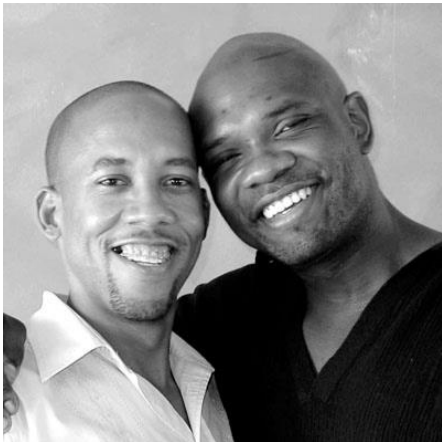




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**DIRECT SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME
LGBT CLIENTS**

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

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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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907.222.4521

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 workshops/clinics 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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Contact:

916.442-0185, ext.132

www.saccenter.org

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.lsnr.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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DELAWARE

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@dvl.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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Contact:

104 Marietta St NW, Suite 100

Atlanta, GA 30303

Mike Monahan, mikem@gabar.org

404.527.8762

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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Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

(617) 522-3003

www.Law.Harvard.edu

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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Contact:

204 Marsh Avenue, #101

Reno, Nevada 89509

Renee Kelly, rkelly@nislw.net

775.284.3491

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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Contact:

42 West 44th Street

New York, NY 11201

212.382.6759

www.nycbar.org

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, Istrock@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

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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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Austin, TX 78701

Vasu Behara, vbehara@texasbar.com

512.427.1837

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@trla.org

956.393.6205

www.trla.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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www.QLawFoundation.org

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:

110 South Third Street

Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301

Diane Young, dianey@lawv.net

304.623.6649

This list reflects the best information NCLR had about these organizations at the time this publication was prepared (November 1, 2016). We encourage those seeking legal help to contact these organizations directly to find out if they qualify for their services.

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