

CURRENT RESOURCES FOR LGBT YOUTH 10/08

Ali Forney Center

www.aliforneycenter.org

The Ali Forney Center (AFC) was started in June of 2002 in response to the lack of safe shelter for LGBT youth in New York City. We are committed to providing these young people with safe, dignified, nurturing environments where their needs can be met, and where they can begin to put their lives back together.

CANDLE Youth Pride - (845) 634-6677 ext. 20

<http://www.candlerockland.org>

www.myspace.com/commonthreads

Youth Pride offers various services LGBTQ youth and peer allies. Weekly groups include TRUST for high school aged youth and TRIANGLES for young adults 18+. On the CANDLE Web site, click on Community-Based Programs to get to TRIANGLES and TRUST. Retreats include *Queer Spirit Camp* for young adults 18-24 and *Common Threads Youth Empowerment Retreat* for high school aged youth to be held in early 2009.

Center Lane - (914) 358-1006

www.wjcs.com/CenterLane

34 South Broadway, White Plains, NY 10601

Center Lane is Westchester's only community center for LGBTQ youth and their allies ages 14-21 since 1995. Center Lane is open Mon-Fri and offers social/emotional/recreational services. Center Lane features a main site, which is located in White Plains as well as a satellite site in Yonkers.

The Door

www.door.org

The Door is New York City's premier youth development agency, offering unique and highly effective programs for young people 12-21. Since 1972 The Door practices a holistic and human approach that helps each individual member to dismantle the complex barriers that often stand in the way of success.

The Gateway Program at Westchester Medical Center

http://www.wcmc.com/body_behavioral.cfm

The Gateway Program is a mental health program serving the LGBT communities of the Hudson Valley. Services include individual, family and group psychotherapy which are provided by Identified Professionals or Professionals who are allies of the LGBT communities. Contact: Donna Festa, LCSW, at (914) 493-1753.

The Gay/Lesbian National Hotline

www.glnh.org

A non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and those questioning their sexual orientation and gender identity. We help end the isolation that many people feel by providing a safe environment on the phone or via the internet to discuss issues that people can't talk about anywhere else."

The Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) (914) 962-7888

www.glsen.org/hudsonvalley

GLSEN, or the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, is the leading national education organization is an education organization creating safe schools for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. The Hudson Valley chapter is one of over 40 chapters in the nation.

The GLBTQ Encyclopedia

www.glbtq.com

This is a powerful tool for GLBTQ people and their allies. What is it? Why, it's a GLBTQ dedicated online encyclopedia! It's gotten everything from culture, arts, and society. It presents it in a sleek, easy-to-use interface along with loads of information.

Green Chimneys

<http://www.greenchimneys.org>

Green Chimneys operates a wide range of residential, social service and educational programs that specifically focus on responding to the unique needs of GLBTQ youth. Get more information about services for LGBT youth: go to the Web site above. Click on Programs, New York City Programs, then either Audre Lorde School, Agency Operated Boarding Home or Gramercy Residence at Ungar House

Hetrick Martin

www.hmi.org

The Hetrick-Martin Institute (HMI) is the oldest and largest non-profit agency created to serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth between the ages of 12 and 21. HMI offers a wide range of programs including After-School and Supportive Services.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center www.gaycenter.org

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center provides a home for the birth, nurture and celebration of our organizations, institutions and culture; cares for our individuals and groups in need; educates the public and our community; and empowers our individuals and groups to achieve their fullest potential.

The Gender Identity Project <http://www.gaycenter.org/health/gip>

The Gender Identity Project's community-based approach works to help people of transgender experience become freer to celebrate their identities and experiences. The GIP is committed to increasing the visibility of trans-people within the greater queer community and to helping trans-people grow and evolve by challenging the system while respecting difference and diversity.

YES (Youth Enrichment Services) <http://www.gaycenter.org/youth>

The YES program is open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people between the ages of 13 and 21. Everything in YES is free and confidential!

Modern History Sourcebook, LGBT History www.fordham.edu/halsall/pwh

"*People with a History*" presents the history of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people. It includes hundreds of original texts, discussions, and (soon) images, and addresses LGBT history in all periods, and in all regions of the world.

National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC) www.nyacyouth.org

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition is a social justice organization that advocates for and with young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ) in an effort to end discrimination against these youth and to ensure their physical and emotional well being.

Neutral Zone www.greenwichvillageyouthcouncil.net/programs.htm#nz

The Neutral Zone has been a drop-in center for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning runaway and homeless youth from the age of 15 to 22 since 1992. Young people are always fulfilled with the basic needs and the support and connection from their own community. Our well-trained and caring staff provides counseling/referrals and diverse activities such as HIV/AIDS counseling, substance abuse prevention, educational and recreational activities.

OutPROUD www.outproud.org

OutProud.Org is *the* resource for LGBT youth. It features advice, surveys, forums, and a library! No LGBTQ or allied young person should go without this link, as it offers an extensive FAQ for being yourself, gay or straight.

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexual and Transgender persons)

<http://www.pflag.org/> <http://www.pflagwestchester.org/>

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of LGBT people, their families and their friends through support, education and advocacy. Local monthly meetings and telephone support are available.

The Safe School Coalition www.safeschoolscoalition.org

This is a great organization to help fight LGBTQ discrimination in schools. The Safe Schools Coalition offers resources as a starting point for educators, parents/guardians and youth.

Sylvia's Place <http://www.sylviasplace.org/> <http://www.homelessyouthservices.org/sylviasplace.html>

www.mccny.org/Ministries/shelter.htm (718) 300-0133(212) 629-7440 ext. 14

Sylvia's Place is New York City's ONLY EMERGENCY shelter for LGBTQ youth. To make arrangements to enter the shelter, call Kate Barnhart, Director of "Sylvia's Place." No one will be turned away the first night, but space limitations may necessitate a referral thereafter.

Youth Resource www.youthresource.com

Youth Resource, a web site created by and for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (GLBTQ) young people 13 to 24 years old, takes a holistic approach to sexual health by offering support, community, resources, and peer-to-peer education about issues of concern to GLBTQ young people.