

Boston ElderINFO

LGBT Resources – Suffolk County



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Introduction to LGBT Resources

This booklet includes organizations that provide programs, services and helpful resources to the LGBT community in Suffolk County.

LGBT RESOURCES

AIDS Action Committee

Address	294 Washington Street, 5 th Floor
	Boston, MA 02108
Phone	617-437-6200 AIDS Action Hotline: 800-235-2331 Hepatitis Hotline: 888-443-4372
Web/Email	www.aac.org
Languages:	English
Services:	The AIDS Action Committee provides services to people in the Greater Boston area who are affected by or infected with AIDS or HIV disease. All services are confidential and free of charge. The services include Access Teams, Case Management, mental health counseling and support groups, financial assistance, housing and legal services, and transportation. They have several SRO/transition/congregate housing sites around the Boston area for those living with HIV/AIDS. They provide rental assistance for eligible persons living in Massachusetts. The agency also advocates for those living with HIV and works to prevent new infections.

Bisexual Resource Center (BRC)

Address	29 Stanhope Street
	Boston, MA 02116
Phone	617-424-9595
Web/Email	www.biresource.org brc@biresource.net
Languages:	English
Services:	The Bisexual Resource Center is an international organization providing education about and support for bisexual and progressive issues.

Boston Living Center	
Address	29 Stanhope Street
	Boston, MA 02116
Phone	617-236-1012
Web/Email	www.bostonlivingcenter.org
Languages:	English and Spanish
Services:	The Boston Living Center is a community drop-in center (look for the big red door) for people living with HIV/AIDS. They offer peer support through group meetings, congregate meals, arts, educational seminars, social activities, nutritional supplements, information and referral exchange and alternate health care including massage therapy, reiki (hands on therapy), podiatry, meditation, craniosacral therapy, and reflexology. Hours of operation are Monday 9am-9pm, Tuesday through Thursday 9am - 6pm and Fridays 9am - 3pm.
Boston Prime Timers	
Address	566 Columbus Avenue
	Boston, MA 02118
Phone	617-447-2344
Web/Email	www.bostonprimetimers.org bostonprimetimers@uses.org
Languages:	English
Services:	Boston Prime Timers is a social, educational and support organization for mature gay and bisexual males, partners and friends. "Pay As You Go" monthly activities include dinner, lunch, concerts, trips, parties and meetings at the center or in members' homes. Prime Timers are men who are active in their communities, involved with volunteerism, politics, gay issues, arts and entertainment. Call club phone 24 hours a day for an unattended message and for more information.
Congregation Am Tikva at Temple Sinai	
Address	P.O. Box 990441
	Boston, MA 02199
Phone	617-383-9539
Web/Email	www.amtikva.org info@amtikva.org
Languages:	English
Services:	Am Tikva brings together people who identify as LGBT and who are Jewish, in the Boston area. All are welcome, even people who are not from Boston and those who do not identify as LGBT. Every first and third Friday of each month and one Saturday morning a month, traditional and modern services are held. There is full disabled access.

Dignity Boston	
Address	35 Bowdoin St.
	Beacon Hill, MA 02117
Phone	617-421-1915
Web/Email	www.dignityboston.org
Languages: English	
Services: Dignity Boston is a community of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Catholics and friends. It was formed in 1972 to unite and provide an instrument through which the voices of LGBT Catholics may be heard by the church and society. They offer a liturgy and social hour every Sunday at 5:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist church. Office hours are Monday through Friday 9am-5pm.	

Fenway Community Health – The National LGBT Health Education Center	
Address	1340 Boylston Street
	Boston, MA 02215
Phone	617-267-0900 Helpline: 888-340-GLBT (6pm -11pm) Violence Recovery Program: 800-834-3242
Web/Email	www.fenwayhealth.org
Languages: English, call for more information on other languages	
Services: Fenway Community Health provides counseling and mental health, substance abuse treatment, primary care, holistic health, acupuncture, detoxification and gay/lesbian helpline. Services for AIDS/HIV are also provided. Support groups for symptomatic men and women with HIV, and for people who recently tested HIV-positive. Smoking cessation groups are also offered. They service the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community as well as Fenway area neighborhood residents and students from area colleges. They also offer groups for gay men over 40 and another for lesbians with cancer. The Domestic Violence program offers advocacy, counseling, support groups; court accompaniment for restraining orders as well as ongoing cases. The program is particularly focused on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender victims of assault as well as heterosexuals who have been targeted as homosexual based on perception, harassment, domestic violence and rape. Hours of operation Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 8pm, Fridays 7:30am - 8:30pm and Saturdays 9am -1pm.	

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)	
Address	30 Winter Street, Suite 800 Boston, MA 02108
Phone	617-426-1350 Hotline: 800-455-GLAD (4523)
Web/Email	www.glad.org gladlaw@glad.org
Languages: English and Spanish	
Services: GLAD operates a legal information hotline from 1:30pm to 4:30pm Monday through Friday providing callers with information about the laws relating to sexual orientation and HIV issues. A lawyer referral service operates the hotline for attorneys prepared to deal with related issues, impact legislation and provide education. Areas covered include all the New England states.	

Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project	
Web/Phone	www.gmdvp.org 800-832-1901
Services: Assists and supports victims and survivors of domestic violence, focusing on the GLBTQ community, to bring about responsive public policy, and to increase access to culturally competent services.	

Gay and Lesbian Association of Retiring Persons	
Web/Email	www.gaylesbianretiring.org
Services: Provides links to benefits and services, travel and national directories.	

Gay and Lesbian Medical Association	
Web/Email	www.glma.org
Services: GLMA works to ensure equality in health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and healthcare professionals. GLMA achieves its goals by using medical expertise in professional education, public policy work, patient education and referrals and the promotion of research.	

Greater Boston Legal Services	
Address	197 Friend Street
	Boston, MA 02114
Phone	617-371-1234 Toll Free: 800-323-3205
Web/Email	www.gbls.org
Languages: English	
Services: GBLS provides legal services to persons of all ages living in the Greater Boston area. They offer a legal assistance program for LGBT elders for same sex marriages and to address legal issues that may arise. Staff will make home visits to elders who are homebound or in nursing homes. They provide information about Medicare/Medicaid rights, denials and benefits; assistance with legal issues surrounding housing landlord/tenant problems, SSI, Social Security and Veterans Benefits. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9am-5pm.	

Greater Boston PFLAG	
Address	85 River Street, Suite 5A, Box 541619
	Waltham, MA 02454
Phone	866-427-3524 Helpline: 781-891-5966
Web/Email	www.gbpflag.org
Languages: English	
Services: Greater Boston Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (GBPFLAG) purpose is to help change attitudes and create an environment of understanding toward the LGBT community through support, education, and advocacy. They meet monthly at several locations in the metropolitan Boston Area. Literature is available and many groups have free lending libraries; annual dues cover the bi-monthly newsletter.	

HIV Over Fifty	
Address	38 Chauncy St. #500
	Boston, MA 02111
Phone	617-233-7107
Web/Email	www.hivoverfifty.org
Languages: English	
Services: Advocacy organization that promotes engagement and mutual respect among professionals in Aging and HIV policy, research, advocacy and care, champion the viewpoints and voices of those over 50 facing the health challenges of aging, including HIV and AIDS, ask how age and disease affect HIV prevention, diagnosis and treatment and how HIV affects aging.	

Human Rights Campaign	
Web/Email	www.hrc.org
Services:	A national civil rights organization working to achieve LGBT equality.

The History Project	
Web/Email	www.historyproject.org
Services:	The History Project is a volunteer organization researching and preserving the history of LGBT in Boston and in Massachusetts. They published a book through Beacon Press, <i>Improper Bostonians</i> and can be reached at 617-266-7733, 29 Stanhope St, Boston MA 02116.

Keshet	
Address	284 Amory Street Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-524-9227
Web/Email	www.keshetonline.org
Languages:	English
Services:	Keshet is an inclusive Jewish community for LGBT Jews in Greater Boston. The organization develops leadership for change among LGBT Jews and allies to affect changes in Jewish Institutions policies and cultures. Keshet also creates opportunities for GLBT Jews to come together, celebrate, and explore Jewish identities in an affirming environment.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund	
Web/Email	www.lambdalegal.org
Services:	A national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

Lesbian and Gay Aging Issues Network (LAIN)	
Web/Email	www.asaging.org/lain.html
Services:	LAIN is associated with the American Society on Aging. It provides an extensive directory of online resources on LGBT aging; useful articles from the group's quarterly newsletter, and information on events, activities, and membership.

LGBT Aging Project	
Address	Fenway Institute, Ansin Building, 1340 Boylston Street
	Boston, MA 02215
Phone	857-313-6590 LGBT Support Group: 617-271-4182
Web/Email	www.lgbtagingproject.org
Languages: English	
Services: A non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender older adults have equal access to the life-prolonging benefits, protections, services and institutions that their heterosexual neighbors take for granted. They offer a variety of services such as community education seminars, cultural competency trainings and consultations, bereavement groups, caregiver support groups, LGBT community meal sites, Healthy Aging programs and other special events. Call for more information and schedule of events.	

Mass Equality	
Web/Email	www.massequality.org
Services: Mass Equality is a coalition of organizations defending equal marriage rights for same-sex couples in Massachusetts	

Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association	
Address	16 Beacon Street, c/o Boston Bar Association
	Boston, MA 02108
Phone	617-742-0615
Web/Email	www.masslgbtqbar.org Administrator@masslgbtqbar.org
Languages: English	
Services: The Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association is a voluntary state-wide professional association of LGBTQ lawyers providing a visible LGBTQ community presence within the Massachusetts legal community. Law students, paralegals and other members of the legal profession are encouraged to become non-voting associate members. The association provides advocacy and education services as well as a support network in all areas of professional practice.	

Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC)	
Address	780 Albany Street
	Boston, MA 02118
Phone	617-450-1353
Web/Email	www.masstpc.org info@masstpc.org
Languages: English and Spanish	
Services: MTPC is dedicated to ending discrimination on the basis of gender identity. They educate the public, lobby state and local government, encourage activism and empower community members. The MTPC's work is guided by the following values: equal rights and institutional responsibility; working against all forms of oppression, broad-based participation and community power; developing and building coalitions; drawing strength from diverse experiences and identities, being informed by history and elders; growing through changes and critiques; being inclusive and accounting to the community.	

Metropolitan Community Church of Boston	
Address	131 Cambridge Street
	Boston, MA 02114
Phone	Main: 617-973-0404
Web/Email	www.mccboston.org
Languages: English	
Services: The Metropolitan Community Church of Boston is a congregation within the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The UFMCC was founded in 1968 as a faith community of gay, lesbian, transgendered and bisexual people. They offer a Sunday worship service at 6 PM.	

Multicultural AIDS Coalition, Inc.	
Address	31 Heath Street
	Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-442-1622
Web/Email	www.mac-boston.org
Languages: English	
Services: The Multicultural Aids Coalition mobilizes communities of color to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic. They work to ensure prevention and treatment services for people living with HIV, at high risk, or closely affected by the disease. They support community efforts to eradicate substance abuse, lack of health care access, homelessness, incarceration and oppression based on race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation. Programs and services include: prevention, education, health system navigation, technical assistance, faith based and peer support.	

National Association on HIV over Fifty	
Web/Email	www.hivoverfifty.org
Services:	They promote the availability of a full range of educational, prevention, service and health care programs for persons over age fifty affected by HIV.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force	
Web/Email	www.thetaskforce.org
Services:	The Task Force is a national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights and advocacy organization.

National Minority AIDS Council	
Web/Email	www.nmac.org
Services:	A national organization dedicated to developing leadership within communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS.

New England LGBT Veterans	
Address	VA Boston
	Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	774-826-1009
Web/Email	www.boston.va.gov/services
Languages:	English
Services:	VA services for LGBT veterans and their families. Available M-F 8am – 4:30 pm.

Older Lesbians Organizing for Change	
Web/Email	www.oloc.org
Services:	This site offers older lesbians the opportunity to connect and network while gracefully acknowledging the issues of aging. OLOC is a national organization of regional groups for lesbians 60 and over. Local Chapters: New York City: Carol Demech, 1947, 212-242-2330 Hudson Valley New York: Alix Dobkin, 1940, 845-679-7586 alix@oloc.org Vermont: Louise Brill, 1946, 802-540-1020 dance@together.net

Rainbow Lifelong Learning Institute Boston	
Address	630 Massachusetts Avenue First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington
	Arlington, MA
Phone	No phone, email only RainbowLLIBoston@gmail.com
Web	http://www.rainbowlliboston.org/
Languages: English	
Services: The Multicultural Aids Coalition mobilizes communities of color to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic. They work to ensure prevention and treatment services for people living with HIV, at high risk, or closely affected by the disease. They support community efforts to eradicate substance abuse, lack of health care access, homelessness, incarceration and oppression based on race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation. Programs and services include: prevention, education, health system navigation, technical assistance, faith based and peer support.	

Stonewall Communities	
Address	UMASS Boston, 100 William T Morrissey Blvd
	Dorchester, MA 02125
Phone	617-287-7312
Web/Email	https://sites.google.com/a/stonewallcommunities.org/www/about-us http://www.umb.edu/olli/sigs/stonewall_at_olli ollireg@gmail.com
Languages: English	
Services: Stonewall Communities is a community-based non-profit organization that advocates for and serves older lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender (LGBT) people. We build community among older LGBT people and their friends by creating educational, social, residential, and support opportunities. We welcome young people and straight allies. Our vision: New England as a lively, inclusive community that celebrates older LGBT people. We welcome your suggestions and participation http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stonewall_communities/	

The Network/ La Red	
Web/Phone	www.tnlr.org 617-423-SAFE
Services: Hotline for lesbian, bisexual and transgender women experiencing domestic violence. Accepts English and Spanish callers.	