DIRECT SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME LGBT CLIENTS

A state-by-state directory of organizations and firms with programs serving low-income LGBT communities
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NATIONAL

Lambda Legal
Lambda Legal works to achieve the full civil rights of LGBT people and people living with HIV through impact litigation, education, and advocacy. They engage pro bono attorneys to work on many of their cases to amplify their resources.

Legal Help Line: 866.542.8336
For more information visit www.LambdaLegal.org

National Center for Lesbian Rights
NCLR is a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through litigation, legislation, policy, and public education. The Legal Information Helpline provides resources and information, but is not a legal advice or legal intake line.

Legal Information Helpline: 1 (800) 528-6257 or (415) 392-6257
For more information visit www.NCLRights.org

ALASKA

Alaska Legal Services Corp.*
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive legal assistance in the following areas: Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.), Name & Gender Marker Changes, Civil Rights (discrimination, etc.), Access to Healthcare, Access to Housing, Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.), Employment (discrimination, etc.), Impact Litigation.

Contact:
1016 W. 6th Ave., Suite 200
Anchorage, AK 99515
Laura Goss, lgoss@alsc-law.org

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ARKANSAS

Arkansas Access to Justice Name/Gender Change Clinic
The first ever legal name and gender change clinic designated for transgender, non-binary and intersex Arkansans.

Contact:
1300 W. 6th Street, Room 110
Little Rock, AR 72201
Amy Johnson, adjohnson@arkansasjustice.org
501.492.7172

CALIFORNIA

AIDS Legal Referral Panel
Provides legal services to people living with HIV/AIDS in seven counties around the Bay Area. Roughly 80% of clients are LGBT. They can assist with a broad array of civil legal matters.

Contact:
www.ALRP.org
415.701.1100

Bay Area Legal Aid (San Francisco Bay Area)*
Provides wraparound legal services to low-income individuals across seven Bay Area counties in housing preservation, domestic violence and sexual assault prevention, economic security, consumer protection, and healthcare access, with special projects focusing on youth justice and re-entry. A dedicated OVW project, in collaboration with Community Violence Solutions and NCLR, assists LGBT clients with domestic violence,

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family law and immigration matters.

Contact:
Jerel McCrary, jmccrary@baylegal.org
www.BayLegal.org

Bet Tzedek – Medical Legal Partnership

This Project focuses on improving the health and well-being of low-income transgender individuals in Los Angeles through a medical-legal partnership by providing education, collaborative advocacy, and legal services.

Contact:
Jordan Aiken, Equal Justice Works Fellow sponsored by Greenberg Traurig, LLP at jaiken@bettzedek.org or (323) 549-5894 for details.

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.’s LGBT Program*

Provides free legal assistance to low-income LGBT individuals at 19 field offices throughout the Central Valley, Central Coast and other rural regions of the state. The program represents low-income LGBT individuals in employment, housing, education and immigration cases, and also provides assistance with legal name and gender changes. In addition to direct legal services, the program provides cultural competency trainings, engages in media advocacy and works with regional collaboratives to improve school climates for LGBTQ youth.

Contact:
Lisa Cisneros, lcisneros@crla.org, 831.724.2253
Anna Rick, arick@crla.org, 831.757.5221
Gloria Garcia, ggarcia@crla.org, 661.725.4350

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**Crocker Law**
A firm that provides LGBT-inclusive pro bono and low fee cases.

Contact:
819 Third Street, Suite 100
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Kinna Crocker, crocker@crockerfamilylaw.com
707.595.5977

**East Bay Community Law Center**
Provides legal services to Alameda County residents living in poverty. They have a Health & Welfare Unit, a Housing Unit, an Immigration Unit, a Consumer Unit, a Clean Slate Practice, a Youth Defender Clinic, and more. Legal services are included in each of these areas. They also receive Ryan White funding to provide holistic services (including legal service) to people living with HIV.

Contact:
2921 Adeline Street
Berkeley, CA 94703
510.548.4040
Fax: 510.548.2566
www.EBCLC.org

**Employment Law Center**
Provides legal information and assistance on employment rights to low-income LGBT people through its workers’ rights clinics, in various locations in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Contact:
English or Spanish, 415.864.8208
Cantonese or Mandarin, 415.593.0066

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**Health Legal Services**

Health Legal Services, a program of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, provides free legal services to low income people living with HIV or AIDS in Santa Clara County. HLS provides assistance in the following areas: public and private benefits and insurance, housing rights, employment rights, debtor relief, estate planning, and discrimination. To be eligible for services, a person must be a resident of Santa Clara County who is living with HIV or AIDS, and has an income below 400% of the federal poverty level.

Contact:
152 N. 3rd Street, 3rd Floor
San Jose, CA 95112
408.280.2430
ALSinfo@lawfoundation.org
www.LawFoundation.org

**Los Angeles LGBT Center**

Provides a variety of legal services, including document preparation help through its Pro Per project; legal assistance to LGBT domestic violence victims through the Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Project; and legal representation to people with HIV/AIDS through the HIV & AIDS Legal Services Alliance; as well as a general legal clinic (by appointment).

Contact:
323.993.7670
legalservices@lagaycenter.org
www.LALGBTcenter.org

**Positive Resource Center**

The mission of the Positive Resource Center is to assist people affected by or at risk for HIV/AIDS through culturally appropriate counseling, education, training and advocacy. As a result, their clients can make more informed choices that maximize benefits and

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employment opportunities. Here, clients can receive no-cost access to: (1) professional benefits analysis, advocacy, and counseling about accessing public and private financial and health care benefits such as Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), long-term disability, health insurance, life insurance, and Medi-Cal; (2) Representation before administrative law judges for reconsideration of disability denials; (3) Employment and vocational rehabilitation planning, counseling and coordination, job development and job search assistance, support groups, and computer access and training for clients entering or re-entering the workplace; and (4) Regular workshopsclinics designed to equip people with HIV/AIDS or mental illness to consider and develop employment goals and plans as well as understand their legal rights and responsibilities concerning benefits, employment, housing, and credit.

Contact:
785 Market Street, 10th Floor
San Francisco CA 94103
415.777.0333
Fax: 415.777.1770
www.PositiveResource.org

Sacramento LGBT Center’s Legal Clinics
Their clinics offer information, referrals and legal assistance. A collaboration between the Center, Legal Services of Northern California, Disability Rights California, the Lambda Law Student Organization of UC Davis’ King Hall School of Law, and University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

Referral Clinic: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6-8 pm
Disability Issues: 2nd Mondays, 4-6 pm
Housing, Education, Public Benefits Issues: 4th Mondays, 4-6pm

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Transgender Law Center - Community Legal Services Project
Provides free legal information, and representation in a limited number of cases on issues facing transgender people in California.

Contact:
415.865.0176
info@transgenderlawcenter.org
www.TransgenderLawCenter.org

Legal Services of Northern California
LSNC is a legal services program providing civil representation to low-income clients in 23 counties. LSNC has a medical-legal partnership with the Gender Health Center. The GHC focuses on mental health services for people who identify as transgender or gender non-conforming.

Contact:
www.lsnc.info

COLORADO

GLBT Center in Denver - Legal & Advocacy Program
Provides information and referrals, and representation in a limited number of cases.

Contact:
303.733.PRIDE
info@glbtcolorado.org
www.GLBTcolorado.org

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DELWARE

Delaware Volunteer Legal Services
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive pro bono legal services in the following areas of law: Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.), Access to Housing, Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.), Employment (discrimination, etc.), Chancery Court guardianships.

Contact:
P.O. Box 7306, Wilmington, Delaware 19803
Janine Howard-O'Rangers, jhoward@dvls.org
302.478.8680

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Whitman-Walker Health Legal Services Program
Provides direct legal services and advocacy to people living with HIV/AIDS, LGBT individuals, and patients of Whitman-Walker Health. Practice areas include: discrimination based on HIV-status, gender identity, or sexual orientation; workplace rights; federal and local public benefits; immigration and asylum law; medical debt collection; elder law, including advance directives and healthcare powers of attorney; insurance coverage denials; and identity documents for transgender individuals. They do not provide assistance in criminal, landlord/tenant, or family law cases, though can provide referrals on these and other issues outside of their practice areas.

Contact:
1701 14th Street, NW - Washington, DC 20009
2301 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SE Washington, DC 20020
202.939.7627
www.Whitman-Walker.org

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FLORIDA

Legal Aid Services of Broward County
Provides representation in housing, public accommodation and employment discrimination for LGBT clients in Broward county that are eligible for Veterans, Homeless, Senior, Ryan White, and/or HOPWA programs. Able to provide referrals for LGBT-people who do not fall within one of these stated sub-categories.

Contact:
Broward Human Rights Initiative
491 N. State Road 7
Plantation, Florida 33317
954.358.5635
www.LegalAid.org/Broward

GEORGIA

Georgia Legal Services Program*
Georgia Legal Services Program has 11 offices throughout the state of Georgia that provide LGBTQ-inclusive legal services for low-income Georgians that need help with the following issues: affordable housing, education, family law, farmworker’s rights, healthcare, public benefits, and social security.
Contact:
www.glsp.org

State Bar of GA Pro Bono Project
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive legal services in the following areas: Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Name & Gender Marker Changes; Access to Healthcare; Access to Housing; Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.); and Impact Litigation. Able to provide referrals for LGBT-people who do not fall within one of these stated sub-categories.

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ILLINOIS

The Center on Halsted
Provides weekly legal clinics on Tuesday evenings from 4pm to 7pm and Wednesday evenings, from 6pm to 8pm for LGBT people in Chicago, by appointment. This is a setting where LGBT people can speak one-on-one with a volunteer attorney about their specific legal concern and receive appropriate information and referral options. There is no fee for this service.

The Center on Halsted also has an Anti-Violence Project 24-hour Crisis Line available for survivors of LGBT discrimination, hate violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, pick-up crime or police misconduct.

Contact:
3656 N. Halsted
Chicago, IL 60613
773.472.6469, ext. 436
24-Hour Crisis Line: 773.871.CARE (2273)
www.CenterOnHalsted.org

Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois
Name Change Mobilization program trains attorneys and volunteers to assist transgender and gender non-conforming people in filing petitions to change their names legally at the Daley Center in downtown Chicago. Volunteers provide follow-up support services by accompanying people to their court dates and help them navigate the subsequent name change processes at the Department of Motor Vehicles, Social

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Security Office, Department of Vital Records, etc. They also assist with the following legal issues: Name & Gender Marker Changes; Civil Rights (discrimination, etc.); and Prisoner’s Rights.

Contact:
4707 N. Broadway, Suite 307
Chicago, IL 60640
info@tjlp.org
312.558.1472

INDIANA

**Indiana Legal Services***
Indiana Legal Services’ is a nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance to eligible low-income people throughout Indiana. ILS helps clients who face legal problems that harm their ability to have such basics as food, shelter, income, medical care or personal safety. Their Low-Income LGBT Project is a target effort at serving Indiana’s LGBT population while continuing the greater work of their organization. Their legal services include family law, access to healthcare, name and gender marker changes, discrimination, and other issues their target population face.

Contact:
317.631.9410
800.869.0212 (toll free)
Intake: 844.243.8570 (toll free)
Fax: 317.631.9775
www.IndianaLegalServices.org

Spanish speaking staff is available.

**NWI Volunteer Lawyers, Inc**

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Provides LGBTQ-inclusive pro bono legal services for these cases: Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Name & Gender Marker Changes; Access to Housing; and Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.).

Contact:
612 E. Third Street,
Hobart, IN 46342
Judy Stanton, probono@hobartlaw.net
219.942.3404

MAINE

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive legal assistance with immigration law cases.

Contact:
PO Box 17917,
Portland, ME 04101
Philip H. Mantis, pmantis@ilapmaine.org
207.780.1593, ext.105

Transformative Justice Legal Services
A non-profit law firm operating in Massachusetts and Maine. Their mission is to ensure that residents of all gender identities, particularly trans and gender non-conforming residents, have access to high-quality, affordable legal representation. They don't focus on any particular area of law, but have been handling a lot of self-funded health insurance appeals.

Contact:
www.TransformativeLaw.org

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MARYLAND

FreeState Justice
Formerly known as FreeState Legal and Equality Maryland FreeState Justice provides legal services to low-income LGBTQ community members for legal issues connected to sexual orientation or gender identity. Issues handled include divorce and dissolution, child custody, legal name change, gender marker updates, discrimination in employment and housing, access to insurance coverage for gender transition-related health care, rejection by providers of social and medical services, police brutality, or victimization by family and peers.

Intake hours for new cases are on the following days: Tuesday, 9:30am to 1pm; Wednesday, 1pm to 4:30pm; and Thursday, 9:30am to 1pm.

Contact:
231 East Baltimore Street, Suite 1100
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410.625.LGBT (5428)
www.FreeState-Justice.org

MASSACHUSETTS

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)
GLAD's public information service, GLAD Answers, is free, confidential, staffed by volunteers and provides legal information, referrals to other agencies and referrals to attorneys in GLAD's Lawyer Referral Service. Provides legal assistance and/or referrals for the following legal issues: Immigration (Asylum, U or T Visas, Family-based, etc.); Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Name & Gender Marker Changes; Civil Rights (discrimination, etc.); Prisoner’s Rights; Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.); Employment (discrimination, etc.); Impact Litigation; Transgender, Youth, and Elder law

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Contact:
30 Winter Street, Suite 800
Boston, MA 02108
Bruce Bell, bbell@glad.org
617.426.1350

GLBT DV Attorney Program at The Family Justice Center
The Family Justice Center (FJC) of Boston fosters collaboration in service to victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. And in Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.), Name & Gender Marker changes. FJC Partners serve all victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse—including non-English speakers, immigrants (regardless of status) and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. Childcare is provided during the client’s visit and all services are offered free of charge.

Contact:
Wayne A. Thomas Jr.  c/o Family Justice Center
989 Commonwealth Ave.
Boston, MA 02215
617.779.2130
Fax: 617.779.2173 (non-confidential)

Harvard LGBT Law Student Clinic
The Clinic provides a broad range of direct legal services to the LGBT community with a particular emphasis on family-law related legal issues (child custody, support and visitation, second-parent adoptions, and school-related issues) and estate planning (wills, powers of attorneys, partnership agreements) to ensure that same-sex partners and families are legally protected.

Contact:
122 Boylston Street

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Transformative Justice Legal Services
A non-profit law firm operating in Massachusetts and Maine. Their mission is to ensure that residents of all gender identities, particularly trans- and gender non-conforming residents, have access to high-quality, affordable legal representation. They do not focus on any particular area of law, but have handled many self-funded health insurance appeals.

Contact:
www.TransformativeLaw.org

MICHIGAN

Lakeshore Legal Aid – LGBT Division*
Lakeshore's mission is to exercise all methods of legal advocacy, training and outreach to empower low income people, provide access to the legal system and community resources, and preserve the dignity of clients. Lakeshore attorneys are trained to provide information, posit solutions, offer choice and make a safe space for a survivor to determine unique legal needs and outcomes. Lakeshore's intent is to ensure access to justice for all clients regardless of immigration status, race, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

Contact:
21885 Dunham Road, Suite 4
Clinton Twp., MI 48036
Clients: (888) 783-8190
Office: (586) 469-5907
www.LakeshoreLegalAid.org

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MINNESOTA

Call for Justice, LLC.
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive concierge legal referrals and assistance to people who are uncertain about how to navigate the legal system.

Contact:
608 2nd Ave. S., Suite 465
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Ellen Krug, ellen.krug@callforjustice.org
(612) 333-4000

Mid Minnesota Legal Aid
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive legal services on a variety of matters including: housing, discrimination, disability, benefits, family, tax, immigration, employment, and other issues.

Contact:
430 First Ave N.,
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Kirsten Olson, klolson@mylegalaid.org
612.746.3716

Minnesota Lavender Bar Association
The Minnesota Bar Association pro bono initiative called Lavender Lawyers takes referrals for assistance needed by low-income LGBT clients for any type of legal issue, based in Minneapolis.

Contact:
Lousene M. Hoppe, info@mnlavbar.org

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Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services—Mankato Office*
Provides LGBT-inclusive legal services for the following legal issues:
Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Housing Access; Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.); Employment (discrimination, etc).

Contact:
12 Civic Center Plaza,
Mankato, MN 56001
Kelly Kinyon, kelly.kinyon@smrls.org
507.387.5588

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services—St. Paul Office*
Provides LGBT-inclusive legal services for: Immigration (Asylum, U or T Visas, Family-based, etc.); Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Civil Rights (discrimination, etc.); Access to Healthcare; Access to Housing; Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.); Employment (discrimination, etc.); and Debtor and consumer protection.

Contact:
55 East 5th Street, Suite 400,
St. Paul, MN 55101
Carol Bros, carol.bros@smrls.org
651.894.6912

NEVADA

Nevada Legal Services*
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive legal services in the following legal areas: Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Civil Rights (discrimination, etc.); Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.); and Employment (discrimination, etc.).

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NEW MEXICO

NMLGBT Bar Association
Individuals who are members of their group have provided significant pro bono assistance to the LGBT community. The NMLGBT Bar Association assists in helping clients in need of pro bono assistance find an attorney. Their members have provided pro bono services in the areas of civil rights and family law.

Contact:
PO Box 1945,
Albuquerque, NM 87103
Lynn Mostoller, mostolly@comcast.net
505.883.3315

NEW YORK

Albany Law School
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive legal assistance in the following areas of law: Immigration (Asylum, U or T Visas, Family-based, etc.), Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.), Name & Gender Marker Changes, Civil Rights (discrimination, etc.), Prisoner’s Rights, Access to Housing, Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.). Law students also provide legal research to the Capital Region NYCLU office as part of the Albany Police Department/Transgender initiative to change arrest and detention policies for transgender people. Students assist a local attorney with pro bono transgender name changes through the Legal Aid Society of NNY’s Private Attorney Involvement Program,

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and are available to assist with Legal Aid's LGBT clinics when they are scheduled. They are additionally involved in efforts to pass GENDA in NYS.

Contact:
80 New Scotland Ave
Albany, NY 12209
Nic Rangel, erang@albanylaw.edu
518.445.2304

**Brooklyn Law School LGBT Advocacy Clinic**
Provides free legal assistance to LGBTQ New York City residents in a variety of civil legal matters including obtaining legal name changes and changing gender markers on identity documents for transgender clients, filing adoption petitions for LGBTQ parents seeking a legal relationship with their children, assisting LGBTQ people in obtaining divorces and other family law relief, helping transgender women incarcerated in men's prisons obtain medical care and protection from sexual assault, and filing complaints on behalf of LGBT people facing discrimination at school, at work, or in public accommodations.

Contact:
One Boerum Place
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Susan Hazeldean, susan.hazeldean@brooklaw.edu
212.780.7994

**City Bar Justice Center’s LGBT Advocacy Project**
The CBJC LGBT Advocacy Project specializes in housing stability including foreclosure defense and estate planning focusing on seniors and the HIV/AIDS impacted community; clemency petitions; and transgender name changes. CBJC provides free legal services to low to moderate income New Yorkers leveraging the pro bono resources of the private bar.

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Columbia Law School—Sexuality and Gender Law Clinic

Columbia Law School's Sexuality and Gender Law Clinic, founded in 2006, is the first law school clinic in the U.S. directed by a full-time law school faculty member and dedicated to legal and public policy issues related to gender and sexuality. They assist clients with the following legal issues: Civil Rights (discrimination), Prisoners' Rights, Access to Healthcare, Access to Housing, Life Planning (wills, trusts, estates, etc.), Employment (discrimination, etc.), and impact litigation.

Contact:
435 W 116th St
New York, NY 10027
Suzanne B. Goldberg, sgoldb1@law.columbia.edu
212.854.0411

Cornell Law School—LGBT Clinic

The Cornell LGBT Clinic provides free legal services to LGBT people in upstate New York. Cornell law students represent clients under the supervision of experienced faculty. 100% of this clinic's programming is devoted primarily to LGBT clients, and the primary population served are members of rural communities.

Contact:
Myron Taylor Hall
Ithaca, NY 14850
Sally Curran, scurran@onvlp.org
315.579.2576

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ECBA Volunteer Lawyers Project
Provides pro bono LGBTQ-inclusive legal assistance in the following legal areas:
Immigration (Asylum, U or T Visas, Family-based, etc.); Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Name & Gender Marker Changes; Access to Housing; Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.); Bankruptcy, debt collection defense, unemployment benefits, services to HIV+ people and families, tort defense, income tax, eviction defense, tax foreclosure defense, representation of smaller not for profit groups, and adoptions.

Contact:
237 Main St, Suite 1000
Buffalo, NY 14203
Robert M. Elardo, relardo@ecbavlp.com
716.847.0662

Empire Justice Center – LGBT Rights Project
Provides free legal services, policy advocacy, and trainings for low-income LGBTQI individuals across upstate New York, with a particular focus on fighting LGBTQI-based discrimination in employment, education, healthcare, public accommodations, assisting with legal name changes, and assisting LGBTQI veterans and seniors.

Contact:
Milo Primeaux, mprimeaux@empirejustice.org
1 West Main St, Suite 200
Rochester, NY 14614
585.295.5721

Immigration Equality—LGBT/HIV Asylum Program
Through their LGBT Asylum Program, this organization represents more than 400 LGBT people fleeing Jamaica, Russia, Uganda and other countries every year. The Program matches LGBT and HIV-positive individuals with top law firms, pro bono, and their own

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8-person legal team handles the most difficult cases. This organization provides more than $15 million in free legal services every year.

Contact:
40 Exchange Place, Suite 1300
New York, NY 10005
Danny Alicea, dalicea@immigrationequality.org, 212.714.2904

**Journey's End Refugee Services**
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive immigration (Asylum, U or T Visas, Family-based, etc.) legal assistance.

Contact:
2495 Main St., Suite 317
Buffalo, NY 14214
Karen M. Andolina Scott, kscott@jersbuffalo.org, 716.882.4963

**Kelley Drye & Warren LLP**
Provides legal services in the areas of LGBTQ and disability employment rights.

Contact:
101 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10178
Jim O'Gara, jogara@kelleydrye.com, 212.808.7711

**Lawyers for Children**
An LGBTQ-inclusive non-profit law firm for direct advocacy and child welfare reform.

Contact:
110 Lafayette Street, 8th floor
New York, NY 10013

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Legal Services NYC*
Justice for LGBTQ New Yorkers is a citywide initiative of Legal Services NYC to meet the civil legal needs of low-income LGBTQ individuals and their families. The initiative partners LSNYC with service providers and community based organizations in every borough to address issues that are central to the lives of low-income LGBTQ people: public benefits denials, discrimination, housing access, immigration, and barriers to healthcare, among others. Justice for LGBTQ New Yorkers targets the cycle of poverty, discrimination, and oppression linked also to race, class, immigration status, and targeted criminalization. LSNYC has more than 50 neighborhood-based offices and outreach sites across the five boroughs.

Contact:
Legal Assistance Hotline: 917.661.4500
www.LegalServicesNYC.org

The LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York
The Association offers several pro bono legal clinics devoted to serving the LGBTQ community. The clinics are staffed by volunteer attorneys, available to provide general guidance and legal referrals but not legal representation. Each visitor can expect to have a 15-20 minute consultation with their volunteer attorneys. Types of cases handled include: Immigration (Asylum, U or T Visas, Family-based, etc.); Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Name & Gender Marker Changes; Civil Rights (discrimination, etc.); Prisoner’s Rights; Access to Healthcare; Access to Housing; Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.); Employment (discrimination, etc.); and Impact Litigation.

Contact:
601 West 26th Street, #325-20
New York, NY 10001
Brett Figlewski, info@le-gal.org
212.353.9118
http://le-gal.org/attorney-referral-service/

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The Legal Aid Society of NYC

The Society provides LGBTGNCQ+ inclusive legal representation in three practice areas: Civil, Criminal Defense and Juvenile Rights. The Civil Practice’s advocacy efforts include but are not limited to housing, access to benefits and health care, intimate partner violence and family law, immigration rights, employment discrimination, elder law and representation of individuals with HIV/AIDS. As NYC’s primary public defender, the Society’s Criminal Defense Practice includes prisoners’ rights work, criminal appeals and parole revocation representation. The Juvenile Practice serves as NYC’s primary attorneys for children in all 5 NYC family courts in child welfare and juvenile delinquency matters. To identify the issues and adverse treatment facing the Society’s LGBTGNCQ+ clients, the Society started the LGBT Law and Policy Initiative which provides cultural humility training for internal staff and outside organizations, and engages in policy and litigation reform efforts to improve treatment and outcomes for low income LGBTGNCQ+ New Yorkers.

Contact:
Kimberly Forte, kforte@legal-aid.org
212.577.3915

My Sisters' Place

LGBTQ-inclusive legal service provider. Types of cases handled include: Immigration (Asylum, U or T Visas, Family-based, etc.); and Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.).

Contact:
1 Water Street,
White Plains, NY 10601
Anne O'Grady, ao'grady@mspny.org
914.683.1333

New York Legal Assistance Group – LGBT Law Project

Provides free representation and advice on civil legal matters, including: Housing

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discrimination based on sexual orientation, or gender identity, Landlord & Tenant disputes, Legal name and document change, Immigration Issues, Orders of Protection, Public Benefits, Second Parent or Joint Adoption, Relationship dissolution, Custody and Visitation, Will, Health Care Proxy and Living Will Preparation.

Contact:
Heather Betz, hbetz@nylag.org
212.613.5000, ext. 5107
Fax: 212.750.0820

New York Legal Assistance Group also has a free legal clinics monthly at the following locations:

Trans Legal Clinic:
First Wednesday of every month from 6-7:30pm
NY LGBT Community Center
www.gaycenter.org

Staten Island LGBT Clinic
Third Thursday from 2-4pm
Pride Center of Staten Island
www.pridecentersi.org

For more info: www.nylag.org

Peter Cicchino Youth Project - Urban Justice Center
At the Peter Cicchino Youth Project (PCYP), the mission is to interrupt the cycles of poverty and criminalization that prevent homeless and street-involved young people from living fulfilling lives free from discrimination, abuse, and oppression. Up to 40% of homeless youth identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning (LGBTQQ), and PCYP specializes in working with these young people. Through a unique blend of legal services, advocacy, case management, and community education, this organization works to ensure that homeless and street-involved youth have access

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to food, shelter, income, healthcare, legal immigration status, and education. Types of cases handled include: Immigration (Asylum, U or T Visas, Family-based, etc.); Name & Gender Marker Changes; Civil Rights (discrimination, etc.); Prisoner’s Rights; Access to Healthcare; Access to Housing and Public assistance, and navigating the criminal justice system.

Contact:
William Street, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10038
Lee Strock, lstrock@urbanjustice.org
646.602.5631

**Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York**
Provides LGBTI-inclusive legal services. Types of cases handled include: Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Prisoner’s Rights; and Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.). All of their cases are related to conditions of confinement - excessive brutality, access to mental health/medical care, challenges to disciplinary hearings, etc. Through the Pro Bono Program, they also do family/matrimonial and estate/guardianship work. While they do not have a specific LGBT pro bono program, they have been working to help LGBTI prisoners, and have an attorney who is developing expertise on PREA compliance.

Contact:
41 State Street, Suite M112
Albany, New York 12207
Samantha Howell, showell@plsny.org
518.445.6050

**The Sanctuary for Families LGBT Initiative**
Provides free legal assistance for LGBT victims of domestic violence.

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Contact:
www.SanctuaryForFamilies.org
212.349.6009

**Sylvia Rivera Law Project – Legal Services**
Provides free representation, advice and referrals to low-income individuals on issues impacting transgender, gender non-conforming people and intersex people, focusing on the following areas: name changes and gender changes on ID, prisoners’ rights, discrimination particularly in sex-segregated facilities, public benefits, healthcare, and immigration.

Contact:
147 W 24th St, 5th Fl
New York, NY 10011
212.337.8550, ext. 308
www.srlp.org

**Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund – Name Change Project**
Provides free legal assistance to people seeking to change their names.

Contact:
646.862.9396
namechange@transgenderlegal.org
www.TransgenderLegal.org

**Urban Justice Center, Domestic Violence Project**
Provides over the phone crisis counseling, clinical and legal, in NYC Monday through Friday from 9 to 5; representation in Family Court for orders of protection, custody/visitation and child support; brief Legal Advice and counseling on matrimonial and immigration concerns; counseling support and services while facing the challenges in court; and empowerment and stress reduction clinical sessions with trained counselors.

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counselors.

Contact:
Intake and Hotline: 718.875.5062, Mon-Fri 9AM to 5 PM
Mark Hager, 718.222.7447

**Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County, Inc.**
Volunteer attorneys provide assistance with LGBT legal issues, including transgender name change, second parent adoptions, etc.

Contact:
221 S. Warren St., Suite 320
Syracuse, NY 13202
www.onvlp.org
info@onvlp.org
315.471.3409
Intake: 315.579.2576

**Volunteer Legal Services Project**
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive legal services. Types of cases handled include: Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Name & Gender Marker Changes; Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.); and Employment (discrimination, etc.). Other than providing general legal services to the community, they specifically provide name changes to the transgender community.

Contact:
1 West Main St., 5th Floor, Mail stop
Rochester, NY 14614
Pauline Smith, psmith@vlsprochester.org
585.295.5714

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NORTH CAROLINA

Campaign for Southern Equality
Conducts Community Law Workshops in various locations in Western North Carolina. Provides meetings with a volunteer attorney that can help with preparing advance directives, legal consult, support services, or provide referrals to other attorneys. Their team includes volunteer attorneys, chaplains and ministers, and counselors to provide full support for people who report incidents of discrimination.

Contact:
Meghann Burke, burke.meghann@gmail.com or Kelly Durden, kldurden@gmail.com

University of North Carolina School of Law
Types of cases handled include: Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Name & Gender Marker Changes; and Access to Healthcare. Lambda Law Students annually organize and host a healthcare/power of attorney clinic and a gender change clinic. They also work with BetterLegal, a project from the It Gets Better Campaign.

Contact:
160 Ridge Road, CB #3380
Chapel Hill, NC 27599
Nate Creger, creger@live.unc.edu
919.797.3987

OHIO

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland*
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive legal services. Types of cases handled include: access to healthcare; access to housing; life planning (wills, trusts, estates, etc.); and employment (discrimination, etc.).

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Contact:
1223 West Sixth,
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
Ann Porath, ann.porath@lasclev.org, 216.861.5332

PENNSYLVANIA

Mazzoni Center – Legal Services
Offers legal assistance on over 30 distinct issues including: child custody, child support and visitation, second-parent adoptions, need for legal documents, wills and powers of attorney for same-sex partners and families, discrimination, and more.

Contact:
866.LGBT.LAW (Toll free)
215.563.0657 (Philadelphia area)
legalservices@mazzonicenter.org

TEXAS

State Bar of Texas
Provides free legal services to low income people and people of color who are transgender, gender non-conforming or intersex. The Texas Civil Rights Project (TCRP) recently won a federal case against a school district that outed an LGBT student against her will. As part of the agreement, TCRP will provide a training to all the school district's employees on privacy, not outing people, and nondiscrimination. The LGBT Section of the State Bar of Texas is preparing a multi-media training for district employees on these issues to be presented and videotaped for 15-30 minutes during the in-service training prior to the new school year.

Contact:
1414 Colorado Street

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Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)*
Provides legal services to low-income individuals in 68 counties in Southwest Texas, and limited services throughout the rest of Texas. TRLA has a team specifically focused on LGBTQ issues, and takes cases in most civil law areas.

Contact:
Kelsey Snapp, ksnapp@trl.org
956.393.6205
www.trl.org

UTAH

Rainbow Law Free Clinic
A volunteer law student and attorney run free, quick legal advice clinic held monthly in Salt Lake City, Utah. Rainbow Law Utah was created to specifically address LGBT legal issues in the state: employment, housing, estate planning, and family law being the most common issues. The clinic is one of the S.J. Quinney College of Law’s Pro Bono Initiative programs, which itself is helped run by Utah Legal Services. It provides legal services for issues related to employment, estate planning, and family law. This clinic is held the second Thursday of every month from 6-7:30pm at the Utah Pride Center.

Contact:
255 East and 400 South
Salt Lake City, UT
www.Law.Utah.edu

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WASHINGTON

KCBA Pro Bono Services
KCBA has a “Volunteer Attorneys Assisting Persons with AIDS/HIV” program in which volunteers do estate planning and related services. Their LGBT legal clinic assists LGBT clients with all civil legal needs on an advice and brief services basis. Types of cases handled include: Immigration (Asylum, U or T Visas, Family-based, etc.); Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Name & Gender Marker Changes; Civil Rights (discrimination, etc.); Access to Healthcare; Access to Housing; Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.) Employment (discrimination, etc.); Eviction prevention, and vacating criminal records.

Contact:
1200 5th Ave., Suite 600
Seattle, WA 98101
Threesa Milligan, threesam@kcba.org
206.267.7100

QLaw Foundation LGBTQ Legal Clinic
The QLaw Foundation LGBTQ Legal Clinic offers a free 30-minute consultation with a volunteer attorney. Their attorneys are specially trained to discuss legal issues commonly faced by members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, and they welcome all clients regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The clinic is held the third Thursday of each month from 7pm to 9pm. Consultations are by appointment only. Appointments can be made by phone (if you reach voicemail, please leave a short message with your contact information and they will get back to you).

Contact:
206.235.7235

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WEST VIRGINIA

Legal Aid of West Virginia*
Provides LGBTQ-inclusive legal services. Types of cases handled include: Family Law (custody, adoption, divorce, etc.); Access to Healthcare; Access to Housing; Life Planning (Wills, trusts, estates, etc.); and Employment (discrimination, etc.).

Contact:
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Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301
Diane Young, dianey@lawv.net
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