective communities.

[LGBTQ College Guide](#), Find a LGBTQ-friendly college and supportive network on campus with these resources.

[College Guide for LGBTQ Students \(1\)](#) Information on choosing the right school along with resources on financial aid, scholarships, and legal rights for LGBTQ students.

[College Guide for LGBTQ Students \(2\)](#), Information on choosing the right school along with resources on financial aid, scholarships, and legal rights for LGBTQ students.



College Scholarships for LGBTQ Students, A list of scholarships offered to all students who identify as LGBTQ. Some are limited to students who reside in specific regions of the country, while others are available at the national level.

STUDENT FAQ: Transgender and Gender Expansive Student Policy, the Providence School Department's FAQ page for transgender student policy.

Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Teens: Facts for Teens and Their Parents, a brief overview of identity, coming out, and how to be a supportive guardian.

I Think I Might Be Transgender, Now What Do I Do?, a brochure created by Advocates for Youth.

### **Resources for Educators:**

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Age Appropriate Learning about Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Queer Youth Advice for Educators, a comprehensive document full of quotes from students' point of view.

American Library Association's Rainbow Bibliography, a wide range of books for young people that reflect LGBTQ people and experiences.

Steps to Support LGBTQ Youth Poster, can be printed (in color or black and white) and hung anywhere.

Safe Schools Coalition, a public-private partnership, in support of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender, queer and questioning youth, working to help schools become safe places where every family can belong, where every educator can teach, and where every child can learn, regardless of gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Gay, Lesbian, and Straight EducationNetwork, championing LGBTQ issues in K-12 education since 1990, their mission is to create safe and affirming schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Campus Pride, the only national nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization for student leaders and campus groups working to create a safer college environment for LGBT students.

### **Housing/Homeless Resources:**

Crossroads RI, the largest homeless service agency in RI. Assists LGBTQ youth with housing.

Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, The Coalition works collaboratively to create and advance lasting solutions to prevent and end homelessness in Rhode Island.

Home to Hope, sector of the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless that provides basic health and hygiene products, referrals, and support services to unaccompanied homeless youth (ages 13-24). A member of HtH is at YPI each Tuesday from 3-6pm to assist with housing help.

LGBTQ Housing Discrimination, an article that touches upon LGBTQ individual's housing rights and what steps to take if violated.

### **Health Related Resources:**

YPI Mental Health Provider List, YPI's handpicked mental health provider list. The providers on these lists have either reached out to offer their services to our community or have been recommended to us by youth who have had positive experiences.

YPI Medical Health Provider List, YPI's handpicked medical health provider list. The providers on these lists have either reached out to offer their services to our community or have been recommended to us by youth who have had positive experiences.

Thundermist, an inclusive Federally Qualified Community Health Center that aims to provide healthcare to those who need it most. HIV/AIDS services.



TGI Network, a Rhode Island-based organization dedicated to the needs of transgender, gender-variant, and intersex people.

NAMI Rhode Island Connection LGBTQIA+ Support Group, an independent grassroots, non-profit membership organization which provides support to people with mental illness. LGBTQIA+ Support Group held at East Bay Recovery Center in Warren every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm.

AIDS Care Ocean State, RI's largest AIDS service agency. Testing, support groups, clinical services.

AIDS Project RI, APRI offers an array of services in Rhode Island to prevent HIV, improve access to HIV and STI testing, and provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS. APRI also performs free and confidential HIV monthly at YPI!

Trevor Project, provides national, 24-hour crisis intervention and suicide prevention services for LGBTQ youth.

Understanding the Health Needs to LGBTQ People, a comprehensive guide by the National LGBT Health Education Center that discusses the current research and statistics on health disparities experienced within the LGBTQ community.

AIDS Drug Assistance Program ( ADAP ), information on ADAP, which helps ensure that people living with HIV and AIDS who are uninsured and underinsured have access to medication.

Cancer in the LGBT Community, a brief overview on how LGBTQ individuals may be at higher risk for cancer.

Is Big Tobacco Targeting the LGBTQ Community?, an article on how tobacco and the LGBTQ community intersect.

### **Substance Abuse Resources:**

RI LGBT AA Group, AA support groups in Providence.

YPTA (Young People, Queer, Trans) AA Meeting, AA meetings hosted at Brown University.

LGBTQIA+ Friendly Rehab Centers Near You, use this site to find rehab centers near your location that are LGBTQ friendly.

A Comprehensive LGBTQ Guide to Drug Abuse, In depth and comprehensive overview of drug addiction and the LGBTQ community; statistics, resources, and information.

LGBTQ+ and Substance Abuse: Causes, Challenges and Resources, an article on how the LGBTQ population is more at-risk for abusing drugs and alcohol.

LGBTQ+ Drug and Alcohol Treatment Resources, information on why LGBTQ+ individuals are more at risk for substance abuse, how to seek help, and what loved ones can do to provide support.

### **Spiritual Resources:**

Letters to a Young Gay Christian, the online version of Aaron Walsh's book Letters to a Young Gay Christian. Walsh hopes that "that these words of support and encouragement can provide comfort, advice, and affirmation to many".

Explore: Religion and Faith, The Human Rights Campaign's page on religion and faith; providing guides, articles, news, and resources.

Interweave at Channing Memorial UU Church, Interweave is the church's LGBTQ group.

### **Legal And Advocacy Resources:**

Rhode Island Legal Services, legal service in RI that provides assistance to low-income and marginalized groups. Their LGBTQ Protection Project specifically handles LGBTQ related cases. YPI's community contact is Jeffrey Sheehan, Esq. at [jsheehan@rils.org](mailto:jsheehan@rils.org)



Gay and Lesbian Legal Advocates and Defenders (GLAD), GLAD is a Boston based legal advocate and defense firm serving the LGBTQ community and those living with HIV.

LGBTQ Housing Discrimination, an article that touches upon LGBTQ individual's housing rights and what steps to take if violated.

Human Rights Campaign, the largest LGBT civil rights advocacy group and political lobbying organization in the United States.

Lambda Legal, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and everyone living with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce, the country's oldest national LGBTQ advocacy group. The Taskforce the Task Force is training and mobilizing millions of activists across our nation to deliver a world where you can be you.

The National Center for Transgender Equality, the nation's leading social justice advocacy organization winning life-saving change for transgender people.

Immigration Equality, the nation's leading LGBT immigrants rights organization.

### **Anti-Bullying:**

Stop Bullying.gov, a US Department of Health & Human Services initiative about bullying prevention.

Cyberbullying Research Center, resources and information about laws regarding cyberbullying, how to stop bullying through social media, etc.

Teens Against Bullying, an online set of resources for students who want to make changes at their school.

### **Gay/Straight Alliances:**

GSA Network, a national organization that provides leadership development, peer support, and training opportunities for GSAs throughout the country.

Letter from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, which points out that it is against the law to now allow a school to have a gay/straight alliance.

GSA Starter Kit, the GSA Network's starter kit gives tips and examples on how to start and maintain a successful Gay-Straight Alliance.

Building Your GSA, the GSA Network's extensive resource list for starting a Gay-Straight Alliance.

GSA Advisor Handbook, in 2011 the National Association of GSA Networks created a handbook for GSA Advisors. This was the first resource of its kind.

### **Statewide School Policy & Data:**

Board of Regents Policy, about Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Expression

Statewide Bullying Policy, (each district should have their own policy as well)

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### **Days of Action:**

GLSEN's Ally Week: Created by GLSEN, Ally Week is an opportunity for non-LGBTQQ people to show support in a visible way.

National Coming Out Day: An international awareness day, held every October 11<sup>th</sup>, that celebrates people who publicly identify as LGBTQQ.



National Transgender Day of Remembrance: Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20<sup>th</sup> that honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

Asexual Awareness Week: Asexual Awareness Week takes place in October and seeks to educate on asexual, aromantic, demisexual, and grey-asexual identities.

GLSEN's Day of Silence: A day of action, usually held in April, in which students across the country vow to take a form of silence to call attention to the silencing effect of anti-LGBT bullying and harassment in school.

No Name Calling Week: Held every January, this is a national week of educational activities aimed at ending name-calling of all kinds and providing schools with the tools and inspiration to launch an ongoing dialogue about ways to eliminate bullying in their communities.

GLAAD's Spirit Day: Held each October, it is a day of action against bullying. People are encouraged to wear purple to show their support.