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RISE Program:

Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth in Systems of Care

AN URGENT NEED FOR TRAINED HELPING PROFESSIONALS

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning (LGBTQ+) youth have long been considered an invisible population in systems of care. Jurisdictions throughout the United States typically lack services and resources that meet the unique needs of this population. Public and private stakeholders are also often unaware of the institutional and individual barriers to permanency for LGBTQ+ youth.

ABOUT RISE

Through the Los Angeles LGBT Center's groundbreaking, federally-funded RISE (Recognize Intervene Support Empower) initiative, RISE initially developed and tested a new service model that would reduce the number of LGBTQ+ youth in long-term foster care and help them find loving, permanent homes. RISE has since evolved into a more robust, national program that works in broader systems of care at the local, state, and federal level. **RISE is recognized as one of the leading LGBTQ+ programs addressing the disproportionate outcomes for youth in care and is the *only* federally evaluated, evidence-informed program of its kind.** RISE does that through its ever-expanding permanent connection-based direct services for youth and caregivers, training and coaching for professionals, and advocacy to achieve systems-level change. At the core of RISE, is the belief that with skilled, thoughtful, and targeted interventions, LGBTQ+ youth can achieve permanency and positive outcomes in safe and loving homes.

CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

Independently researched and evaluated, RISE training is evidence-informed and has been shown to significantly improve participant knowledge and understanding of LGBTQ+ relevant concepts and best practices. Course offerings are updated regularly. Custom trainings, workshops, technical assistance, coaching, consultation, and speaking engagements provided on a case-by-case basis.

- Menu of 30+ unique trainings and workshops designed for different audiences including: Parents/Caregivers & Professionals
- Distance-learning courses & E-Coaching
- Content for learners at every stage: core competencies, intermediate, and advance modules
- 5-day Training and Coaching Intensive to build long-term, internal agency capacity
- Annual Models of Pride Conference Parent & Professional Institute organizers
- CE provider for California LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs and LEPs

Find Out More: www.riseligbtq.org

(323) 860 – 3608 or RISE@lalgbtcenter.org



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THE RISE PROGRAM FOR LGBTQ+ YOUTH



What is the RISE Care Coordination Team (CCT) Program?

The RISE Care Coordination Team (CCT) is a Child & Family-focused Team that is committed to increasing the safety, well-being, and permanency of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning (LGBTQ+), and/or Gender Non-Conforming children and youth in systems of care.

Services are designed to:

- Increase support and affirming behaviors in families— biological, extended, and foster—with LGBTQ+ and/or gender non-conforming children and youth
- Promote self-esteem and wellness for LGBTQ+ children and youth
- Achieve and sustain permanent relationships with kin, adoptive, and chosen families and caregivers
- Provide culturally competent and responsive education to professionals responsible for the care of LGBTQ+ children and youth

Who can refer children and youth to RISE?

Children and youth can self-refer or be referred by a professional (social worker, clinician, etc.), family member, or friend.

If you have questions or would like to refer, please contact us at
323-860-3632



For more information about the RISE Program please visit:
riseigbtq.org



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ASSISTING LOVED ONES OF LGBTQ+ YOUTH

A Spanish-language support group for families, friends, and other loved ones of LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning) children and youth.

4TH WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
7-9 p.m.

Online until further notice

For more information call **213-884-8005**
or email rise@lalgbtcenter.org



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AYUDAR A LOS SERES QUERIDOS DE LOS JÓVENES LGBTQ+

Un grupo de apoyo en español para familiares, amigos y otros seres queridos de niños y jóvenes LGBTQ+ (Lesbianas, Bisexuales, Gays, Transgenero, Queer, y Cuestionandose).

EL 4º MIÉRCOLES DE CADA MES DE
7-9 p.m.

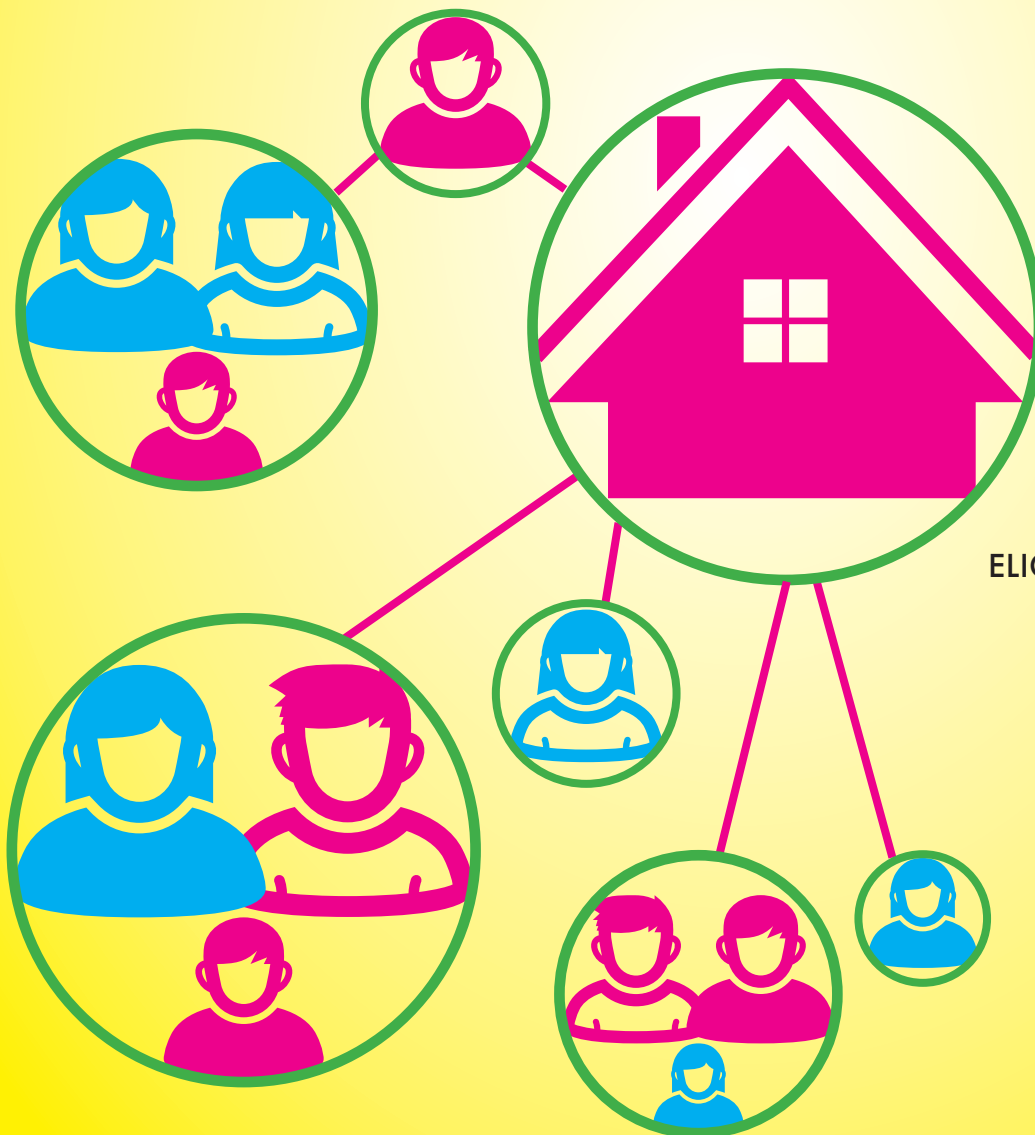
Grupo en internet

Para más información llame al **213-884-8005**
o correo electrónico rise@lalgbtcenter.org

CONNECT LA PROGRAM

CONNECT LA SEEKS TO ASSIST TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

(who are experiencing homelessness) build and strengthen relationships with adults and family and to reduce the time a youth is experiencing homelessness. "Family" is defined by the youth.



Services are available for both the youth and the adults/family interested in strengthening their relationship. Services include: Conflict resolution, individual/family counseling, and crisis intervention.

ELIGIBILITY:



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Children, Youth, & Family Services

The Los Angeles LGBT Center offers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) youth the services, supports, and programs they need to develop the skills to transition successfully into adulthood. Our programs are: low-barrier; trauma, resilience, and healing-informed; culturally responsive; and operate according to Housing-First, Harm-Reduction, and anti-oppression principles. We believe that all youth have the right to a safe, secure, and nurturing environment.

The Youth Center

The Youth Center serves youth up to the age of 24 who are currently at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The Youth Center offers basic services in an LGBTQ+ safe and affirming environment and serves as an entry point to assist youth making the transition from homelessness to housing.

Drop-In Services

- Showers, Laundry, Meals, & Clothing
- Case Management and Counseling
- Addiction Recovery
- HIV/STI Prevention and Education
- Outreach
- Family Reconnection Program for Youth 18-24 (Connect LA)
- Housing Navigation
- Access to the Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Linkage to health, mental health, & legal services

Ariadne Getty Youth Academy

Education • Employment • Youth Engagement • Vocational Training

- Employment
 - Paid Internships/Externships
 - Transportation & Uniform Assistance
 - Career Track Certifications & Vocational Training
 - Resume & Cover Letter Building
 - Professional Clothing Closet
- GED/High School Completion
 - GED Exam Prep
 - On-Site Charter High School
 - 1:1 Tutoring
- 2-4 Year College/Vocational School
 - College Exploration
 - Financial Aid/Scholarship Assistance
 - On-Campus Support
- Positive Youth Development
 - Leadership Development & Activism Opportunities
 - Mentoring Program
 - Monthly Events
 - Discussion & Interest Groups

Housing

- 20-Bed Crisis Shelter Program
- 20-Bed Enhanced Emergency Shelter Program
- 52-Bed Transitional Living Program
- Rapid Re-Housing Program
- Host Homes

Community-Based Programs

- RISE (Recognize Intervene Support Empower) Program for Foster Youth Ages 5-17
- Community Action Network (CAN)
- National Out for Safe Schools® Program
- Annual Models of Pride Conference
- Policy & Systems Advocacy
- National Training, Technical Assistance, & Capacity Building Program

1118 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles, CA 90038

Open 7 Days a Week, 355 days a year

Hours: Monday – Friday 7:30am-5:00pm & Saturday – Sunday 7:30am-2:00pm

For more information visit lalgbtcenter.org/youth or call (323) 860-2280

ANITA MAY ROSENSTEIN CAMPUS OVERVIEW



MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO, LEADERS OF THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER BEGAN DISCUSSING A PROJECT THAT WAS UNLIKE ANYTHING EVER IMAGINED FOR THE LGBT COMMUNITY—A NEW COMPLEX THAT WOULD BRING TOGETHER A MULTITUDE OF SERVICES AND HOUSING FOR THE LGBT COMMUNITY IN A UNIFIED CAMPUS SETTING.

After years of strategizing, advocacy, and meetings with state and federal officials, the Center purchased a 1.7-acre site directly across the street from The Village at Ed Gould Plaza property in February 2014 for \$12.7 million. The purchase has paved the way for construction of the Anita May Rosenstein Campus, which will be completed in early 2019. The Campus will provide an array of wraparound health and recreational programs and services for some of the most vulnerable youth and older adults in our community, as well as desperately needed affordable housing for seniors and homeless youth.

Taken together, The Anita May Rosenstein Campus and The Village at Ed Gould Plaza will span nearly 3 acres and more than a city block. The scope and architectural design of the project will make this an iconic project for LGBT people in Southern California and, indeed, throughout the world.

MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE:

- A robust Senior Services Center for residents and other senior clients
- An innovative Youth Academy that will focus on youth empowerment through education and employment
- 60 transitional living beds for homeless youth
- 40-bed emergency shelter
- 99 affordable housing units for seniors
- 24 studio-units for young adults



ANITA MAY ROSENSTEIN CAMPUS SAFETY, HOPE, AND HEALING FOR LGBT YOUTH



No other organization offers a wider range of programs and services to help LGBT youth build lives that are healthy, equal, and complete.

Far too often, school and home are two of the most dangerous places for our LGBT youth. They are twice as likely to be physically attacked, kicked, or shoved at school; 84 percent report verbal harassment at school. Physical and verbal abuse at school leads to poor grades and truancy; 28 percent of LGBT youth drop out of school because of harassment.

After coming out or being discovered, many of our LGBT youth are mistreated or thrown out of their homes. Nearly 34 percent of LGBT youth report suffering physical violence from their parents.

Tragically, fleeing the trauma suffered at the hands of classmates and parents means choosing an even more dangerous option for survival: life on the streets.

The Center is an entry point for youth making the transition from the streets to independent living. Our school and community outreach programs help create safe and affirming spaces for young people to thrive.

The new Campus will enable us to expand and house the vast majority of our youth programs and services under one roof, ensuring that LGBT youth who need help will have access to the resources they need to realize the full promise of their futures.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

- Emergency and transitional housing
- Drop-in center
- Showers, laundry, meals, and clothing closet
- Mentoring and leadership programs
- Job training and placement
- GED, high school diploma, and secondary educational programs
- Case management and counseling
- Addiction recovery
- HIV prevention and education
- Other social services





LifeWorks offers programs and activities for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ+) youth ages 24 and under at the Los Angeles LGBT Center.

Our programming empowers youth to create permanent connections, develop advocacy and leadership skills, and feel safe and supported.



Location and Hours

New Member Orientation

Before you engage in programming, please drop by the space to meet a staff member to learn more.

Mon–Fri: 3–5 p.m.

Scheduled New Member Orientations also available; please contact LifeWorks directly.

Los Angeles LGBT Center

The Village at Ed Gould Plaza
1125 N. McCadden Pl.
Los Angeles, CA 90038



For more information,
contact lifeworks@lalgbtcenter.org
or 323-860-7373.

Programs

Personal Development

Trans Youth Group

Mon: 6–8 p.m.

Meet with other trans youth to connect with socially and politically.

Gaymer's Night

2nd & 4th Fri: 6–7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a night of games and fun to build community and identity.

Step Up

Tues: 4–6 p.m.

Meet other youth ages 17 and under for peer discussion.

Lifeworks Leadership Council

1st Tues: 6–7:30 p.m.

Provide input into programming and become a peer leader for LifeWorks.

Spectrum Photography Club

1st Sat: 1–2 p.m.

Learn how to compose a photographic scene, the basics of camera operation and channel artistic self-expression through the lens.

Support

Individual, Group, and Couples Therapy

Contact us to make an appt.

One-on-One Mentoring

Youth ages 24 and under obtain mentors in setting and achieving life goals. Let us help you find your mentor!

Academic Development

Five Keys Charter School

An opportunity to restart your education. Classes are FREE and designed for non-high school graduates.

Community Action Network (CAN)

A volunteer-based program of young leaders, ages 18-24, who are passionate about inspiring LGBTQ youth and their communities. Become a youth leader by facilitating trainings such as LGBTQ Competency, strength based storytelling, and social change actions; with middle school and high school aged youth. Interested email lifeworks@lalgbtcenter.org.

Youth Connects & Specialty Programs.

- Valentine's Day Dance
- LGBTQ Youth Awards
- Pride Youth Dance
- Beach and Bonfire
- Thanksgiving
- Holiday Celebration
- OutSet (Youth Film Program)
- The Music Fellowship
- Black History Celebration
- Rainbow Youth Festival
- TheatreWorks

Models of Pride

Join us for an all-day event that celebrates and empowers LGBTQ youth and allies. The event features over 100 workshops, a resource fair, college fair, career fair, an exciting entertainment hour, lunch, dinner, and outdoor dance party – all free!



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MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Our one-on-one mentoring program offers LGBTQ youth the opportunity to be matched with an adult in our community who will support them in goal-setting through five achievement areas: home, health, education, career, and personal development.

We train each mentor with skills to be there for their mentee - not as parents or teachers, but as people who are there to guide them in being their absolute best selves. The lifelong bond between a mentor-mentee begins with a 12-month commitment in our program.

Mentors and mentees are required to meet 4 hours a month in-person and communicate once a week.



For more information, contact the Mentoring Coordinator at lifeworks@lalgbtcenter.org or **323-860-7391**.

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Los Angeles, CA 90038



WANT A MENTOR?

- ✓ Are you 24 years of age or younger?
- ✓ LGBTQ or ally?
- ✓ Do you need help with achieving goals in home, health, education, career, and personal development?
- ✓ Are you looking for support or someone you can relate to?

To apply as a Mentee visit
lifeworksla.org/mentee

WANT TO BE A MENTOR?

- ✓ Are you at least 28 years of age or over?
- ✓ Do have life experiences that can be helpful to a youth?
- ✓ Can you provide guidance, leadership, and time to a youth?
- ✓ Do you have good communication skills?

To apply as a Mentor visit
lifeworksla.org/mentor





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HOST HOMES

INNOVATIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM HELPING
END HOMELESSNESS FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

Through the Center's Host Homes program, LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness are matched with supportive, short-term housing options from community members who have spare rooms or underutilized space in their homes. More than a housing solution, the program creates meaningful connections within our community. We all do better when we help take care of one another.

As a Host, you can help change the life of an LGBTQ youth by providing a welcoming, safe, supportive, and non-judgmental environment.

We're looking for folks who:

- ✓ Have an extra bedroom or private space in their home for a youth to reside
- ✓ Can commit to hosting a youth for 3 to 6 months
- ✓ Have verifiable renter's or homeowner's insurance
- ✓ Pass a Live Scan/background clearance check



As LGBTQ Youth seeking to participate, you must be:

- ✓ Between the ages of 18-24
- ✓ Able to live independently
- ✓ Interested in seeking employment or enrolling in school
- ✓ Able to commit to weekly case management meetings?



For more information, please contact

hosthomes@lalgbtcenter.org or (323) 993-8984

You can

make all the difference for an LGBTQ youth!



WHAT IS MODELS OF PRIDE?

Produced annually by the Los Angeles LGBT Center, Models of Pride is the world's largest FREE, all-day conference that affirms lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) youth and their allies 24 years old and younger. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's 28th annual Models of Pride Conference will be held virtually, but will still include an opening session, workshops, resources, and entertainment! The Center is excited for the opportunity to bring the conference online making it accessible to LGBTQ youth and allies around the world. Join us virtually on **Saturday, November 14** from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. (PST) and **Sunday, November 15** from 4–6 p.m. (PST). For information and updates visit **MODELsofPRIDE.org** and follow **@modelsofpride** on Instagram!

WHAT IS THE PARENT & PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE?

The Parent & Professional Institute at Models of Pride offers adult allies of LGBTQ youth including their caregivers and family members, educators, providers and professionals, and all other adult supporters an unparalleled opportunity to learn, network, and develop community with others on a similar journey. The day will include exclusive virtual programming including workshops, discussions, and resources.

WHAT CAN ONE EXPECT AT MODELS OF PRIDE?

Models of Pride begins with an opening session that brings everyone together to celebrate the annual theme -FIERCE, FABULOUS, FREE and recognize community leaders. This is followed by three separate breakout sessions with **more than 30 workshops** relevant to LGBTQ youth and allies, covering topics that include—but not limited to—arts, fashion, social justice, health, being an ally, religion, people of color, coming out, gender, and self-empowerment. This year's virtual conference will include interactive maps where participants can explore resources available in their area, colleges affirming to LGBTQ youth, and employment opportunities across the country. Saturday will conclude with a closing session and Sunday will end the conference with an entertainment hour featuring a variety of performances!

ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER

Since 1969 the Los Angeles LGBT Center has cared for, championed, and celebrated LGBT individuals and families in Los Angeles and beyond. Today the Center's nearly 800 employees provide services for more LGBT people than any other organization in the world, offering programs, services, and global advocacy that span four broad categories: Health, Social Services and Housing, Culture and Education, Leadership and Advocacy. We are an unstoppable force in the fight against bigotry and the struggle to build a better world; a world in which LGBT people thrive as healthy, equal, and complete members of society. Learn more at lalgbtcenter.org

LA COUNTY LGBTQ+ YOUTH RESOURCES



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General

Los Angeles LGBT Center
www.riselgbtq.org
(323) 860-3626

Gender Sexuality Info
www.gendersexuality.info
my@lgbtq.school

GLBT National Resource Directory
www.glbtnearme.org
help@LGBThotline.org

LA LGBT Youth Advocates Council
www.lalgbtyac.org
info@lalgbtyac.org

Center Link
www.lgbtcenters.org
(954) 765-6024

Break the Cycle
www.breakthecycle.org
(424) 265-7346

Families & Caregivers

PFLAG Los Angeles
www.PFLAG.org
info@pflagLA.org

Transforming Family
www.transformingfamily.org
judi@transformingfamily.org

TransYouth Family Allies
www.imatyfa.org
info@imatyfa.org

Family Acceptance Project
www.familyproject.sfsu.edu
fap@sfsu.edu

Gender Spectrum
www.genderspectrum.org
info@genderspectrum.org

Los Angeles Gender Center
www.lagendercenter.com
staff@lagendercenter.org

24-Hour Call-Lines

The Trevor Project
www.thetrevorproject.org
(866) 488-7386

Love is Respect
www.loveisrespect.org
(866) 331-9474

Teen Line
www.teenlineonline.org
(310) 855-4673

Trans LifeLine
www.translifeline.org
(877) 565-8860

LGBT National Youth TalkLine
www.glbtnationalhelpcenter.org
(800) 246-7743

California Youth Crisis Line
www.calyouth.org/ca-youth-crisis-line
(800) 843-5200

Shelters/ Drop-in

Youth Emerging Stronger
www.youthemergingstronger.org
(323) 703-7002

Pacific Clinics
www.pacificclinics.org
(626) 337-3828

Safe Place for Youth
www.safeplaceforyouth.org
(310) 902-2283

My Friend's Place
www.myfriendsplace.org
(323) 908-0011

Covenant House
www.covenanthousecalifornia.org
(323) 461-3131

The Village Family Services
www.thevillagefs.org
(818) 755-8786

Mental + Physical Health

St Johns Well Child
www.wellchild.org
(323) 541-1600

COLORS Counseling
www.colorsyouth.org
(323) 953-5130

Planned Parenthood LA
www.plannedparenthood.org
(213) 284-3307

Childrens Hospital
www.chla.org
(323) 361-5372

Alta Med
www.altamed.org
(877) 462-258

Tarzana Treatment Centers
www.tarzanatc.org
(888) 777-8565

Black/ African American

Bayard Rustin Coalition
www.bayardrustincoalition.com
(888) 334-6658

Brown Boi Project
www.brownboiproject.org
(510) 962.6999

National Black Justice Coalition
www.nbjc.org
(202) 319-1552

Minority AIDS Project
www.minorityaidsproject.org
(323) 936-4949

Many Voices
www.manyvoices.org

Black AIDS Institute
www.blackaids.org
(213) 353-3610

HIV/AIDS & STI Testing	AIDS Project Los Angeles www.aplahealth.org (213) 201-1600		Teen Source www.teensource.org		Saban Community Clinic www.sabancommunityclinic.org	
	Valley Teen Clinic www.teen411.com (888) 763-4070		AIDS Healthcare Foundation www.freestdcheck.org (323) 860-5200		LA County Public Health www.dontthinkknow.org (800) 758-0880	
Asian/ Pacific Islander	API Equality LA www.apiequalityla.org (213) 580-1800		Dari Project www.dariproject.org		APAIT www.apaitonline.org (213) 375-3830	
	Satrang LA www.satrang.org		Barangay LA www.barangayla.org (213) 373-4252		NQAPIA www.nqapia.org (917) 439-3158	
Latinx	Bienestar www.bienestar.org (323) 727-7896		The Wall Las Memorias www.thewalllasmemorias.org (323) 257-1056		The Network La Red www.tnlr.org (617) 742-4911	
	Latino Equality Alliance www.latinoequalityalliance.org (323)286-7224		Somos Familia Valle www.somosfamiliavalle.org (818) 428-0120		Jovenes Inc. www.jovenesinc.org (323) 260-8035	
Native American	We R Native www.wernative.org		Gender Justice LA www.gjla.org (323) 300-8599		CHLA: Center for TransYouth www.transyouthla.org (323) 361-5372	
	Red Circle Project www.redcircleproject.org (323) 329-9905		Gender Diversity www.genderdiversity.org (855) 443-6337		Camp Aranu'tiq www.camparanutiq.org (781) 400-1617	
CSEC	Journey Out www.journeyout.org (818) 988-4970		After Hours www.afterhoursministry.org (323) 524-8044		Deaf Queer Resource Center www.deafqueer.org	
	Children of the Night www.childrenofthenight.org (818) 908-4474		CAST LA www.castla.org (213) 365-1906		Twainbow www.twainbow.org (202) 681-8778	
Education	GSA Network www.gsanetwork.org (213) 529-4822		Transgender Law Center www.transgenderlawcenter.org (510) 587-9696		Lambda Legal www.lambdalegal.org (866) LGBTeen	
	GLSEN www.glsen.org (212) 727-0135		National Center for Lesbian Rights www.nclrights.org (800) 528-6257		National Center for Youth Law www.youthlaw.org (510) 835-8098	

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These resources are being provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only; they do not constitute an endorsement or an approval by RISE.



Laws & Policies Protecting LGBTQ+ Youth in Systems of Care



Non-Discrimination & Harassment

Foster youth have a right not to be subjected to discrimination and harassment on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. Youth have the right to be placed in homes and facilities according to their gender identity. Caregiver trainings must be culturally competent.

The CA Foster Care Non-Discrimination Act, Foster Youth: LGBT Cultural Competency (HSC§1522, §1522.41, §1529.2, and §1563; WIC §903.7, §16001.9, §16003, and §16013), & Protection from Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in State Operated or State Funded Programs (GOV§11135)

Safety in Schools

Training programs for foster youth, child welfare personnel, foster parents, and relative caregivers must include information on current school safety laws that protect students from bias-motivated harassment and discrimination.

Foster Youth School Safety Education (HSC §1522.41, and §1529.2; WIC §16001.9, §16003, and §16013)



Mental Health Care

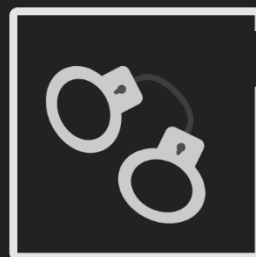
Youth ages 12-17 can consent to mental health treatment or counseling when the attending professional believes the youth is mature enough to participate. Care should be culturally competent and should not utilize conversion therapy or attempts to change a minor client's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Mental Health Services for At-Risk Youth (HSC §124260; WIC §14029.8), Protecting LGBT Youth From Psychological Abuse (BPC §865), FAM §6924, and HSC §124260

Safety in Detention

Harassment and discrimination based on actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity is prohibited in Department of Juvenile Justice facilities. Facilities must screen all individuals to assess risk of experiencing abuse and all staff must receive culturally competent training. Housing for transgender and intersex individuals should be made on a case-by-case basis.

The CA Juvenile Justice Safety and Protection (WIC § 224.70-224.74) & Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)



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The California Foster Care Non-Discrimination Act – AB 458 (2003)

All foster children and all adults engaged in the provision of care and services to foster children have a right to fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment and benefits. All foster children and all adults engaged in the provision of care and services to foster children have a right not to be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. All community college districts that provide orientation and training to relative caregivers must make available to relative and extended family caregivers courses that cover the right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits and the right of foster youth not to be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

Protection from Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in State Operated or State Funded Programs in California – SB 1441 (2006)

Amended the existing California Bias Free Government Funded State Services & Programs Law, section 11135 of the CA Government Code, so that it explicitly includes sexual orientation and gender identity as prohibited grounds for discrimination. Section 11135 prohibits discrimination against individuals applying for, participating in, or receiving services from: any program or activity operated, administered, or conducted by the state; any program or activity operated, administered, or conducted by any state agency; or any program or activity that receives funding or financial assistance from the state. In addition to the programs and activities that California directly operates, SB 1441 also covers programs the state also funds or gives financial assistance to (in the form of a contract or a grant, for example), many different activities, programs, and local agencies across the state.

The California Juvenile Justice Safety and Protection Act – SB 518 (2007)

Prohibits harassment and discrimination based on actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV status in all California Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities. That means that all DJJ facilities must ensure the safety and dignity of every youth in their care, and must provide care, placement, and services to youth without discriminating on these bases. SB 518 establishes a Youth Bill of Rights, requires all DJJ facilities to inform youth about their rights during orientation and to give youth a copy of these rights, and requires the DJJ ombudsperson to monitor a toll-free helpline and investigate all complaints from youth and parents.

Foster Youth School Safety Education – AB 3015 (2008)

Requires that existing training programs for foster youth, foster youth group homes, child welfare personnel, foster parents, and relative caregivers, include information on school safety laws that protect students from bias-motivated harassment and discrimination.

Mental Health Services for At-Risk Youth – SB 543 (2010)

Allows youth ages 12 - 17 to consent to mental health treatment or counseling when the attending professional believes the youth is mature enough to participate intelligently in the services or when the youth would present a danger of serious physical or mental harm to self or others without the services. SB 543 still requires the involvement of the minor's parent /guardian if/when it is determined that parental involvement is appropriate.

Foster Youth: LGBT Cultural Competency – AB 1856 (2012)

Requires that existing training programs for foster youth caregivers include information related to cultural competency and best practices for serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth.

Protecting LGBT Youth from Psychological Abuse – SB 1172 (2012)

Prohibits mental health professionals from using "conversion therapy" to attempt to change a minor client's sexual orientation.

PREA: Prison Rape Elimination Act (2012)

PREA Standards are a comprehensive set of federal rules that address all aspects of a facility's operations as they relate to preventing, detecting, and responding to abuse. Among the protections are the following: Facilities must screen all individuals at admission and upon transfer to assess their risk of experiencing or perpetrating abuse, including identifying those who may be at risk because of their transgender status, gender nonconformity, sexual orientation, or intersex condition. Decisions about where a transgender person, or a person with an intersex condition, is housed must be made on a case-by-case basis; they cannot be made solely on the basis of a person's anatomy or gender assigned at birth. All facilities must train staff on a variety of issues related to sexual abuse prevention, including interacting professionally with LGBT and gender nonconforming people and those with intersex conditions.

Respecting Gender Identity in Foster Youth Placements – SB 731 (2015)

Youth in out-of-home care have the right to be placed in homes and facilities according to their gender identity, regardless of their biological sex. SB 731 ensures that caregivers provide appropriate supportive care, including respecting and affirming every child's gender identity. This bill enables a child welfare worker to place a child according to the child's gender identity by amending the Foster Care Bill of Rights. It also directed the Department of Community Care Licensing to develop regulations to implement this right.



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Laws & Policies Protecting LGBTQ+ Youth in California Public Schools



Non-Discrimination & Harassment

Students may not be harassed or discriminated based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, or association with. Schools must have an inclusive, publicized anti-bullying policy and complaint process. School personnel who witness this are required to intervene when safe.

Title IX, Seth's Law, & Education Code Section 234.1(b)(1)

Expression & Privacy

Freedom of speech and expression, to be out, and to access LGBTQ websites apply on campus and to other school-sponsored programs. Students also have the right to privacy, including the right to keep information about their sexual orientation and/or gender identity private from other school staff/faculty, parents, and students, even if they are out.

1st & 14th Amendments, & Lawrence V. Texas 539 U.S. 558



Health Education & Care

Students 12 and older have the right to leave school without parental consent to access confidential medical services. Schools must excuse absences without notifying parent/guardians and must allow students to make up missed assignments. Sexual health education must be comprehensive and appropriate for students of all sexual orientations and genders.

California Healthy Youth Act (2016), Confidential Medical Release, CDE Code § 48205

Access for Transgender Students

Students can access sex-segregated school programs/activities, including athletic teams & competitions, and use facilities consistent with their gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on the pupil's records. Includes, but not limited to: bathrooms, locker rooms, sports teams, & classes.

The School Success & Opportunity Act (2013), Cal. Civ. Code § 51(b)]



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Title IX

Bans sex discrimination in schools and has been interpreted by courts and the US Justice and Education Departments to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and against transgender and gender non-conforming students, including but not limited to: being treated according to the gender you identify with, being called by the name and pronouns consistent with your gender identity, and dress and present yourself in a way consistent with your gender identity.

Confidential Medical Release: Educ. Code § 48205; 87 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 168, 172 (2004)

Education Code section 48205 requires school officials to excuse students from school to attend confidential medical appointments. Students 12 years and older have the right to leave school without parental consent to access confidential medical services including, but not limited to: HIV or STI testing, mental health or counseling services, drug or alcohol treatment/counseling, abortion care, obtaining birth control. Schools must excuse these absences without notifying parents/guardians and allow students to make up missed assignments.

Seth's Law – AB 9 (2012)

Strengthened existing state anti-bullying laws to help protect all California public school students. Seth's Law requires public schools in California to update their anti-bullying policies and programs, and it focuses on protecting students who are bullied based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity/gender expression, as well as race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, disability, and religion. Requires school districts to: Adopt a strong anti-bullying policy that specifically spells out prohibited bases for bullying, including sexual orientation and gender identity/gender expression; Adopt a specific process for receiving and investigating complaints of bullying, including a requirement that school personnel intervene if they witness bullying; Publicize the anti-bullying policy and complaint process, including posting the policy in all schools and offices; Post on the district website materials to support victims of bullying. Seth's Law specifically contains the following requirement: "If school personnel witness an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, he or she shall take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so." (Education Code Section 234.1(b)(1))

The School Success & Opportunity Act – AB 1266 (2013)

Clarified existing state law to ensure that students can access sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, and use facilities consistent with their gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on the pupil's records. Includes but not limited to: bathrooms, locker rooms, sports teams, and classes.

The California Healthy Youth Act – AB 329 (2016)

The California Healthy Youth Act, which took effect in January 2016, requires school districts to provide students with integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education at least once in middle school and once in high school. The California Healthy Youth Act includes new language about adolescent relationship abuse and sex trafficking and reinforces a focus on healthy attitudes, healthy behaviors, and healthy relationships. It also strengthened previous requirements that instruction and materials be appropriate for students of all sexual orientations and genders and ensures that sexual health education does not promote outdated gender norms. The law also updated the existing HIV prevention education mandate to reflect the developments made in our understanding of and ability to treat and prevent HIV over the last 20 years.

Privacy: Lawrence v. Texas, 539 U.S. 558

Extended constitutional right to privacy/autonomy, including being "outed". Students have a right to privacy, which includes the right to keep information about their sexual orientation and/or gender identity private from other school staff/faculty, parents, and students.

