




# Baltimore City LGBTQ+ Youth Resource Guide

Support for youth identifying as LGBTQ

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# Counseling & Support Services (Individual & Family Counseling)

## **The Center for Black Equity**

1806 Vernon St., N.W., Suite 200

Washington, DC 20009

Phone: 443-218-2478

Fax: 443-219-2776

<http://centerforblackequity.org>

[www.facebook.com/centerforblackequitybaltimore](http://www.facebook.com/centerforblackequitybaltimore)

**Description:** The Center for Black Equity-Baltimore (CBE-B), an international Black LGBT organization, advocates and provides network services for Black Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people and their allies in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area.

**Services:** The CEB offers professional counseling and family support through the Earline Budd Anti-Violence Project that seeks to promote an environment where individuals who are LGBT can be safe, respected and live free from targeted violence in the Black community.

# Counseling & Support Services (Individual Counseling)

## **Chase Brexton**

1111 North Charles Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
410.837.2050

[www.chasebrexton.org](http://www.chasebrexton.org)

**Description:** Chase Brexton is an LGBTQ+ inclusive health care center with sites across Maryland.

**Services:** Offers behavioral health counseling, case management, dental services, HIV/STI testing, lab services, medical services (including pediatric, obstetrics and gynecology), nutrition and pharmacies. Services offered are site dependent.

**Payment:** Accepts most insurance plans, and sees people regardless of their insurance status. Has a sliding scale policy. Contact Chase Brexton directly.

# Counseling & Support Services (Youth Groups)

## **The GLCCB: The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center of Baltimore and Central Maryland**

The Waxter Center, 3rd Floor

1000 Cathedral Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

410.777.8145

[www.glccb.org](http://www.glccb.org)

**Description:** Baltimore's LGBTQ community center. Their primary mission is to unite the LGBTQ community and advocate for social change.

**Services:** The GLCCB offers a youth specific program called the Rainbow Youth Alliance, where they provide discussion groups, movies, projects, art, and guest speakers to provide peer support. There are also volunteer and advocacy opportunities available.

# Counseling & Support Services (Sexual Assault Counseling)

## **Turnaround, Incorporated**

2300 N. Charles Street

2nd Floor

Baltimore, MD 21218

410.837.7000

[www.turnaroundinc.org](http://www.turnaroundinc.org)

9100 Franklin Square Drive

Room 317

Baltimore, MD 21237

410.391.2396

**Description:** Turnaround provides counseling and support services to survivors of rape, incest and domestic violence.

**Services:** Turnaround offers a 24 hour crisis hotline, trauma counseling for survivors, survivor advocacy, community training and other services.

24 Hour Hotline: 443.279.0379

# Counseling & Support Services

## (Individual & Group Counseling)

### **Women's Growth Center**

5209 York Road, B12

Baltimore, MD 21212

410.532.2476

[www.womensgrowthcenter.com](http://www.womensgrowthcenter.com)

**Description:** A small non-profit collective group of mental health practitioners offering LGBTQ+ inclusive therapy.

**Services:** The Center offers individual, family, couple and group therapy. They also offer workshops on various subjects.

**Payment:** The center offers a sliding scale and accepts some insurance plans. Call the Center directly for more information.



# Counseling & Support Groups (Drop-in Center & Youth Groups)

## Youth Empowered Society (YES)

2315 North Charles Street, 1st floor

1st Floor

Baltimore, MD 21218

410.235.7744

[www.yesdropincenter.org](http://www.yesdropincenter.org)

**Description:** YES is a drop in center for homeless youth between the ages of 14-25. They provide basic needs and aim to help youth establish supportive relationships with peer staff and allies in order to make and sustain connections to long-term resources and opportunities.

**Services:** YES offers various groups, case management, peer counseling, clothing, transportation, food, education and training, legal and medical services. YES also offers a weekly LGBTQ group for members.

# Internet Support Groups

Support groups on *Yahoo* are free, but require you to have a Yahoo account and apply for membership to each group.

Baltimore Gender Identity Group: [\*\*gigmdgltccb@yahoo.com\*\*](mailto:gigmdgltccb@yahoo.com)

Transgender Equality Listserv: [\*\*http://groups.yahoo.com/group/transequalitymaryland\*\*](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/transequalitymaryland)

# Hotlines

## **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender National Youth Talkline**

1.800.246.7743

[www.glbtnationalhelpcenter.org](http://www.glbtnationalhelpcenter.org)

[youth@glbtnationalhelpcenter.org](mailto:youth@glbtnationalhelpcenter.org)

Mon-Sat 9:30pm-12am EST

**Description:** Provides phone and e-mail counseling for LGBTQ+ youth up to the age of 25. Also provides information on local resources available to youth.

## **The Trans Lifeline**

Hotline—877.565.8860

**Description:** Hotline staffed by transgender people, for transgender people. Trans Lifeline volunteers are ready to respond to whatever support needs members or the community may have. This is a FREE helpline run by volunteers.

## **The Trevor Project**

Administrative Offices

310.271.8845

Hotline—866.488.7386

Contact—Alison Gill

[Allison.Gill@TheTrevorProject.org](mailto:Allison.Gill@TheTrevorProject.org)

**Description:** National organization that provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ+ youth.

# Health, Wellness & Medical Care (HIV/AIDS Care)

## **AIDS Action Baltimore**

10 East Eager Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

410.837.2437

[www.aidsactionbaltimore.org](http://www.aidsactionbaltimore.org)

**Description:** AIDS Action Baltimore is dedicated to the support and education of individuals with HIV, as well as HIV prevention.

**Services:** AIDS Action offers a diverse range of programs for the transgender community including hosting "tea time" which is a dance to promote peer support systems while providing outreach for AIDS prevention and treatment. They also have a specific group for males seeking males (MSM).

# Health, Wellness, & Medical Care (Medical Care)

## **Chase Brexton**

1111 North Charles Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
410.837.2050

[www.chasebrexton.org](http://www.chasebrexton.org)

**Description:** Chase Brexton is an LGBTQ+ inclusive health care center with sites across Maryland.

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**Payment:** Accepts most insurance plans, and sees people regardless of their insurance status. Has a sliding scale policy. Contact Chase Brexton directly.

# Health, Wellness & Medical Care

## **Health Care for the Homeless, Inc.**

421 Fallsway

Baltimore, MD 21202

410.837.5533

[www.hchmd.org](http://www.hchmd.org)

**Description:** Provide a wide range of services to homeless individuals, including youth. Services include crisis intervention, case management and care coordination, social services and benefits acquisition, therapy services, assistance in housing location, and general information and referral services. Health Care for the Homeless also provides mental health care services, addiction services, and community health care outreach services. They provide services to the general population but some members of staff have training in assisting LGBTQ+ youth.

# Health, Wellness, & Medical Care (HIV & Transgender)

## **STAR TRACK Adolescent & Young Adult Center**

**(Special Teens At-Risk Together Reaching Access, Care, and Knowledge)**

[www.startrackbaltimore.org](http://www.startrackbaltimore.org)

120 Penn Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

410.706.6000

**Description:** STAR TRACK is dedicated to improving the health of underserved adolescents and young adults in Maryland, regardless of their gender identity and/or sexual orientation.

**Services:** STAR TRACK offers LGBTQ+ inclusive health care (including hormone therapy), HIV/STI testing, resource referral, case management, condom distribution, and comprehensive programming.

**Payment:** Most services, including programming and testing, are free. Some routine medical services may require a co-pay. Talk with a staff member if you have any questions or concerns.

# Health, Wellness & Medical Care (Transgender Medical Care)

## **Dr. Elyse Pine-Twaddell**

22 S Greene St. Room N6W84  
Division of Pediatric Endocrinology  
University of Maryland Medical Center  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
410.328.0343

**Description:** Dr. Pine-Twaddell is a pediatric endocrinologist specializing in gender variance. Not taking new patients currently, but is able to provide referrals.

**Payment:** Accepts a number of insurance plans. Contact the University of Maryland Medical Center directly for more information.



# Housing

## **AIRS—City Steps**

1800 N. Charles Street, Suite 700

Baltimore, MD 21201

410.576.5070

[www.airshome.org/?page=citysteps](http://www.airshome.org/?page=citysteps)

**Description:** Series of programs that address issues affecting homeless, at-risk youth ages 14-24, including individuals with HIV/AIDS, mental health issues, substance abuse issues, and individuals that identify as LGBTQ+. The number and address provided here are the general contact information for AIRS. Separate programs will be listed herein and will be denoted as “City Steps” programs. All resources regarding City Steps are LGBTQ+ youth friendly and the program was established to provide services to all youth, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

# Housing

## **City Steps Youth Resource Center—"City Steps"**

1800 N. Charles Street, Suite 700

Baltimore, MD 21201

410.576.5070

[www.airshome.org/?page=citysteps](http://www.airshome.org/?page=citysteps)

**Description:** Assist youth ages 14-24 with life skills education, case management, emergency services, and support services. Aids with obtaining housing for individuals starting at the age of 18.

# Housing

## **Loving Arms, Inc.—Hands Around Maryland**

### Organization Address

1227 Etting Street, Suite 301

Baltimore, MD 21217

### Shelter Address

3313 Oakfield Avenue

Gwynn Oak, MD 21207

443.415.1174

**Description:** For homeless youth ages 12-24. Provides general support that includes food, shelter, clothing resources, counseling services, aid with acquiring social services, and peer/professional support. This is a physical housing facility and the organization accepts LGBTQ+ youth.

# Education

## **Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN)-Baltimore Chapter**

GLSEN Baltimore

c/o FreeState Legal Project

1111 N. Charles Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

<http://glsen.org/chapters/baltimore>

**Description:** GLSEN works to ensure safe, respectful, and healthful learning environments for ALL students, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

**Services:** GLSEN Baltimore offers a diverse array of programming to youth including: conferences, support and workshop facilitation opportunities. GLSEN also provides trainings for school professionals, offers support for advisors and volunteering opportunities.

# Education

## (College & University Groups)

### **Awareness Now for Gays, Lesbians, and Everyone ( ANGLE )**

Maryland Institute College of Art 410.225.2284

Support/Discussion Group 410.462.0888

### **B-GLAD**

Goucher College

410.337.6124

### **Delta Lambda Phi National**

### **Gay-Friendly Fraternity**

1.800.587.3728

### **Diverse Sexual Orientation Collective**

Towson University

410.830.2340

### **Diverse Sexuality and Gender Alliance ( DSAGA )**

Johns Hopkins University

410.516.4088

### **Freedom Alliance**

University of Maryland Baltimore County

410.455.6370

### **Rainbow Club**

Essex Community College

410.780.6363 or

410.780.6884

# Legal & Advocacy

## **Black TransMen, Incorporated-Maryland and District of Columbia**

855.BLK.TMEN(255.8636)

[www.blacktransmen.org](http://www.blacktransmen.org)

**Description:** A national organization of African American transmen solely focused on acknowledgment, social advocacy and empowering transmen with resources to aid in a healthy female to male transition.

**Services:** Akanni is a bimonthly national support group for Black transmen. The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, go to main website.

# Legal & Advocacy

## **Free State Legal Project, Inc.**

241 W Chase Street, Suite 307

Baltimore, MD 21201

410.625.5428

**Mission/Vision:** FreeState Legal Project is a legal advocacy organization that seeks to improve the lives of low-income lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (“LGBT”) Marylanders.

**Services:** FreeState Legal provides direct legal services to low income LGBT clients through in-house counsel and pro bono attorney network. They also host outreach programs, speakers and informational sessions on topics such as gay marriage, self-advocacy and LGBTQ legal issues. FreeState Legal also offers trainings and clinics for educational trainings to Maryland educators, service providers, lawyers and judges about LGBT legal needs.

**Payment:** Free for all legal services and outreach programs, speakers and informational sessions. Only trainings and clinics for volunteers and attorneys may require some payment.

# Legal & Advocacy

## **Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc. (HPRP):**

201 North Charles Street, Suite 1104

Baltimore, MD 21201

410.685.6589

[www.hprplaw.org](http://www.hprplaw.org)

**Mission/Vision:** HPRP's Homeless Youth Law Project provides LGBT – friendly free legal services in subsidized housing, public benefits, and criminal record expungement matters to youth and youth adults (up to age 25) who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Services:** As a member of the Transgender Action Group, HPRP conducts street outreach and provides free legal services to transgender persons who engage in sex work, regardless of whether they do so by choice, circumstance, or coercion. HPRP conducts intake at offices and at community based locations, including youth –specific intake at the Youth Empowered Society (YES) Drop-In Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 4-6 pm. Please contact HPRP by phone or in person to access services



# Legal & Advocacy (Advocacy Only)

## **Lambda Legal**

National Headquarters

120 Wall Street, 19th Floor

New York, NY 10005

212.809.8585

**Description:** National nonprofit legal organization that advocates for LGBTQ+ civil rights through litigation, education, and public policy work.

# Legal & Advocacy (Legal)

## **Baltimore City Police Department**

Sgt. Kevin Bailey

LGBTQ Liaison

[Kevin.bailey@baltimorepolice.org](mailto:Kevin.bailey@baltimorepolice.org)

443.984.7411

**Description:** The LGBTQ Liaison facilitates communication between the Baltimore Police Department and the LGBTQ community by responding to questions or concerns regarding police policies and procedures.

# Publications & Information

## **The Advocate**

A national LGBT news magazine.

[www.advocate.com](http://www.advocate.com)

## **Baltimore Out Loud:**

Published bi-weekly every other Friday in Baltimore, Baltimore Out Loud is a dynamic source for all that is important to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning community. We provide comprehensive news, provocative opinions, and the latest in local entertainment.

[www.baltimoreoutloud.com](http://www.baltimoreoutloud.com)

## **Bi Magazine**

An online literary magazine that advocates for increased understanding and visibility for bisexuality. Magazine features works of fiction and nonfiction as well as visual arts.

[www.biresource.com](http://www.biresource.com)

## **Metroweekly**

A DC based GLBT news magazine focusing on news impacting the GLBT community as well as local social and community happenings.

[www.metroweekly.com](http://www.metroweekly.com)

# Publications & Information

## **National Center for Lesbian Rights**

Website provides updates on legal information impacting the GLBT community.

[www.nclrights.org](http://www.nclrights.org)

## **Transsexual Roadmap**

“Self-acceptance” and “Transitioning Early in Life”

[www.tsroadmap.com](http://www.tsroadmap.com)

## **The Washington Blade**

A gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Yellow of Pages of the Web.

[www.washblade.com](http://www.washblade.com)

## **White Crane Journal**

The oldest gay spirituality magazine with a 15 year history of exploring gay spirit, culture, and wisdom.

[www.whitecranejournal.com](http://www.whitecranejournal.com)

## **Youth Resource**

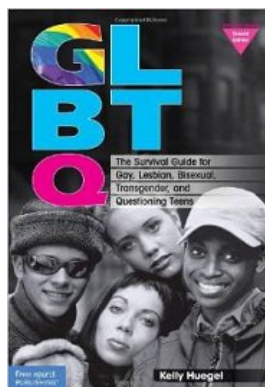
An online site sponsored by Advocates for Youth providing entertainment and world news updates.

[www.youthresource.com](http://www.youthresource.com)

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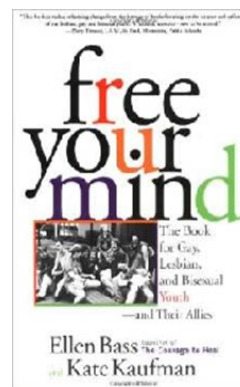
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By Ellen Bass & Kate Kaufman



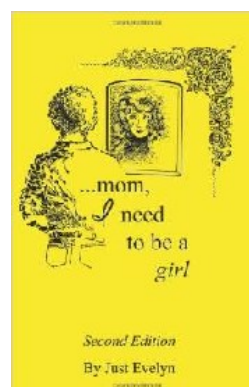
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By Dan Savage & Terry Miller



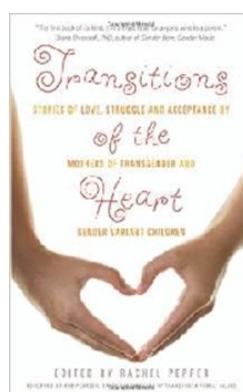
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