LGBTQIA+ Resources

(Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Allies, and beyond)

National Center for Transgender Equality

NCTE was founded in 2003 by transgender activists who recognized the urgent need for policy change to advance transgender equality. With a committed board of directors, a volunteer staff of one, and donated office space, we set out to accomplish what no one had yet done: provide a powerful transgender advocacy presence in Washington, DC. Today, NCTE is a team of hard-working staff members supported by a nationwide community of transgender people, allies, and advocates with an extensive record of winning life-saving change for transgender people.

TransHealth

We are a trans-led organization serving trans and gender-diverse individuals and families. Located in Northampton, MA

Suicide Hotline for LGBTQ Youth

Phone number: 1-866-488-7386

Or text **START** to 678678 to text with someone.

Or chat with someone online: https://www.thetrevorproject.org/get-help-now

DIAL/SELF's

Address: 196 Federal St., Greenfield, MA 01301

Phone number: 413-774-7054, ext. 4

Email: TeenLine@dialself.org

DIAL/SELF's Housing First program aims to get LGBTQ homeless youth into stable housing as a first priority. The second priority is providing the support needed to maintain that housing. With stable housing, youth are better prepared to access other services and to achieve short- and long-term goals. Housing options for this program can include public or privately subsidized apartments, roommate matching and other appropriate options when available.

Generation Q

GenerationQ is a confidential educational and social/support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth and straight allies. This peer-led group provides an opportunity for youth (ages 14-21) to make new friends, find

support and get educated on LGBTQIA+ topics. GenQ provides additional education and support to trans and gender non-conforming youth during GenerationQ meetings. GenerationQ participants experience a safe and supportive space while becoming leaders in their community. Stipends are available for Peer Leaders. Greenfield Tuesday 4-7pm & Northampton Wednesday 4-7pm, plus monthly joint special events

Email: tlionheart@communityaction.us

GLSEN

GLSEN works to ensure that LGBTQ students are able to learn and grow in a school environment free from bullying and harassment. Together we can transform our nation's schools into the safe and affirming environment all youth deserve.

The Trevor Project

The Trevor Project's mission is to end suicide among LGBTQ young people.

Resources to help families support their LGBTQIA+ relatives

Trans/non-binary resources in Western Mass

Gender Spectrum

Gender Spectrum facilitates social groups for parents, guardians, grandparents, and other family members and caregivers, providing them a space to explore their own feelings, and to find a community that can support them as they navigate their child's journey. In conjunction with outside partners, we connect young people to similar spaces, where they can be seen and validated for who they are. We regularly host educational events for both young people and parents. And our Annual Conference is one of the oldest conferences for and about transgender youth and their families in the United States. Our groups and events attract participants from all 50 states and even other countries.

<u>Human Rights Campaign</u>

By inspiring and engaging individuals and communities, the Human Rights Campaign strives to end discrimination against LGBTQ+ people and realize a world that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all. HRC envisions a world where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people plus community members who use different language to describe identity are ensured equality and embraced as full members of society at home, at work and in every community.

Family Acceptance Project

The Family Acceptance Project® is a research, intervention, education and policy initiative to prevent health and mental health risks and to promote well-being for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer-identified (LGBTQ) children and youth, including suicide, homelessness, drug use and HIV — in the context of their families, cultures and faith communities. Our team has put research into practice by developing and implementing the Family Acceptance Project's Family Support Model—the first of its kind—to prevent health risks, strengthen families and build healthy futures for LGBTQ and gender diverse children and youth. We provide training and consultation on working with diverse families and implementing FAP's evidence–based family support model across the United States and in other countries.