

Boston ElderINFO

LGBTQ Aging Resources



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Introduction

Welcome!

This booklet includes resources that provide programs, services and helpful information to the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer (LGBTQ) aging community in and around Boston. Inclusion into this resource guide does not imply endorsement of an agency's purpose, method, or quality of service. Consumers and caregivers are encouraged to evaluate and choose appropriate resources.

Programs included in this resource booklet provide information, education, advocacy, training, or referral for health and human services or related services. In order to reach a broader audience, most resources listed in this guide also have staff that speak multiple languages and offer translated materials on their programs and resources. More in depth details, events and activities on the organizations listed can be found on their social media sites (including ours!) such as, Facebook and Twitter.

We welcome and encourage everyone to contact our bilingual Information Specialists for a more comprehensive and personalized discussion on what may best meet the needs of the older LGBTQ adult or caregiver.

USE IT, SHARE IT

It is our goal that members of the community use this resource guide and share it with others so that all may benefit from its contents.

The booklet is available for download at www.elderinfo.org/resources/LGBTQ

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Who We Are

Boston ElderINFO is the award-winning Information and Referral program of The Elder Care Alliance. The Elder Care Alliance is a not-for-profit collaboration of the 3 Boston home care agencies, also known as Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs):

Boston Senior Home Care, Central Boston Elder Services, and Ethos.

For more than 25 years, Boston ElderINFO has provided the information, guidance and support necessary to identify, plan and secure alternatives that help make living independently possible for older individuals with disabilities.

Mission

It is the mission of Boston ElderINFO to be the resource that meets all the information needs of every Boston elder, person with a disability, and caregiver to live with dignity, safety, and independence in their communities.



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ELDER RESOURCES IN
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ADVOCACY

AARP	
Address	One Beacon Street, Suite 2301, Boston, MA 02108
Phone	866-448-3621
Web/Email	https://local.aarp.org/boston-ma/ MA@aarp.org
Languages: English, Spanish, Chinese	
Services: AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering all people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation's largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. They offer A Prepare to Care Guide for Caregivers in the LGBT Community. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.	

AIDS Action Committee	
Address	75 Amory Street, Roxbury Boston, MA 02119
Phone	617-437-6200 AIDS Action Hotline: 800-235-2331 Hepatitis Hotline: 888-443-4372
Web	http://www.aac.org/
Languages: English	
Services: The AIDS Action Committee provides services to all 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. 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.	

Diverse Elders Coalition	
Address	305 Seventh Avenue 15th Floor, New York, NY 10001
Phone	646-653-5015
Web/Email	https://www.diverseelders.org info@diverseelders.org
Languages: English	
Services: Our member organization Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE) offers services & programs to LGBT elders through our national affiliate program, SAGENet. They advocate at the federal, state & local level for public policies that will improve economic security, community support, & health & wellness among LGBT older people. SAGE develops consumer resources for aging providers with critical knowledge and skills, & elder LGBT people with the information they need.	

Passionate elder care advocates from Boston Senior Home Care in front of the Massachusetts State House.



Human Rights Campaign (HRC)	
Web	https://www.hrcnewengland.org/
Languages: English	
Services: The Human Rights Campaign fights for LGBT equality in Massachusetts alongside state and local groups and lawmakers.	



The LGBT Aging Issues Network (LAIN)	
Address	833 Market Street, Suite 511, San Francisco, CA 94103
Phone	415-974-9641
Web	www.asaging.org/LAIN
Languages: English	
Services: A Constituent group of the American Society on Aging (ASA). Works to raise awareness about the concerns of LGBT elders. They provide a directory of resources on LGBT aging, a newsletter, and information on events & activities.	

LGBT Aging Project	
Address	Fenway Institute, Ansin Building, 1340 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02215
Phone	857-313-6590
Web:	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, the LGBT Community Meals Program, bereavement groups, caregiver support groups, and they offer a monthly newsletter to stay updated on news and community programs. Call for more information and a schedule of events.	



LGBT Senior Pride Coalition

Web | <https://www.facebook.com/LGBTSeniorPride/>

Languages: English

Services: The LGBT Senior Pride Coalition is made up of several LGBT community groups that are dedicated to LGBT older adults. Annually, they march in Boston's Pride Parade and host the Pride Silver Dinner Dance for LGBT seniors and their friends.



2018 marked the 48th Boston Pride Parade.

Participants Dale Mitchell, Ethos CEO, Meg Barhite, Ethos Director of Counseling & Support Services, Emily Williams, Boston Senior Home Care Director of Community relations, & Murray!

proudly posing in front of Ethos' new Meals on Wheels Subaru.

Mass Equality	
Address	14 Beacon Street, Suite 620 Boston, MA 02108
Phone	617-878-2300
Web/Email	www.massequality.org info@massequality.org
Languages:	English
Services: MassEquality is the leading statewide grassroots advocacy organization working to ensure that everyone across Massachusetts can thrive from cradle to grave without discrimination and oppression based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. They do this by partnering across issues, identities and communities to build a broad, inclusive and politically powerful movement that changes hearts and minds and achieves policy and electoral victories.	

Massachusetts LGBT Aging Commission	
Phone	617-722-2810 Joint Committee on Elder Affairs
Web	https://www.facebook.com/MALGBTAgeingCommission
Languages:	English
Services: The Massachusetts Commission on LGBT Aging is the first statewide commission in the country to focus on the needs and unique barriers of LGBT seniors. The Commission meets quarterly to discuss recommendations as stated in the Special Legislative LGBT Aging Report: long term support services, housing, public health, senior centers and community engagement, and legal considerations.	

Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC)	
Address	P.O. Box 960784, Boston, MA 02196
Phone	617-778-0519
Web/Email	www.masstpc.org info@masstpc.org
Languages:	English and ASL
Services: MTPC is dedicated to ending discrimination on the basis of gender identity and gender expression. They provide training and resources to people of all ages for the transgender community. They also offer technical assistance, community workshops and programs, resources and referrals, public education campaigns, and legislative advocacy.	



National LGBTQ Task Force	
Address	1325 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 600, Washington D.C. 20005
Phone	202-393-5177
Web	http://www.thetaskforce.org
Languages: English	
Services: Millions of LGBTQ people face barriers in every aspect of their lives: in housing, employment, healthcare, retirement, and basic human rights. The Task Force is a national LGBTQ civil rights and advocacy organization.	

Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE)	
Address	305 7th Avenue, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10001
Phone	212-741-2247
Web	www.sageusa.org
Languages: English	
Services: Founded in 1978 and headquartered in New York City, SAGE is a national organization that offers supportive services and consumer resources to LGBT older people and their caregivers. SAGE also advocates for public policy changes that address the needs of LGBT elders, provides education and technical assistance for aging providers and LGBT community organizations through its National Resource Center on LGBT Aging, and cultural competency training through SAGECare.	

ABUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NEGLECT FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

DOVE (Domestic Violence Ended)	
Address	P.O. Box 690267, Quincy, MA 02269
Phone	Community Advocacy & Prevention Services 617-770-4065 24 Hour Hotline: 617-471-1234 or 888-314-DOVE (3683)
Web	http://dovema.org/
Languages: English	
Services: DOVE provides comprehensive direct services & support for victims of dating & domestic violence. DOVE's services include crisis intervention, danger assessment & safety planning, supportive counseling, emergency shelter, legal advocacy & representation, & community outreach, education, & training. They also conduct Outreach & Educational Presentations about domestic violence community groups; churches & faith-based organizations; schools, colleges & universities.	



Massachusetts Adult Protective Service Programs (Abuse)	
Phone	Age 60+ 1-800-922-2275 Under age 60 1-800-426-9009
Web	https://www.mass.gov/report-elder-abuse
Languages: Multiple	
Services: Types of abuse include: physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, caretaker neglect, financial exploitation and self-neglect.	
For all people over age 60 experiencing abuse, call the Massachusetts Elder Abuse Hotline at 800-922-2275.	
To report abuse of a person with a disability under the age of 60, call the Disabled Persons Protection Commission at 1-800-426-9009.	
To report abuse of a person by nursing home or hospital, call the Department of Public Health at 800-462-5540.	
For ALL emergency or life-threatening situations call 911 or local police.	

The Network/ La Red	
Address	P.O. Box 6011, Boston, MA 02114
Phone	Hotline 617-742-4911 1-800-832-1901
Web	www.tnlr.org
Languages: English, Spanish	
Services: The Network/La Red is a survivor-led, social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, SM, polyamorous, and queer communities. They strengthen communities through organizing, education, and the provision of support services.	
TNLR offers technical assistance for service providers in making their agency more accessible to LGBTQ individuals. In addition to their hotline, they offer LGBTQ support groups, advocacy, Safehome support, and safety planning. Call for details.	



Ombudsman Programs in Boston	
Phone	Assisted Living Ombudsman 617-727-7750 Long Term Care Ombudsman Program at Ethos 617-477-6615 Community Care
Web	Boston only: www.ethocare.org Massachusetts: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/ombudsman-programs
Languages:	Multiple
<p>Services: An Ombudsman is an advocate. The ombudsman service offers a way for older adults to voice their complaints and have concerns addressed so they can live with dignity and respect. There are 3 types of Ombudsman programs in Massachusetts. They are as follows:</p> <p>The Assisted Living Ombudsman is an advocate and may act as mediator in an attempt to resolve problems that arise between an assisted living facility and one or more of its residents. Anyone can bring a complaint before the ombudsman. The complaint can be on behalf of a specific resident or on behalf of residents as a group. The ombudsman can provide you with information and concerns that have been filed against a residence. To contact an Assisted Living Ombudsman, call 617-727-7750.</p> <p>The Long Term Care Ombudsman is an advocate working to resolve problems related to the health, welfare and rights of individuals living in nursing or rest homes. Visiting facilities on a regular basis, Ombudsmen offer a way for residents to voice their complaints and work towards resolution with staff. Call 617-477-6615 to connect with the Ombudsman at Ethos.</p> <p>The Community Care Ombudsman helps elders who live in the community to review and resolve service complaints. They address concerns with services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home health care - Community-based MassHealth programs - Home care funded program - Federal private pay elder care programs <p>Call the Massachusetts Community Care Ombudsman at 617-727-7750.</p>	



Respond Inc.	
Address	P.O. Box 555, Somerville, MA 02143
Phone	24-Hour Crisis Hotline 617-623-5900
Web/Email	https://www.respondinc.org/ info@respondinc.org
Languages:	English, Portuguese, French, Spanish
Services:	For over 40 years, RESPOND has provided an LGBT-friendly 24-Hour Crisis Hotline that offers emotional support, resource referrals, and information on legal options, statewide shelter availability, community LGBT support groups, individual counseling, access to safe shelter, training and education. Services are free, confidential, and available to all survivors and victims of domestic abuse.



Lisa Clarke, Boston Senior Home Care Director of Care Management with seniors at the annual LGBT Aging Luncheon at the famed Venezia restaurant in Dorchester

CAREGIVING & SUPPORT GROUPS

AARP Prepare to Care Guide for LGBTQ Families

Phone	877-333-5885
Web	https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/home-and-family/caregiving/2017/05/prepare-to-care-guide-lgbt-aarp.pdf
Languages: English	
Services: If you or your loved one identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT), you will likely face extra challenges around caregiving. This guide is a practical tool created to help you. Here you will find information, resources, and checklists to help get organized and find the support that you might need. The guide follows five important steps that will help see you through your caregiving journey.	

Family Caregiver Support Program of Boston

Address	89 South Street, Boston, MA 02111
Phone	617-292-6211
Web/Email	http://www.bshcinfo.org/programs/familycaregiver.html bei@bshcinfo.org
Languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese	
Services: The Family Caregiver Support Program of Boston offers LGBT caregivers assistance and support to ease the strain and reduce the challenges of caregiving. Caring for a loved one can often be difficult and frustrating and our goal is to enable all caregivers to provide the best possible care through enhancing their coping skills, increasing their knowledge, and minimizing the stress of caregiving. Get help by calling us for a referral to one of our experienced caregiver advisors.	

Alzheimer's Association of Massachusetts

Address	309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452
Phone	617-868-6718 24/7 Helpline: 800-272-3900
Web	https://www.alz.org/MANH/
Languages: English, Spanish, language line available	
Services: The Alzheimer's Association provides care and support for all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias. They provide services such as a 24/7 Helpline, face-to-face support groups, an LGBT telephonic support group, and educational sessions that connect people through their online message boards to answer questions, online resources, and more.	



END of LIFE

Care Dimensions Hospice	
Address	75 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923
Phone	888-283-1722
Web	https://www.caredimensions.org/
Languages: English, Spanish, Chinese	
<p>Services: Care Dimensions Hospice has been a driving force in expanding access to hospice and palliative care in Massachusetts. Today, Care Dimensions is the largest hospice in Massachusetts and they offer a continuum of clinical care for adult patients with advanced and life-limiting illnesses and provide support for their families and caregivers. Their nonprofit organization serves people of all ages, races, faiths, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnic backgrounds and socio-economic standing and is committed to helping more individuals and families access care and receive support during one of the most challenging times in their lives. No one is denied care because of financial status, level of insurance coverage or ability to pay.</p>	

Cranberry Hospice and Palliative Care	
Address	36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA 02360
Phone	508-746-0215
Web	http://www.bidplymouth.org/cranberryhospice
Languages: Multiple	
<p>Services: Cranberry Hospice & Palliative Care is a not-for-profit agency serving Plymouth County and the South Shore. They are part of Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth and the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center family of hospitals. Established in 1982 and licensed as an independent hospice in 1983, Cranberry Hospice and Palliative Care has provided end-of-life and bereavement care to adults and children for over thirty-five years. Their team believes deeply that while they must have great clinical skills, it's creating that human connection and acting with compassion that really makes the difference in who they are and the work that they do.</p> <p>They are an open, affirming and welcoming community of hospice and palliative care professionals who understand the unique needs of LGBTQ families. They offer a wide range of hospice and palliative care services, including diverse spiritual support and bereavement support groups for people of all ages.</p> <p>Call for a free, confidential consultation about your or your family's questions and concerns about palliative and end-of-life care.</p>	



End With Care	
Address	241 Country Club Road, Newton, MA 02459
Phone	617-686-0220
Web/Email	https://endwithcare.org/ contact@endwithcare.org
Languages:	English
Services:	End With Care is a general educational resource delivering valuable information and access to care and service, assisting individuals, their loved ones and caregivers who are confronted with end-of-life challenges. Their goal is to bridge those in need to those who can provide care and support.

Hebrew SeniorLife Hospice	
Address	1200 Centre Street, Boston, MA 02131
Web	https://www.hebrewseniorlife.org/hospice
Phone	781-234-9950
Languages:	English, interpreters available
Services:	At Hebrew SeniorLife (HSL) Hospice they celebrate diversity and welcome people of all religions, cultures, races, sexual orientation, gender expression, and class backgrounds. The goal of their LGBTQ Seniors Initiative is to ensure that LGBTQ seniors seeking HSL health services or homes in their senior living communities receive excellent care, feel comfortable and respected, and are able to be honest and open about who they are. They are dedicated to offering medical care aimed at easing a patients' pain and anxiety. At the same time, they help them achieve emotional and spiritual wholeness. They become the community within the community, standing by family members as they provide loving care. They support them through the confusing weeks and months of terminal illness and remain close by as family members and close friends begin to heal from their loss. They also offer a LGBTQ blog on spiritual care for LGBTQ elders.

Honoring Choices	
Web	https://www.honoringchoicesmass.com/
Languages:	English
Services:	Honoring Choices is a general consumer focused Massachusetts non-profit organization supporting the right of every adult to direct their health care choices for quality care today and everyday all through their lives. They provide up-to-date health care planning information, free Massachusetts care planning documents, and handy guides to start a planning discussion with care providers to match quality care to an individual's goals, values and choices.



Good Shepherd Community Care	
Address	90 Wells Avenue, Newton, MA 02459
Phone	617-969-6130
Web/Email	http://www.gscommunitycare.org/ info@gscommunitycare.org
Languages:	English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian
Services:	Good Shepherd Community Care is one of the most trusted health care organizations in Greater Boston focusing on hospice and palliative care. Founded as Hospice of the Good Shepherd in 1978, they are the original Massachusetts hospice. After decades of caring for the community, they continue to remain an independent, not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization. They are an LGBT-friendly hospice serving all people and their partners and allies.

LGBT Bereavement Support Group	
Phone	Bob Linscott 857-313-6578
Web/Email	https://fenwayhealth.org/the-fenway-institute/lgbt-aging-project/programs-support-groups/ blinscott@fenwayhealth.org
Languages:	English
Services:	The LGBT Bereavement Support Group is funded by the Mass Department of Public Health and facilitated by the LGBT Aging Project. All groups are free, run for 8 weeks and are open to people of all ages. Bereavement groups require preregistration.

The Conversation Project	
Address	53 State Street, 19th Floor Boston, MA 02109
Web/Email	www.theconversationproject.org conversationproject@IHI.org
Languages:	English
Services:	The Conversation Project is a general public engagement initiative with a goal that is both simple and transformative: to have every person's wishes for end-of-life care expressed and respected. They offer kits, tools, guidance, and resources to begin talking with loved ones about your and their wishes.





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FAITH-BASED

Arlington Street Church	
Address	351 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116-3303
Phone	617-536-7050
Web/Email	http://www.ascboston.org/ Office@ASCBoston.org
Languages:	English
Services:	<p>From their website: We are a diverse, welcoming congregation. We are old and young. We are heterosexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. We are city-dwellers and suburbanites. We are affluent and just getting by. We are single and living in many different types of families. We are a congregation of a few colors that would like to be a congregation of many colors. We come together from many different religious backgrounds. Founded in 1729, we continue the tradition of creating a sacred space for all. We are an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Association, an organization that encourages a religious life of action as well as contemplation. Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM</p>



Congregation Am Tikva	
Address	P.O. Box 990441, Boston, MA 02199
Phone	617-383-9539
Web/Email	http://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.	

Congregation Eitz Chayim	
Address	136 Magazine Street, Cambridge, MA 02139
Phone	617-497-7626
Web	http://www.eitz.org/
Languages:	English
Services: They hope you will visit in person on a Friday night, join them for the High Holy Days or festivals, study with them, or attend a Meah Select Class taught by Hebrew College experts. Eitz Chayim is fully inclusive, drawing families of all configurations and individuals from diverse backgrounds and varied identities.	

Dignity Boston	
Address	P.O. Box 170428, Boston, MA 02117
Phone	617-421-1915
Web/Email	http://boston.dignitychapter.org/ info@dignityboston.org
Languages:	English
Services: Dignity Boston is a progressive and inclusive Catholic community for people of all sexual orientations, genders and gender identities, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex persons, our family, friends and supporters. All are welcome. They are part of a much larger organization, DignityUSA, a national organization with chapters and members all across the country. They offer a liturgy and social hour every Sunday at 5:00 pm at St. Stephen's church at 419 Shawmut Avenue. While we do not have office hours, anyone is welcome to call us any time and leave a message or to email us -- we will respond as promptly as possible!	



Emmanuel Church Boston	
Address	15 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116
Phone	617-536-3355
Web	https://www.emmanuelboston.org/
Languages: English	
Services: Emmanuel Church, a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, serves the community of greater Boston as a dynamic center for spiritual discovery and renewal. They are the home of the very first LGBT Community Café every Thursday. See page 25 for details.	

Hebrew SeniorLife LGBTQ Seniors Initiative	
Address	1200 Centre Street, Boston, MA 02131
Web	https://www.hebrewseniorlife.org/hospice
Phone	781-234-9950
Languages: English, interpreters available	
Services: At Hebrew SeniorLife (HSL), they celebrate diversity and welcome people of all religions, cultures, races, sexual orientation, gender expression, and class backgrounds. The goal of their LGBTQ Seniors Initiative is to ensure that LGBTQ seniors seeking HSL health services or homes in their senior living communities receive excellent care, feel comfortable and respected, and are able to be honest and open about who they are. They are dedicated to offering medical care aimed at easing a patients' pain and anxiety. At the same time, they help them achieve emotional and spiritual wholeness. They become the community within the community, standing by family members as they provide loving care. They support them through the confusing weeks and months of terminal illness and remain close by as family members and close friends begin to heal from their loss. They also offer a LGBTQ blog on spiritual care for LGBTQ elders.	

Keshet	
Address	284 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-524-9227
Web/Email	https://www.keshetonline.org/ info@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.	



Metropolitan Community Church of Boston	
Address	Old West Church, 131 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114
Phone	617-973-0404
Web/Email	http://www.mccboston.org church@mccboston.org
Languages:	English
Services:	A human rights church ministering to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities.

Temple Israel	
Address	477 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02215
Phone	617-566-3960
Web/Email	http://www.tisrael.org/ info@tisrael.org
Languages:	English
Services:	<p>Their mission: Living Judaism together through discovery, dynamic spirituality, and righteous impact. From their website, "We are a warm and thriving community, devoted to the Jewish ideals of Torah, worship, and acts of loving-kindness. Whether your interest is study, worship, Jewish culture, or social contact with other Jews, you will find a diverse array of opportunities to explore at Temple Israel."</p> <p>They encourage new LGBT members to come to Qabbalat Shabbat (welcome to Shabbat) Service, which is their main weekly congregational service. It takes place at 6:00 p.m. every Friday and lasts until about 7:15 p.m. The new member's entire family is welcome to join as they celebrate Shabbat with song and prayer.</p>

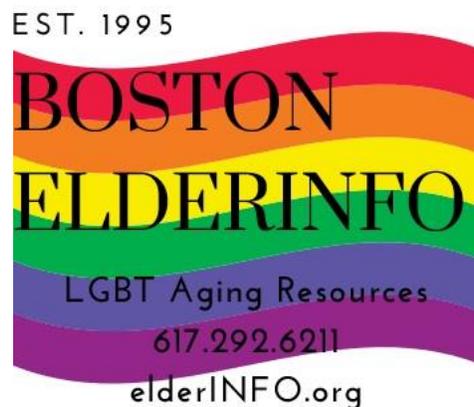
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GLAD (Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders)	
Address	18 Tremont Street, Suite 950 Boston, MA 02108
Phone	617-426-1350 Hotline: 800-455-GLAD (4523)
Web/Email	www.glad.org gladlaw@glad.org
Languages:	English and Spanish
Services:	GLAD's legal information helpline, <i>GLAD Answers</i> is available from 1:30pm to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. <i>GLAD Answers</i> is staffed by trained and compassionate volunteers who can provide callers with information about the rights of LGBTQ people as well as people living with HIV/AIDS in the 6 New England States on issues ranging from family law to anti-discrimination protections. <i>GLAD Answers</i>



also provides referrals to LGBTQ and HIV knowledgeable and affirming civil and criminal attorneys in private practice on a wide range of issues.

Greater Boston Legal Services	
Address	197 Friend Street, Boston, MA 02114
Phone	617-371-1234 Toll Free: 800-323-3205
Web	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.	



Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund	
Address	120 Wall Street, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10005
Phone	212-809-8585
Web	www.lambdalegal.org
Languages: English and Spanish	
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.	



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.	

Boston Money Management Program at Ethos	
Address	555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-522-6700
Web/Email	https://www.ethocare.org/money-management/ lgbt@ethocare.org
Languages: Multiple	
Services: The money management program is a free in-home service in which trained LGBT friendly volunteers assist eligible low-income elders who have difficulty writing checks, balancing checkbooks and/or managing household finances. This service can help an individual maintain independence and stay living in one's own home.	

Transgender Emergency Fund	
Address	85 Green Street, Worcester, MA 01604
Phone	508-755-3773
Languages: English	
Services: Financial Assistance program for low-income transgender people.	



AgeWell West Roxbury	
Address	555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-522-6700
Web	https://www.ethocare.org/agewell-west-roxbury/ lgbt@ethocare.org
Languages: English	
Services: AgeWell West Roxbury is an Ethos-sponsored initiative that promotes the development of an age-friendly inclusive community. Ethos AgeWell classes and workshops are offered to seniors free of charge to give participants the skills and confidence to manage their health and either prevent or delay chronic conditions and live healthier, more active lives.	



Boston Senior Home Care outreach staff celebrated aging in community the summer of 2018 with Age-Friendly Boston, UMASS Boston's Gerontology program, & AARP Massachusetts.



The Age-Friendly Boston initiative was led by the Elderly Commission in May 2017 when they released an action plan to address social isolation, outdoor spaces, health services, & other issues that directly impact the health of all older adults & caregivers in Boston.



City of Boston Commission on Affairs of the Elderly	
Address	City Hall, 1 City Hall Avenue, Boston, MA 02108
Phone	617-635-4366
Web/Email	https://www.boston.gov/departments/elderly-commission aging@boston.gov
Languages: Multiple	
Services: The Elderly Commission facilitates full and equal participation in all aspects of life by older adults in Boston. Their services include assistance in applying for government benefits and community-based services, discount programs, housing advice, social activities and events, transportation options, advocacy, volunteer programs, and info and referral.	

Community Cafés in Boston	
Address	Various neighborhoods in Boston
Phone	617-522-6700
Web	https://www.ethocare.org/community-cafes/
Languages: English	
<p>Services: Ethos is proud to be the sponsor of Café Pride, Out4Supper, Café Emmanuel and Out2Brunch. They are safe, affirming environments for LGBT seniors to make friends, strengthen their support circles, rebuild resiliency, and nutrition. Below is a schedule of Boston's Community Cafes. There are over 18 LGBT social cafés across Massachusetts. For a complete list, please visit: https://www.meetup.com/LGBT-Aging-Events-Programs/</p> <p>Café Emmanuel is a weekly luncheon for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Seniors and their friends. It features a rich entertainment program that follows each meal, including recitals from the New England Conservatory and Boston Conservatory as well as, a wide variety of guest speakers.</p> <p>WHEN: Every Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. WHERE: 15 Newbury Street, Boston, MA RSVP: cafeemmanuel@ethocare.org or call 617-477-6606 Suggested Donation: Seniors \$1.75 (\$5.00 adults under 60)</p> <p>Sponsored by Ethos & The LGBT Aging Project and the City of Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly Commission.</p>	



Out4Supper is the first “Supper Club” in Boston for LGBT elders and their friends. A varied program of entertainment, speakers and discussion groups accompany the meal, making each event a memorable experience. Out4Supper features a gourmet menu, prepared on-site by the chefs at Mount Pleasant Home, with entrees such as: swordfish with pineapple relish; seafood linguine with lobster sauce; and breaded pork chops. The location is easily accessible by public transportation and includes plenty of on-site and street parking.

WHEN: First Tuesday of every month, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mount Pleasant Home, 301 South Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA

RSVP: Call 617-522-6700

Out4Supper is made possible by the Ethos Equality Fund, the first private fund in New England dedicated solely to supporting the development, implementation, and expansion of programs and services for LGBT elders and their support circles. Additional support comes from the Boston Commission on Affairs of the Elderly and Out4Supper’s host, Mount Pleasant Home.

Café Pride is Ethos’ latest supper club for LGBT elders of color, their friends and allies. Many LGBT elders of color enter retirement age without the supports necessary for healthy aging. And a lifetime of discrimination has adversely affected LGBT elders of color, based on multiple aspects of their identities, including racial inequality, anti-LGBT discrimination, challenges based on immigration status, and more.

According to a study by the Seattle Institute for Multigenerational Health, more than half of LGBT older adults have been told by a doctor that they have depression; 39% have seriously thought of suicide; and 53% feel isolated from others.

In addition to providing a hot, nutritious meal and information about available programs and resources, Cafe Pride is safe and welcoming environment for LGBT elders of color to connect with each other and opportunity to celebrate the diversity in New England’s LGBT community.

WHEN: Second Wednesday of the month, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Whittier Street Health Center, 1290 Tremont St., Conference Room 2nd Floor

RSVP: Call 617-477-6606 or email meals@ethocare.org

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5.00

Café Pride is made possible by the Ethos Equality Fund, the first private fund in New England dedicated solely to supporting the development, implementation, and expansion of programs and services for LGBT elders and their support circles. Additional support comes from the Boston Commission on Affairs of the Elderly and Whittier Street Health Center.



Out2Brunch is a monthly brunch and social for older lesbian, bisexual and transgender women and their friends and allies. The brunch is held on the first Saturday of every month at Roslindale House in Roslindale as well as, the third Saturday of the month at Goddard House in Brookline. Out2Brunch at Roslindale House and Goddard House are fully handicap accessible and feature plenty of free parking. Each Out2Brunch meal is followed by entertainment, presentation or discussion.

Out2Brunch in Roslindale

WHEN: First Saturday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Roslindale House, 120 Poplar Street, Roslindale, MA

RSVP: outtobrunch@gmail.com or call 617-522-6700 x306.

SUGGESTED DONATION: Seniors \$1.75 (\$5.00 adults under 60)

Out2Brunch in Brookline

WHEN: Third Saturday of every month, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Goddard House, 165 Chestnut Street, Brookline, MA 02445

RSVP: Email meals@ethocare.org or call 617-522-6700 x306

SUGGESTED DONATION: Seniors \$1.75 (\$5.00 adults under 60)

Out2Brunch is made possible by the Ethos Equality Fund, the first private fund in New England dedicated solely to supporting the development, implementation, and expansion of programs and services for LGBT elders and their support circles. Additional support comes from the City of Boston Commission on Affairs of the Elderly; the Brookline Council on Aging; Out2Brunch's host, the Roslindale House, Goddard House Assisted Living; and the LGBT Aging Project.





▲ The monthly gathering at the Mount Pleasant Home has room for a table or two and up to 50 diners.

Go Out for Dinner

To combat isolation, LGBT older adults are invited to supper

When Dale Mitchell, the executive director of Ethos, a nonprofit serving older adults in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts, was thinking about how he could provide the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community with a supportive and safe way to socialize, he hearkened back to the smoky, boozy bygone tradition of supper clubs.

Popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, supper clubs brought groups together in a private setting for themed evenings of food, wine and entertainment. In 2012, Mitchell revived the dining experience — minus the smoking and drinking — with **Out4Supper**, the Boston area's first LGBT-friendly supper club.

The experiment, which began with a handful of participants, now attracts up to 50 LGBT older people and their friends each month. A primary reason for Ethos's launching of the program was to combat social isolation, a particular and potentially lethal danger among LGBT elders.

"These seniors are less likely to be partnered, and too often are estranged from their own families," says Mitchell, a longtime advocate for

the community. With events like Out4Supper, LGBT elders can "commune with each other in a safe and inviting environment."

The dinners take place in a spacious, private dining area provided by the Mount Pleasant Home, a nonprofit residential care center for people age 62 and over. The gourmet menu, prepared by the home's chefs, has included such entrées as swordfish with pineapple relish and seafood linguine with lobster sauce.

Entertainment has come courtesy of acclaimed pianists and a capella singers from Boston University. There are also speakers on such topics as depression management and long-term care.

The diversity of the diners is a big part of the fun. Whereas some Ethos gatherings previously drew only gay men, or only lesbians,

Out4Supper is marketed to appeal to all.

"We found that there had been some self-segregation at earlier events," says Ethos community relations director Ray Santos. "We tailored marketing of Out4Supper to ensure participation among men and women and we also schedule it in the evening to include seniors who are still working."

The result, says Santos, is more than a nice meal: "Out4Supper has many regulars, different ages, and it's really nice to see that people have made lasting connections." ■

ETHOS

**AARP publication
Where We Live,
Communities for All
Ages featuring Ethos'
Out4Supper
community café at
Mt. Pleasant Home in
Jamaica Plain**

Fenway Community Health	
Address	1340 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02215
Phone	617-267-0900 Helpline: 888-340-GLBT (6pm - 11pm) Violence Recovery Program: 800-834-3242
Email	www.fenwayhealth.org
Languages:	English, call for more information on other languages
Services:	They provide counseling and mental health, substance use treatment, primary care, holistic health, acupuncture, detoxification, smoking cessation groups, a helpline, services for AIDS/HIV, support groups for symptomatic men & women with HIV, and for people who recently tested HIV-positive. They specialize in the LGBT



community as well as Fenway area neighborhood residents and students from area colleges. They also offer groups for gay men over 40 and lesbians with cancer. Fenway Health partners with Boston's Long-Term Survivors Support Group (LTSSG). LTSSG welcomes diversity and currently seeks new members. Meetings occur on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month in the Copley Square area. There is no charge to participate.
 For more information contact Ethan at ethan_herschman@yahoo.com.

Families for Depression Awareness	
Address	391 Totten Pond Road, Suite 101, Waltham, MA 02451
Phone	781-890-0220
Web/Email	www.familyaware.org info@familyaware.org
Languages: English	
Services: Families for Depression Awareness helps families recognize and cope with depression and bipolar disorder to get people well and prevent suicides. They focus on family members and friends of those who are depressed, and caregivers that usually operate with little or no guidance or support. They promote depression awareness through communications programs, run by experienced experts who have been touched by depression in their family or profession. They offer additional LGBT resources for depression and mental health.	

Gay & Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous	
Phone	617-426-9444
Web	http://www.oocities.org/dallasuapace/aa.html.tmp https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/P32_AAandtheGayLesbianAlcoholic.pdf
Languages: English	
Services: Listing of gay-friendly meetings in and around Boston.	

GLMA (Gay & Lesbian Medical Association)	
Address	1133 19th Street, NW Suite 302 Washington, DC 20036
Phone	202-600-8037
Web/Email	www.glma.org info@glma.org
Languages: English	
Services: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality (previously GLMA) works to ensure equality in healthcare for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and healthcare providers. They offer a directory for patients to connect with LGBT welcoming providers. The LGBT health agenda includes breast and cervical cancer, hepatitis, mental health, substance abuse, tobacco use, depression, access to care for transgender persons and other concerns.	



Healthy Aging Classes at Ethos	
Address	555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-522-6700
Web	https://www.ethocare.org/healthy-aging-classes/
Languages: English, Spanish	
<p>Services: Healthy Aging Classes puts an older adult in control of their health. Regular physical activity, healthy eating, staying smoke-free, preventing falls, and staying socially connected are essential for living healthier lives. General classes and workshops are offered free of charge to give participants the skills and confidence to manage their health and either prevent or delay chronic conditions and live healthier, more active lives. Call for a list of classes.</p> <p>Mental Health Program: Healthy IDEAS (Identifying Depression Empowering Activities for Seniors) is an intervention to detect depression and reduce the severity of depressive symptoms in at-risk older adults. Each Ethos staff member is trained in LGBT cultural competency.</p>	

Health Insurance - SHINE	
Phone	SHINE Counselor at 800-243-4636, press 3 or press 5 if calling from cell phone
Web	https://www.mass.gov/health-insurance-counseling
Languages: English	
<p>Services: The SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) Program provides free health insurance information and counseling to all Massachusetts residents with Medicare and their caregivers. People who have Medicare or who are about to become eligible for Medicare, can meet with a counselor to learn about benefits and options available. A counselor will review programs that help people with limited income to pay health care costs.</p>	
Meals on Wheels/Nutrition	
Phone	617-292-6211
Web/Email	http://www.elderinfo.org bei@bshcinfo.org
Languages: Multiple	
<p>Services: Serves those 60 years of age, and older. Home Delivered Meals program (Meals on Wheels) brings a meal right to the door for homebound elders. There is also a <i>Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults</i> workshop available. Menus are designed by nutrition experts to meet the needs of older adults and are prepared by a professional caterer. Cardiac, chopped, and puréed meals are available, for those with special dietary requirements.</p>	



Substance Use Helpline	
Phone	800-327-5050
Web	https://helplinema.org/
Languages: English, call for other languages	
Services: The Helpline is the only statewide, public resource for finding substance use treatment and recovery services. Helpline services are free and confidential. They have caring, trained Specialists will help you understand the treatment system and your options. Seeking treatment and support is the first step toward recovery. Being in recovery means a life of greater freedom and possibility. Helpline hours: M–F 8am–10pm Weekend 8am–6pm	

HIV/AIDS

AIDS Action Committee	
Address	75 Amory Street, Roxbury, MA 02119
Phone	617-437-6200 AIDS Action Hotline: 800-235-2331
Web/Email	http://www.aac.org/ info@aac.org
Languages: English	
Services: The AIDS Action Committee provides services to people who are affected by or infected with AIDS or HIV disease. All services are confidential & free of charge. The services include Client Advocacy, case management, mental health counseling & support groups, Hepatitis C Resource Guide, substance use needs, finding health insurance, financial assistance, housing & legal services, & transportation. They have several transition housing sites around the Boston area for those living with HIV/AIDS.	

Boston Living Center	
Address	29 Stanhope Street, Boston, MA 02116
Phone	617-236-1012
Web	www.vpi.org/boston
Languages: English and Spanish	
Services: They are a community drop-in center 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, podiatry, meditation, craniosacral therapy, and reflexology.	



Community Servings	
Address	18 Marbury Terrace, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-522-7777
Web	www.servings.org
Languages: English, Spanish	
Services: This nonprofit meal delivery service provides home-delivered meals and nutrition services to individuals and families living with critical and chronic illnesses. Their made-from-scratch meals are medically tailored – meaning they are customized to meet the nutritional and medical needs of their clients who are fighting illnesses like HIV/AIDS, diabetes, cancer, kidney disease, and many others. They provide meals for the client and family members including a caregiver (parent/spouse), and children under the age of 18. Food heals.	

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Web	www.lambdalegal.org
Languages: English & Spanish	
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.	

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 (MAC) mission is to mobilize communities of color to end the HIV epidemic. MAC supports broader efforts to eradicate conditions that fuel the epidemic, including substance abuse, sexually transmitted infections, lack of healthcare access, homelessness, incarceration, and discrimination based on race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity.	

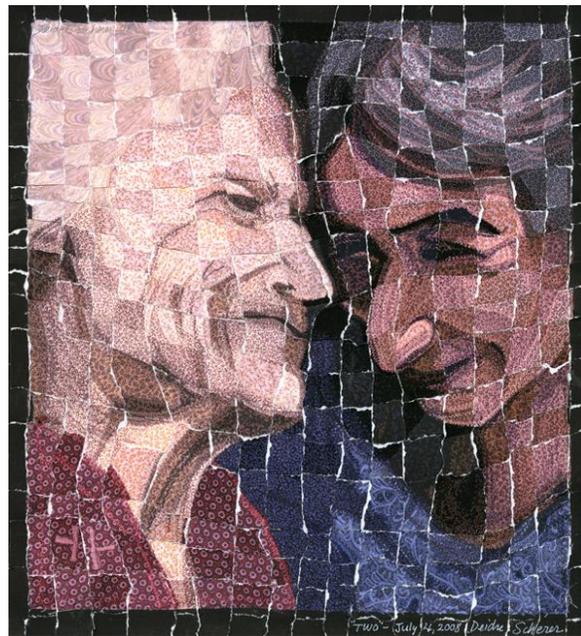


National Minority AIDS Council	
Address	1000 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 200 Washington DC 20005-4903
Phone	202-853-0021
Web/Email	www.nmac.org info@nmac.org
Languages: English	
Services: A national organization dedicated to developing leadership within communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS.	

New England Association on HIV Over Fifty	
Address	38 Chauncy Street, #500 Boston, MA 02111
Web	https://www.facebook.com/nehof
Languages: English	
Services: NEAHOF is a nonprofit organization working to bring healthcare equality and to build vibrant, productive lives for positive elders.	



Ryan White Planning Council Boston	
Address	Boston Public Health Commission 1010 Massachusetts Ave, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02118
Phone	617-534-5395
Web/Email	http://www.bphc.org/whatwedo/infectious-diseases/Ryan-White-Services-Division/boston-planning-council/Pages/Boston-Planning-Council.aspx info@bphc.org
Languages:	English
Services:	The Ryan White Planning Council is an independent federally required planning body that works to organize, evaluate, prioritize, and allocate Ryan White Part A HIV funding in the Boston Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). The Council is appointed by the Mayor of Boston and works with staff of the Boston Public Health Commission Division of HIV/AIDS Services to administer the Part A grant. The Ryan White Act was created to fill gaps in existing medical and supportive HIV services and contains several parts. Part A provides the funding for the Boston EMA and other urban areas most heavily impacted by the HIV & AIDS epidemic.



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**“Time and good friends are two things that become more valuable
the older we get.”**

Anonymous

HOME CARE

Boston ElderINFO	
Address	89 South Street, Boston, MA 02111
Phone	617-292-6211
Web/Email	www.elderinfo.org bei@bshcinfo.org
Languages: Multiple	
<p>Services: Since 1995, we have been providing exceptional culturally competent information and referral services to all residents, caregivers, allies, partners, and friends of Boston. We are the intake helpline for the 3 Boston home care agencies Boston Senior Home Care, Central Boston Elder Services, and Ethos.</p> <p>Call us with questions and referrals Monday through Friday 9am – 5pm. If we miss your call, please leave a message on our secured voicemail and we will return your call within 1 business day.</p>	

Boston Senior Home Care	
Address	89 South Street, Boston, MA 02111
Phone	617-451-6400
Web/Email	www.bshcinfo.org info@bshcinfo.org
Languages: Multiple	
<p>Services: Since 1974, Boston Senior Home Care has been helping seniors live independently, and with dignity. Extensive in-home services, ranging from personal care to home delivered meals are available. Eligibility for services is based on a sliding scale and is determined by age, income and need.</p> <p>Boston Senior Home Care provides LGBTQ inclusive care management and support services to individuals, 60 years of age and older, and disabled individuals, 16 years of age and older, who wish to remain in their community but may require some assistance to do so. They also provide respite scholarships, support services and resources to those acting as caregivers and educational initiatives for those interested in controlling illness and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>Their mission: Boston Senior Home Care is dedicated to ensuring that culturally diverse elders and disabled adults, particularly those of limited means, can remain in their homes or in other supportive settings with dignity and independence.</p>	



Central Boston Elder Services	
Address	2315 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02119
Phone	617-277-7416
Web/Email	www.centralboston.org info@centralboston.org
Languages: Multiple	
<p>Services: Central Boston Elder Services, a non-profit corporation, helps Boston area seniors remain in their homes by providing LGBTQ inclusive short and long-term care. Programs and services are offered to help seniors remain self-sufficient.</p> <p>The mission of Central Boston Elder Services is to provide high quality, responsive, supportive services and programs to the elderly and the disabled in need of health and human services. Central Boston Elder Services seeks in its philosophy to provide services in a manner which reinforces dignity and worth of the individuals and also acknowledges and respects cultural sensitivity, gender and other differences, while serving the community with vision and integrity.</p>	

Ethos	
Address	555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-522-6700
Web/Email	www.ethocare.org info@ethocare.org
Languages: Multiple	
<p>Services: Ethos is a private, not-for-profit organization that promotes the independence, dignity, and well-being of the elderly and disabled. Ethos achieves its mission through the coordination and delivery of high-quality, affordable home and community-based care. In all aspects of its work Ethos supports family caregiving, fosters social interaction and respects cultural diversity.</p> <p>They offer many LGBTQ inclusive services such as, homemaking, personal care, home delivered meals, home health services, chore, adaptive housing, personal emergency response system, companion care, adult day health, transportation, supportive housing, respite care, habilitation therapy, money management, options counseling, ombudsman services, community cafés, the Personal Care Attendant program, and so much more.</p>	



Home Care Outside of Boston – Mass Options	
Phone	800-AGE-INFO or 800-243-4636 TTY: MassRelay 711 844-422-MASS
Web/Email	https://800ageinfo.com https://www.massoptions.org/massoptions/ Webmaster@MassOptions.org
Languages:	Multiple
<p>Services: They are the statewide Information & referral helpline and database to help people find:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local elder service agencies and caregiver services 2. The Prescription Advantage prescription drug assistance program 3. Health insurance assistance or a SHINE counselor 4. Report Elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation 5. Service complaints and the Main Office at the Executive Office of Elder Affairs 	



HOUSING

City of Boston Commission on Affairs of the Elderly	
Address	City Hall, 1 City Hall Avenue, Room 271, Boston, MA 02108
Phone	617-635-4366 Teletype: 617-635-4599
Web/Email	https://www.boston.gov/departments/elderly-commission aging@boston.gov
Languages:	English
Services: They facilitate full and equal participation in all aspects of life by older adults in Boston. They assist with issues including home repairs and homecare services, landlord responsibilities, subsidized senior housing, legal matters, property taxes, homeowner financial options, heating or utility problems, homelessness, foreclosures and evictions, and housing options.	

Options Counseling	
Phone	617-292-6211
Web/Email	www.elderinfo.org bei@bshcinfo.org
Languages:	Multiple
Services: Options Counseling is a free program that provides all people information on housing to help them live independently in their community, regardless of age or income. Options Counseling is a service offered by Elder Care Alliance members Boston Senior Home Care, Central Boston Elder Services, and Ethos. Trained Option Counselors provide advise on housing options such as shared living, home sharing, adult family care, independent and assisted living, affordable and market rate rental apartments, housing with services, and so much more. Call us for a referral.	



Project Q Boston	
Phone	617-997-1690
Web/Email	www.ProjectQBoston.org Paul.Duffy@ProjectQBoston.org
Languages:	English, French, Arabic, Portuguese
<p>Services: Their mission is to create a diverse and inclusive community within the City of Boston which provides a platform for healthy aging in all its dimensions. Through innovative partnerships and a thorough engagement in the cultural and intellectual life of Boston, Project Q will provide opportunity and avenues of growth for its residents and their families, for neighbors, its businesses and healthcare partners and members of all the communities it serves.</p> <p>Project Q is a not-for-profit community development project proposed to support residents of Boston to age healthfully and inter-generationally in a central Boston neighborhood, with a particular focus on serving older adults of the LGBT community.</p>	

LGBT Senior Housing Task Force	
Phone	857-313-6578
Web/Email	https://fenwayhealth.org/the-fenway-institute/lgbt-aging-project/blinscott@fenwayhealth.org
Languages:	English
<p>Services: The LGBT Senior Housing Task Force is a group of community members and professionals, who are tasked with the mission to create the first affordable LGBT senior housing site in Boston. Contact Bob Linscott at the # above for details.</p>	



SOCIALIZATION

AgeWell Equality at Ethos	
Address	555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-522-6700
Web/Email	www.ethocare.org/agewellequality lgbt@ethocare.org
Languages: English, Spanish	
<p>Services: AgeWell Equality, a program of Ethos, is an ambitious region-wide initiative to promote aging-in-place for older LGBTs. Through AgeWell Equality, Ethos, along with its partners, will implement programs specifically tailored and targeted to vulnerable LGBT seniors such as LGBT cultural competency training for social services organizations; evidence-based healthy aging workshops and trainings; social engagement opportunities to combat isolation and loneliness; and forums to address LGBT-specific aging issues. The goal of AgeWell Equality is to make sure LGBTs in greater Boston will never, ever have to go back in the closet just because they are old or disabled.</p>	

Beacon Hill Village	
Address	74 Joy Street, Boston, MA 02114
Phone	617-723-9713
Web/Email	http://beaconhillvillage.org/ info@beaconhillvillage.org
Languages: English	
<p>Services: Beacon Hill Village, an all-inclusive member-driven organization for Boston residents 50 and over living in the neighborhoods of Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Downtown/Waterfront, Fenway/Kenmore, Midtown, and the North, South, and West Ends. They provide programs and services so members can lead vibrant, active and healthy lives, while living in their own homes and neighborhoods. Benefits include access to discounted providers who can help manage a person's household, stay active and healthy, and serve their driving needs. Their social and cultural programs are always changing to support member interests. Call for more info.</p>	



Boston Gay Men's Chorus	
Address	539 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116
Phone	617-542-7464
Web	www.bgmc.org
Languages: English	
<p>Services: The Boston Gay Men's Chorus creates musical experiences to inspire change, build community and celebrate difference. Founded in 1982, the 200-voice ensemble is celebrated for its outstanding musicianship, creative programming, and groundbreaking community outreach. Under the dynamic leadership of Music Director Reuben M. Reynolds III, the BGMC sings a wide spectrum of classical and popular music and creates social change by providing a positive, affirming image of the gay and lesbian community. All interested singers are encouraged to audition. Prior choral singing experience and elementary music reading skill is helpful but not a prerequisite.</p>	



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Phone: **617-292-6211**
Website: **www.ElderInfo.org**



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.	

Boston Symphony Orchestra	
Address	301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02115
Phone	617-266-1492
Web	https://www.bso.org/
Languages: English	
Services: The Boston Symphony Orchestra is the largest orchestral organization in the world, encompassing the Boston Pops and the orchestra's summer home, Tanglewood. A standard bearer of the classical repertoire and one of the key supporters of 20th-Century music, the BSO performs at Symphony Hall from September through May, with concerts most Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings and on Friday afternoons.	

Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (BOLLI)	
Address	415 South Street, MS 085 Waltham, MA 02453
Phone	781-736-2992
Web/Email	https://www.brandeis.edu/bolli/ bolli@brandeis.edu
Languages: English	
Services: They are a year-round community of all intellectually curious adults, age 50 and above, who explore a liberal arts curriculum through study groups, seminars, lecture series and special presentations and events. Brandeis University instructors, experts in their field and master-teachers, lead seminars and lecture series. Members regularly organize special presentations and events including book discussions, theater and museum outings, poetry circles, photo exhibits, and literary salons.	



City of Boston Commission on Affairs of the Elderly	
Address	City Hall, 1 City Hall Avenue, Room 271, Boston, MA 02108
Phone	617-635-4366 Teletype: 617-635-4599
Web/Email	https://www.boston.gov/departments/elderly-commission aging@boston.gov
Languages: English, call for other languages	
Services: They facilitate full and equal participation in all aspects of life by older adults in Boston. Their services include assistance in applying for government benefits and community-based services, discount programs, housing advice, transportation options, advocacy, social activities, volunteer programs, and information and referral.	

Community Cafés	
Address	Various sites in and around Boston
Phone	617-522-6700
Web	https://www.ethocare.org/community-cafes/
Languages: English	
Services: SEE PAGE 25 FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF LGBT COMMUNITY CAFÉS	

The History Project	
Address	29 Stanhope Street, Boston MA 02116
Phone	617-266-7733
Web	http://www.historyproject.org/
Languages: English	
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> .	

The Huntington Theatre	
Address	264 Huntington Avenue, Boston MA 02115
Phone	617-266-7900 Box Office: 617-266-0800
Web/Email	www.huntingtontheatre.org tickets@huntingtontheatre.org
Languages: English	
Services: The Huntington Theatre Company engages, inspires, entertains and challenges audiences with theatrical productions that range from the classics to new works; they train and support the next generation of theatre artists; they provide arts education programs that promote life-long learning to a diverse community; and they celebrate the essential power of the theatre to illuminate common humanity.	



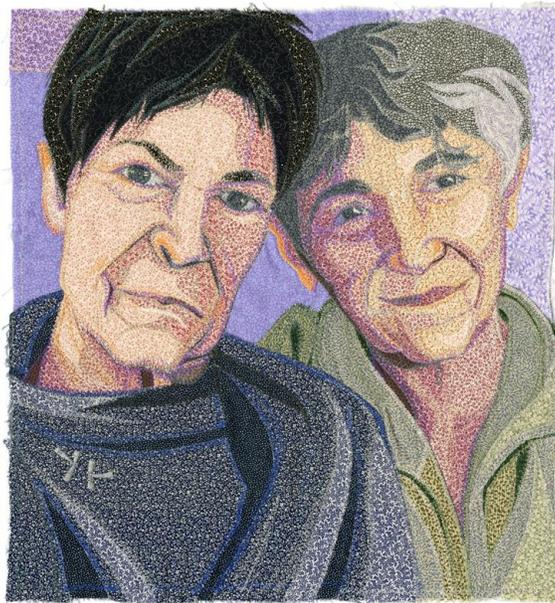
JP@Home	
Address	555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-522-6700
Web/Email	www.ethocare.org info@ethocare.org
Languages: English	
Services: JP@Home is an all inclusive membership-based program of Ethos, dedicated to promoting the health, independence, and dignity of older adults and persons with disabilities. The program is intended for middle income older adults who reside in Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, West Roxbury, Hyde Park, Mission Hill, Roxbury, and Brookline and want to age in place. Members subscribe to JP@Home to receive access to Ethos' services at discounted rates and numerous social, health, and wellness activities.	

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	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, the LGBT Community Meals Program, bereavement groups, caregiver support groups, and they offer a monthly newsletter to stay updated on news and community programs. Call for more information and a schedule of events.	

LGBT Elders of Color	
Web/Email	https://www.lgbteldersofcolor.com/ https://www.facebook.com/flashbacksundayeoc/ lgbteldersofcolor@gmail.com
Languages: English	
Services: LGBT Elders of Color conducts outreach to isolated LGBT adults of color, to build community through social engagement events, creative programs, and provide necessary resources for health care and aging services. The social component enables LGBT older adults of color to meet new people and engage with a diverse and inter-generational group of peers. The programmatic component connects this group to important information about health care and elder service resources.	



Massachusetts Councils on Aging (MCOA)	
Address	116 Pleasant Street, Easthampton, MA 01027
Phone	413-527-6425
Web	https://mcoaonline.com/
Languages: English	
<p>Services: MCOA serve as a conduit for accessing a range of municipal services that may seem out-of-reach to older residents. They provide an integrated array of social, health, recreational and education programs for all older people.</p> <p>MCOA conducts more than 100 programs from information and referral to benefits, outreach, transportation, and meals and other food programs to health screenings, health insurance information benefits counseling, fitness, recreation, computer access, education and lifelong learning, among others.</p>	



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Old Lesbians Organizing For Change (OLOC)	
Address	Boston Chapter
Phone	888-706-7506
Web	oloc.boston@gmail.com
Languages: English	
<p>Services: They are a national network of Old Lesbians over age 60 working to confront ageism in our communities and our country. They use education and public discourse as primary tools.</p> <p>Boston OLOC programs and events are open to all lesbians, including transgender lesbians, who want to attend their programs and create a community of old lesbians—and those of any age—who support OLOC’s mission including their commitment to solidarity with allies for racial, economic, and social justice.</p> <p>To get on OLOC Boston's mailing list, e-mail: oloc.boston@gmail.com</p>	

Rainbow Lifelong Learning Institute Boston	
Address	630 Massachusetts Avenue, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, MA
Web/Email	http://www.rainbowlliboston.org/ RainbowLLIBoston@gmail.com
Languages: English	
<p>Services: The Rainbow Lifelong Learning Institute Boston offers LGBT seniors and friends the opportunity to build and strengthen community through educational programs and social activities, such as Qi Gong and a Brown Bag Speakers Series. Visit their website for class info and details on how to get involved.</p>	

RALLY	
Address	Social events held in & around Boston
Web	https://www.meetup.com/RALLY_/
Languages: English	
<p>Services: RALLY is a social group providing opportunities for LBT women age 55 and older (and their partners of any age) to gather together in a supportive atmosphere. They are a welcoming group of fun-loving Boston area women sharing small and large social, recreational, and cultural events.</p>	



The List: Boston's Queer Agenda	
Web/Email	http://www.queeragenda.org/ volunteer@queeragenda.org
Languages:	English
Services:	The List: Boston's Queer Agenda is a free weekly email calendar of events, a monthly email for Housing Wanted or to offer, a monthly Classifieds with jobs, groups and more, a Facebook Page with daily news, and a monthly Google Calendar of events for in and around the Boston region. The List encourages networking and centralizes information about upcoming events, volunteer and job opportunities, apartment postings and community announcements.



Trans Club of New England	
Address	P.O. Box 540071, Waltham MA 02454-0071
Phone	781-891-9325
Web/Email	www.tcne.org info@tcne.org
Languages:	English
Services:	TCNE's primary mission is that of being a social and support club for transgender people in the New England region. Offering transgender social activities and support since the 1970's, they are one of the oldest transgender groups in the world and one of very few with their own permanent location. They also run the First Event transgender conference each January/February. Existing members and newcomers are encouraged to drop in any Tuesday evening, 7:00 – 10:00 pm, or Saturday evening 7PM to 11PM. Come dressed or not. Dress there if you like. They are a very safe and friendly place to come out and/or establish connections.



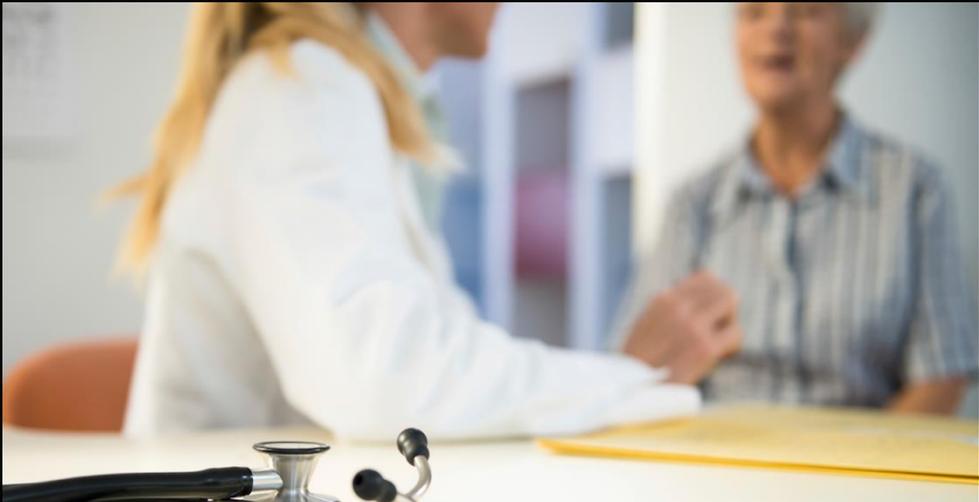
UMASS Boston Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)	
Address	100 William T. Morrissey Blvd. Boston, MA 02125-3393
Phone	617-287-7312
Web	www.OLLI.umb.edu ollireg@gmail.edu
Languages: English	
<p>Services: OLLI is an all inclusive membership-based (scholarships available) community of mature adults who enjoy learning and want to spend time with their peers who have similar interests. No specific background or education level is required to join, just an interest in learning, the desire to participate actively and share ideas with peers, and have an open mind. They offer more than 140 courses on topics such as current events, the arts, culture, travel, business and technology, and world history. No homework or tests! There are also field trips, social activities like a book club, meditation and wellness, and Women's "Herstory". Keep the mind active and join them.</p> <p>The Stonewall at OLLI Special Interest Group is made up of LGBT members who wish to share educational, social and cultural experiences together and with the larger UMass Boston community. The UMass Boston OLLI is the only one of the 122 nationwide OLLIs with an LGBT SIG (Special Interest Group).</p>	

Voices Rising Women's Chorus	
Address	P.O. Box 300476 Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-396-7086
Web/Email	www.voicesrising.org info@voicesrising.org
Languages: English	
<p>Services: Voices Rising Women's Chorus was founded upon feminist principles of community, inclusivity, activism & education. They sing together to give voice to their lives, identities, beliefs, & to celebrate the diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans & women's communities in & around Boston.</p>	



VETERANS

VA Hospitals in Boston	
Address	Jamaica Plain Division 150 S. Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 West Roxbury Division 1400 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132
Phone	800-865-3384 Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)
Web	https://www.boston.va.gov/services/lesbian_Gay_Bisexual_and_Transgender_Veterans.asp
Languages: English	
Services: VA Boston Healthcare System exists to serve ALL who served. Veterans receive timely quality care by staff who demonstrate outstanding customer service, the advancement of health care through research, and the education of tomorrow's health care providers.	
Each VA Boston campus has a designated LGBT Veteran Care Coordinator:	
Jamaica Plain: Colleen Sloan, Ph.D. (857) 364-5983	
West Roxbury: Joseph Wigon, LICSW (857) 364-5634	



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U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

lgbtprogram@va.gov



New England LGBT Veterans	
Address	Various Locations in Boston
Phone	774-826-1109
Web	www.boston.va.gov/services
Languages: English	
Services: VA services and supports for LGBT veterans and their families. Available M-F 8am – 4:30 pm. Call for more information.	

Outvets	
Phone	617-600-8186
Web/Email	https://www.facebook.com/OUTVETS bryan.bishop@outvetsamerica.org
Languages: English	
Services: OUTVETS was created to recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices of LGBTQ Veterans through social interaction and community service and engagement. This organization has no political agenda or affiliation.	



**The Mayor of Boston & Ethos’
2018 LGBT Annual Luncheon
(from left) Lisa Clarke, Boston
Senior Home Care Director of
Care Management, Lisa
Krinsky, LGBT Aging Project
Director, & Emily Williams,
Boston Senior Home Care
Director of Community
Relations**



VOLUNTEERS



**Bob Linscott, LGBT
Aging Project
Assistant Director
(2nd from left) with
2013 Pride
Luncheon
Attendees**

Ethos LGBT Friendly Volunteer Companion Program	
Address	555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-522-6700
Web/Email	https://www.ethocare.org/volunteer/ lgbt@ethocare.org
Languages: Multiple	
<p>Services: Each year, over 500 community volunteers contribute over one million dollars' worth of service with Ethos, visiting elders in their homes, helping with grocery shopping, serving lunch at community cafés, offering Medicare counseling, teaching health & wellness classes, helping with monthly financial management, read mail, prepare a light meal or snack for the senior, and so much more!</p> <p>Volunteer opportunities occur primarily in Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Roslindale and West Roxbury, with select volunteer opportunities citywide. Ethos offers a range of LGBT inclusive programs that can fit into any schedule or volunteering preference! For a full list of volunteer opportunities available, please visit their website.</p>	



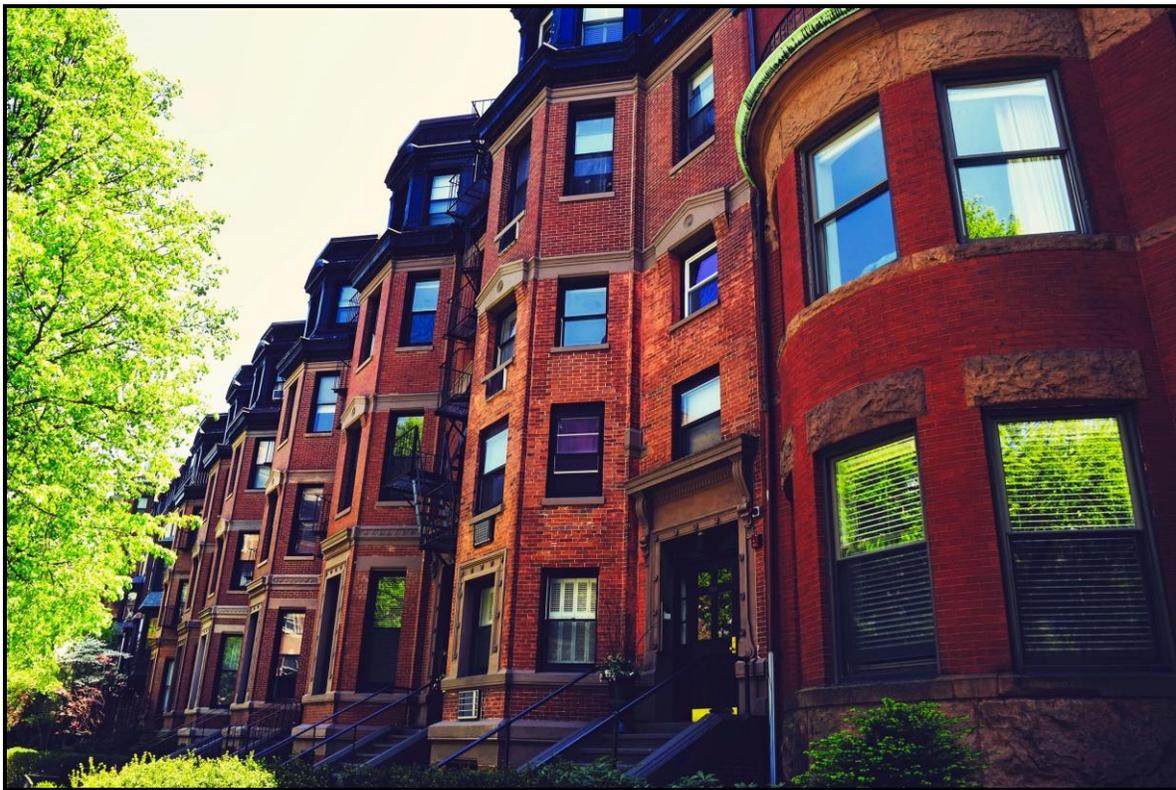
FriendshipWorks	
Address	105 Chauncy Street, Boston, MA 02111
Phone	617-482-1510
Web/Email	https://www.fw4elders.org/ friend@fw4elders.org
Languages:	English and Spanish
Services:	<p>Their mission is to reduce social isolation, enhance quality of life, and preserve the dignity of older adults in Greater Boston. They accomplish this by recruiting and training volunteers of all ages, faiths, and backgrounds who provide friendship, advocacy, education, assistance, and emotional support.</p> <p>They offer general volunteers to provide medical escort, one time Friendly Helping, ongoing Friendly Visiting, PetPals, Music Works, La Cadena de Amistad – a program for Spanish speakers, Relaxing Through the Arts for those living in nursing homes, and a Low Vision Initiative involving workshops and volunteers that can assist those with vision loss.</p>

Gay for Good G4G	
Address	6444 East Spring Street, Long Beach, CA 90815
Web/Email	https://gayforgood.org/ info@gayforgood.org
Languages:	English
Services:	Gay For Good aims to energize and mobilize the LGBTQ community to interact with the greater community by volunteering our time to various social welfare and environmental service projects.

Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly	
Address	3305 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone	617-524-8882
Web/Email	https://www.littlebrothersboston.org/ boston@littlebrothers.org
Languages:	English, please contact for additional languages
Services:	They offer general intergenerational group activities at elder buildings and senior and community centers across Boston. Please check their website for current locations and times.



RSVP Program - City of Boston	
Address	1 City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA 02201
Phone	617-635-4374
Web/Email	https://www.boston.gov/departments/elderly-commission/boston-rsvp Monique.Carvalho@boston.gov
Languages:	English and Spanish
Services:	The Boston Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) matches all people 55 and over with volunteer opportunities throughout the City of Boston. Volunteers serve at locations throughout Boston offering: companionship to adults, respite to caregivers, delivering food to frail seniors, transportation to seniors, providing free health insurance information to clients, teaching English as a second language, and supporting veterans and their families.

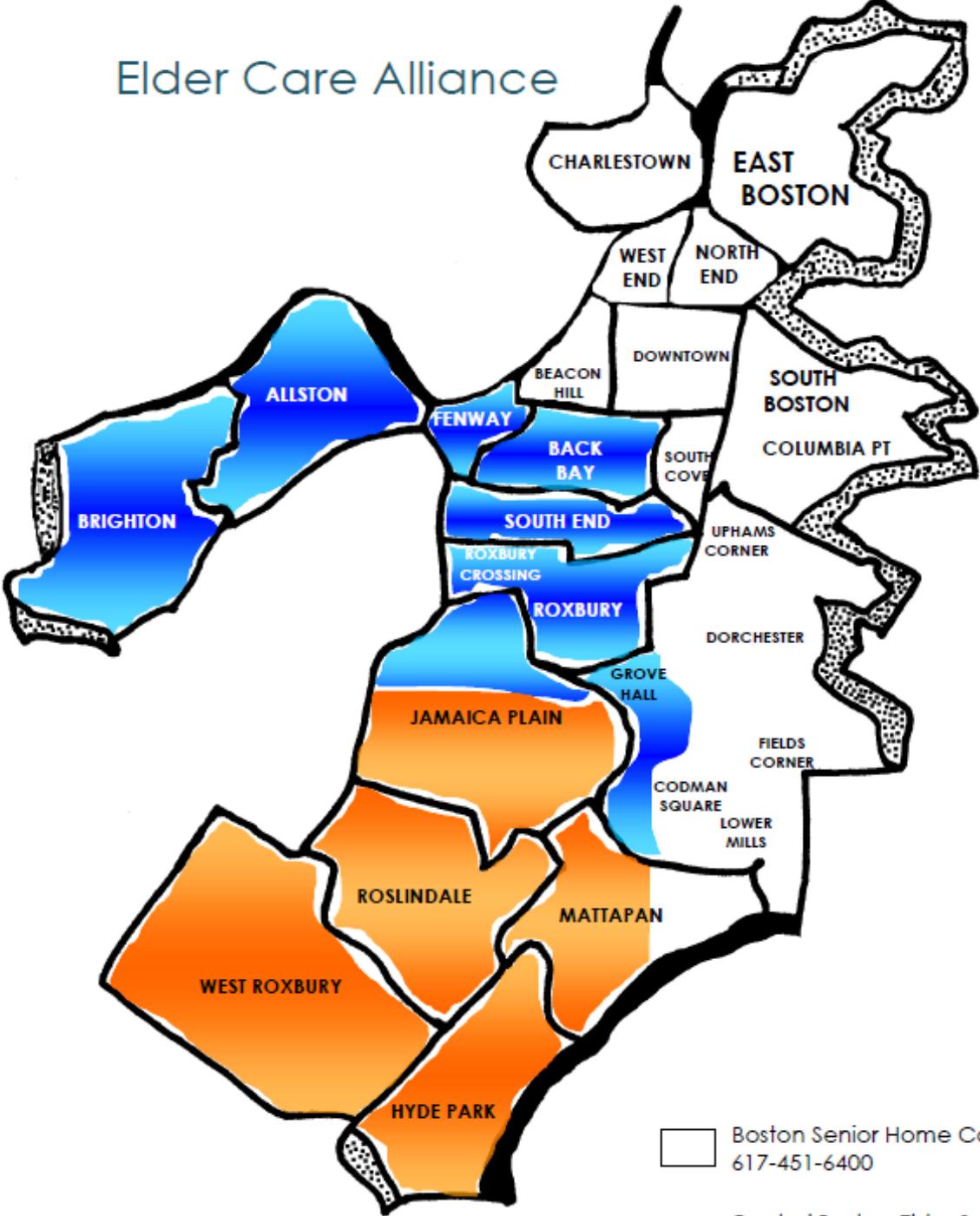


“Aging is an extraordinary process where you become the person you should have always been.”

David Bowie



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617-451-6400

■ Central Boston Elder Services
617-277-7416

■ Ethos
617-522-6700



