


GLBTQ Resources

- *The Dane County Youth Assessment (DCYA)* is a youth risk behavior survey conducted every 5 years since 1980 in Dane County, Wisconsin. The DCYA has queried youth in grades 7-12 about their opinions, concerns, attitudes, behaviors, and experiences via a collaboration of school districts. This is one of the only school-based assessments that ask youth if they identify as GLBT. The most recent DCYA was conducted in 2009, four years after the last assessment. This starts a new pattern of providing more current data, ultimately assessing every three years.
 - [High School Summary](#) 
 - [Middle School Summary](#) 
- **LGBTQ Homeless Authors:** National Coalition for the Homeless; **Publication Date:** 2009
LGBT persons often have great difficulty finding shelters that accept and respect them. Transgender people are often forced to classify themselves as a gender with which they do not identify. These individuals are particularly at physical risk in shelters. This risk comes from a lack of acceptance. Ex. Transgender women (born with male genitalia but identify and live as women) forced to take shelter with heterosexual men are frequently subjected to verbal, physical, and sexual abuse. Transgender indiv...
- **Incidence and Vulnerability of LGBTQ Homeless Youth Organization:** National Alliance to End Homelessness; **Publication Date:** 2008
This report addresses the incidence of homelessness and homelessness risks among LGBTQ youth.
- **Report on the Needs Assessment of the LGBTQ Community of Hamilton Authors:** Pike, Deirdre; **Organization:** Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton; **Publication Date:** 2007
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) community is estimated to be approximately 10% of the population. That means there are approximately 50 thousand members of the LGBTQ community in Hamilton. However, despite the number of people who would likely identify as part of the LGBTQ community, Hamilton lacks LGBTQ identified safe community spaces, services and resources. The reasons for this are complex and inextricably tied to homophobia...
- **The Kids are Listening: LGBTQ Foster Youth (Video) Authors:** The Kids are Listening; American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law; The Opening Doors Project **Publication Date:** 2011
Youth who identify as LGBTQI2-S are over represented among youth who are homeless. They often face rejection as a result of their sexual identity. This can be particularly true for youth exiting the foster care system. This video, by the Opening Doors Project, seeks to raise awareness about the hate speech and discrimination these youth often face.
- **A National Approach to Meeting the Needs of LGBTQ Homeless Youth Authors:** National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH); **Publication Date:** 2009
This two-page fact sheet provides an overview of the prevalence and experience of LGBTQ youth, causal factors, and risks to LGBTQ youth while homeless. It also highlights a reform agenda to end homelessness for LGBTQ youth and makes best practices recommendations for youth-serving professionals, case workers, and advocates, for administrators and supervisors, and for residential services.
- **Revolving Doors: LGBTQ Youth at the Interface of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems Authors:** Mountz, Sarah; **Journal Name:** LGBTQ Policy Journal at the Harvard Kennedy School; **Publication Date:** 2011

Given their capacity to mask, mute, and bureaucratize the human voice, institutional settings remain particularly potent spaces for the interpersonal and systemic enactment of homophobia and transphobia. Tremendous obstacles exist in providing effective, high-quality services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (**LGBTQ**) adolescents in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. This article reviews and critically analyzes the small body of literature...

- **No Safe Place to Go - LGBTQ Youth Homelessness in Canada: Reviewing the Literature**
Authors: Abramovich, Ilona Alex; **Publication Date:** 2012
 Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, and queer (**LGBTQ**) youth are overrepresented in the homeless youth population in North America. This review brings together the literature on the topic of **LGBTQ** youth homelessness and provides a comprehensive overview of the unique needs of this population, as well as gaps and barriers to support. The review culminates in recommendations for support services and further research on this topic. This review should be particularly useful...
- **"What Do You Say to Them?" Investigating and Supporting the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Young People**
Authors: Sherriff, Nigel S.; Hamilton, Wook E.; Wigmore, Shelby; Giambrone, Broden L. B.
Journal Name: Journal of Community Psychology; **Publication Date:** 2011
 This study explores the experiences and support needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (**LGBTQ**) young people living in Sussex (UK), and the training needs of practitioners working with **LGBTQ** young people. The aims were to explore the experiences of young people including bullying, "coming out," social service and educational needs, and to investigate how practitioners view the needs of **LGBTQ** young people. Twenty-nine interviews were....
- **HRC Webcast Resources: The First Step is an Open Mind: Best Practices for Working with LGBTQ Youth**
Authors: Hooks-Wayman, Richard; Siciliano, Carl; **Publication Date:** 2009
 This FREE HRC webcast, which aired on May 27, 2009, provided an overview of the issues that **LGBTQ** youth face. The presenters discussed the best practice recommendations recently released by NAEH and implementation of these practices at the Ali Forney Center in New York City.
- **Young, gay and homeless in L.A. County**
Authors: House, Christina; **Publication Date:** 2010
 Homeless gay youths on the streets of Los Angeles County are largely a hidden population. Part of how they survive is by blending in. Police officers are quick to issue tickets, and the streets are full of predators. In recent weeks, Times reporter Alexandra Zavis and photographer Christina House spent time with several gay homeless men in their early 20s. They agreed to speak openly about their lives, including illegal drug use and other criminal activity, on the condition that their full names not...
- **Creating a Safe Space for GLBTQ Youth: A Toolkit**
Authors: Girl's Best Friend Foundation; Advocates for Youth; **Publication Date:** 2005
 This toolkit, produced by Girl's Best Friend Foundation and Advocates for Youth, is meant to aid workers in creating a welcoming and open environment for GLBTQ individuals in organizations that are not specifically designed for this population.
- **Sexual Health Risks and Protective Resources in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Heterosexual Homeless Youth**
Authors: Rew, Lynn; Whittaker, Tiffany; Taylor-Seehafer, Margaret; Smith, Lorie; **Journal Name:** Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing; **Publication Date:** 2005
ISSUES AND PURPOSE: To compare sexual health risks and protective resources of homeless adolescents self-identified as gay (G), lesbian (L), or bisexual (B), with those self-identified as heterosexual, and to determine the differences between these two groups and the differences within the GLB group. **DESIGN AND METHODS:** A secondary analysis of survey data collected from a nonprobability sample of 425 homeless adolescents between 16 and 20 years of age...
- **Challenges Faced by Homeless Sexual Minorities: Comparison of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Homeless Adolescents with Their Heterosexual Counterparts**
Authors:

Cochran, Bryan; Stewart, Angela; Ginzler, Joshua; Cauce, Ana; **Journal Name:** American Journal of Public Health; **Publication Date:** 2002

The goal of this study was to identify differences between gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) homeless youths and their heterosexual counterparts in terms of physical and mental health difficulties.

- **Homeless Gay and Transgender Youth of Color in San Francisco: “No One Likes Street Kids”—Even in the Castro** **Authors:** Reck, Jen; **Journal Name:** Millennial Teens: International Perspectives on **LGBTQ** Youth; **Publication Date:** 2009
...as homeless **LGBTQ** young people of color navigating this neighborhood, which is widely considered a safe haven for **LGBTQ** people. In the Castro, they experienced invisibility, police and community harassment, sexualization, and commodification. Finally, this article examined how participation in a visible gay neighborhood contributed to their vulnerability yet offered marginally housed transgender and gay youth of color an important space to explore their identities.
- **Gay dropouts say street is only option** **Authors:** Monsebraaten, Laurie; **Publication Date:** 2009
The snide remarks and put-downs were bad enough. But when his mother's live-in boyfriend sent him to a psychiatrist to be "fixed," 17-year-old Solomon Christiansen moved out.
- **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth: An Epidemic of Homelessness Executive Summary** **Authors:** Ray, Nicholas; **Publication Date:** 2006
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that the number of homeless and runaway youth ranges from 575,000 to 1.6 million per year. Our analysis of the available research suggests that between 20 percent and 40 percent of all homeless youth identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). Given that between 3 percent and 5 percent of the U.S. population identifies as lesbian, gay or bisexual, it is clear that LGBT youth experience homelessness at a disproportionate rate.
- **Discrimination and exiting homelessness among homeless adolescents** **Authors:** Milburn, Norweeta G. ; George Ayala, Psy. D. ; Eric Rice, Ph. D. ; Philip Batterham, M. P. H. ; Mary Jane Rotheram-Borus, Ph. D.; **Journal Name:** Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology; **Publication Date:** 2006
The discrimination experiences of homeless adolescents are examined in this article. The discrimination being reviewed was related to being gay, lesbian, or bisexual and exiting homelessness.
- **Research Notes: Sexual Health Risks Among Youth who are Homeless** **Authors:** Rew, Lynn; Whittaker, Tiffany; Taylor-Seehafer, Margaret; Smith, Lorie; **Journal Name:** Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing; **Publication Date:** 2005
- **Out of the Margins: A Report on Regional Listening Forums Highlighting the Experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth in Care** **Authors:** Woronoff, Rob; Estrada, Rudy; Sommer, Susan; **Organization:** Child Welfare League of America; **Publication Date:** 2006
The CWLA/Lambda Regional Listening Forums provided an opportunity for **LGBTQ** youth in care, and the adults who work with and care for them, to share their experiences and to work together to identify strategies for bringing about lasting change within the child welfare system. More than 500 youth and adult participants from 22 states attended the Forums, offering personal stories of actual experiences and concrete solutions for building the capacity of the child welfare system to better meet...
- **Gay and homeless: In plain sight, a largely hidden population** **Publication Date:** 2010
Every year, hundreds of gay youths end up on the streets of L.A. County, where they make up a disproportionate share of the people under 25 who are homeless. 'They haven't been on the streets for years and years,' an advocate says, 'so they don't look bad.'

- **Who are LGBTQI2-S Homeless Youth? Authors:** Kenney, Rachael; **Publication Date:** 2009
The HRC's Rachael Kenney provides information about who LGBTQI2-S Homeless Youth are.
- **Quick Tips: Working with LGBTQI2-S Youth who are Homeless Authors:** Kenney, Rachael
Publication Date: 2009
Youth who are homeless and identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, or Two-Spirited (LGBTQI2-S) utilize many types of services. It is important that all agencies take steps to ensure that services are accessible, culturally competent, and welcoming.
- **Episode 12: Interview with Pat Capponi Authors:** Abramovich, Ilona; **Publication Date:** 2010
Interview with Pat Capponi - Canadian author and advocate for issues of poverty and mental health. Listen to Pat and Ilona Alex discuss issues of poverty and **LGBTQ** youth homelessness.
- **Where Risks and Protective Factors Operate Differently: Homeless Sexual Minority Youth and Suicide Attempts Authors:** Walls, Eugene; Potter, Catherine; Van Leeuwen, James M.
Journal Name: Child Adolescent Social Work Journal; **Publication Date:** 2009
This study examines the relationships between social services custody, survival sex and suicide attempts in youth of all sexual orientations. Findings suggest differences between heterosexual and sexual minority youth in these areas.
- **Sexual Orientation and Adolescent Substance Use: A Meta-Analysis and Methodological Review Authors:** Marshal, Michael P.; Friedman, Mark S.; Stall, Ron; King, Kevin M.; Miles, Jonathan; Gold, Melanie A.; Bukstein, Oscar G.; Morse, Jennifer Q.; **Journal Name:** Addiction
Publication Date: 2008
Aims: Several decades of research have shown that lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) adults are at high risk for substance use and substance use disorders (SUDs). These problems may often start prior to young adulthood; however, relatively little is known about risk for substance use in LGB adolescents. The primary aims of this paper were to conduct a meta-analysis of the relationship between sexual orientation and adolescent substance use and a systematic review and critique...
- **Fact sheet: Homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Youth in Atlanta, Georgia Publication Date:** 2006
A brief fact sheet with some statistics and contact info regarding GLBT youth in Atlanta, GA.
- **Fact Sheet: Homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Youth in Boston, Massachusetts Publication Date:** 2006
A brief fact sheet with some statistics and contact info regarding GLBT youth in Boston, MA.
- **Fact Sheet: Homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Youth in Chicago Illinois Publication Date:** 2006
A brief fact sheet with some statistics and contact info regarding GLBT youth in Chicago, IL.
- **Fact sheet: Homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Youth in Denver, Colorado Publication Date:** 2006
A brief fact sheet with some statistics and contact info regarding GLBT youth in Denver, CO.
- **Fact sheet: Homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Youth in Detroit, Michigan Publication Date:** 2006
A brief fact sheet with some statistics and contact info regarding LGBT youth in Detroit, MI.
- **Fact sheet: Homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Youth in Florida Authors:** The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force **Publication Date:** 2006
A brief fact sheet with some statistics and contact info regarding LGBT youth in Florida.
- **Fact sheet: Homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Youth in Los Angeles, California Publication Date:** 2006

A brief fact sheet with some statistics and contact info regarding LGBT youth in Los Angeles, CA.

- **Fact sheet: Homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Youth in New York**
Publication Date: 2006

A brief fact sheet with some statistics and contact info regarding LGBT youth in New York.

- **Fact sheet: Homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Youth in San Francisco, California**
Publication Date: 2006

A brief fact sheet with some statistics and contact info regarding LGBT youth in San Francisco, CA.

- **Young, Gay, Homeless and Invisible: a Growing Population? Authors:** Dunne, T. A.; Prendergast, S.; Telford, D.; **Journal Name:** Culture, Health, and Sexuality; **Publication Date:** 2002

Anecdotal evidence from youth workers in Britain suggested to the authors that the number of young lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) people in the homeless population was increasing. However, a search of academic literature on young people and on homelessness revealed a lack of information on young lesbian and gay people, homeless or otherwise. This study explores the transition to independence associated with adulthood for young (16-22 years of age) LGB people.

- **HIV Risk Behavior of Runaway Youth in San Francisco: Age of Onset and Relation to Sexual Orientation**
Authors: Moon, Martha; McFarland, William; Kellogg, Timothy; Baxter, Michael; Katz, Mitchell; MacKellar, Duncan; Valleroy, Linda **Journal Name:** Youth & Society
Publication Date: 2000

The purpose of this study was to describe HIV risk behavior among runaway youth in San Francisco by age at onset and sexual orientation. Participants were a cross-sectional sample (N = 334) of male and female youth aged 12 to 21 years seeking health care at two clinics serving runaway youth. Gay/lesbian/bisexual youth reported higher levels and earlier onset of sexual and drug-using behavior compared with their heterosexual counterparts.

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Authors: Abramovich, Ilona; **Publication Date:** 2010
I.A. is a PhD student in the Adult Education and Community Development program at the University of Toronto - OISE. Her research interests focus on **LGBTQ** youth homelessness, youth culture, and support services. The main question that drives I.A.'s work and passion is "where is the support?" She strives to find where the support is for **LGBTQ** youth who are homeless in Toronto and to help share the voices of a population of people who are often silenced and unheard.

- **Queer street youth grapple with issues heterosexual counterparts do not, experts say**
Authors: Mitsuki, Lauren; **Publication Date:** 2010

Sue Pihlainen talks of being liberated on the day she summoned the courage to come out to her family as a lesbian. But among the gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual homeless youth she works with today, emancipating coming-out stories are few and far between, she said. A step out of the closet can turn into a step onto the streets for many queer youth, leaving them grappling with issues their heterosexual homeless counterparts do not face, experts say.

- **Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Homeless Youth: An Eight-City Public Health Perspective**
Authors: VanLeeuwen, James M. ; Boyle, Susan; Salomonsen-Sautel, Stacy; Barker, D. Nico; Garcia, J. T. ; Hoffman, Allison; Hopfer, Christian J. **Journal Name:** Child Welfare; **Publication Date:** 2006

This article reports on results of a one-day public health survey conducted in six states by homeless youth providers to measure and compare risk factors between lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) homeless youth and non-LGB homeless youth. This article intends to inform the child welfare field on existing gaps in services and areas where more training and technical support is necessary in providing services to homeless LGB youth.

- **Substance Use Disorder and LGBT Communities w/ Post-Test for CEUs Authors:** Beatty, Rodger L.; Lewis, Karen E.; **Publication Date:** 2003
This newsletter by the Northeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network, discusses its mission and resources dedicated to issues involving the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community. Substance abuse research, treatment considerations and clinical concerns are discussed. The authors also include a question and answer section.
- **Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Persons: Executive Summary Authors:** McCarn, S.; **Organization:** National Technical Assistance Center for State Mental Health Planning; **Publication Date:** 1999
People who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) represent a substantial minority of the U.S. population, yet pervasive prejudice and stigma often inhibit the development and provision of appropriate services for them. This report provides basic information regarding common mental health concerns of GLBT persons to aid in the development of culturally competent mental health services and supports.
- **Practice Brief 1: Providing Services and Supports for Youth who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, or Two-Spirit Authors:** Poirier, Jeffrey M. ; Francis, Karen B. ; Fisher, Sylvia K. ; Williams-Washington, Kris; Goode, Tawara D. ; Jackson, Vivian H. ; National Center for Cultural Competence; **Organization:** National Center for Cultural Competence, Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development
This Practice Brief is for policymakers, administrators, and providers seeking to learn more about (1) youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, or two-spirit (LGBTQI2-S) and (2) how to develop culturally and linguistically competent programs and services to meet their needs and preferences.
- **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Teens Often Homeless: Study Authors:** Dallas, Mary Elizabeth; HealthDay News; **Publication Date:** 2011
The National Institutes of Health reports on a recent Boston-based study that finds gay, lesbian or bisexual teens are more vulnerable to homelessness than their heterosexual peers. In conducting the study, published in the July 21 online edition of the American Journal of Public Health, researchers examined two years of survey data to assess the homeless status and sexual orientation of 6,317 public high school students in Massachusetts.
- **Effective Interventions for Underserved Populations Authors:** Portland Research and Training Center; **Publication Date:** 2007
This issue of Focal Point examines interventions for underserved populations.
- **Correlates of Resilience in Homeless Adolescents Authors:** Rew, Lynn; Taylor-Seehafer, Margaret; Thomas, Nancy; Yockey, Ronald; **Journal Name:** Journal of Nursing Scholarship **Publication Date:** 2001
Purposes: To (a) describe reasons adolescents give for their homelessness, (b) explore relationships among resilience and selected risk and protective factors, (c) identify differences in risk and protective factors by gender and sexual orientation, and (d) determine best predictors of resilience. Design: A descriptive and exploratory correlational design was used to collect and analyze data from a convenience sample of 59 homeless adolescents who sought health and social services from a community st...
- **Episode 1: Ali Forney Center Authors:** Abramovich, Ilona Alex; **Publication Date:** 2009
Interview with Executive Director Carl Siciliano of Ali Forney Center. Discussing the needs of **LGBTQ** homeless youth. Podcast (interview).
- **Culture and Trauma Brief: Trauma Among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning Youth Authors:** National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN); **Publication Date:** 2006
More and more, today's youth are self identifying as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or openly questioning (**LGBTQ**) their sexual attractions and gender identity. There is an urgent need

to ensure that comprehensive and culturally competent social and mental health services and resources are available for **LGBTQ** youth. The National Child Traumatic Stress Network promotes culturally competent trauma treatments and practices for children and adolescents exposed to trauma, ...

- **Supporting Homeless Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth Publication Date:** 2012
The Alliance has posted a new toolkit to the **LGBTQ** Youth section of the Alliance website, "Supporting Homeless Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth." The toolkit includes definitions of transgender and gender nonconforming populations, data on the transgender adult population, and recommendations for providing services to transgender youth who are experiencing homelessness.
- **Larkin Street Stories: The Homeless LGBT Experience (Episode 1) Authors:** Homelessness Resource Center (HRC); **Publication Date:** 2011
Meet Toby, Loch, and the youth from Larkin Street Youth Services in San Francisco. In Episode 1 of Larkin Street Stories they discuss their approach to supporting and accepting LGBT youth who are homeless. At the Larkin Street Drop-In Center, youth talk about how family rejection of their **LGBTQ** identity led them to leave home. Loch talks about the importance of being present for a client, and Toby reflects on her approach to helping youth to see their own strengths...
- **Kicked Out? Drop In. Authors:** Dyer, Kurt; **Publication Date:** 2006
The article relates the decision of the author and his group of friends to open an **LGBTQ** drop-in program which aims to help gay youths through social programming and support groups in Wisconsin. At first they established the center in a two-bedroom apartment in Milwaukee to help youths deal with rejection. The author is now director of youth services at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center where he runs Project Q. In his six years of operation they have supported people from all walks of life....
- SAMHSA, through its Homelessness Resource Center, convened an Expert Panel to better understand the needs of youth who are experiencing homelessness and identify as LGBT. The Expert Panel also discussed youth who are homeless and perceived as LGBT. Click below to view *Learning from the Field: Learning from the Field: Expert Panel on Youth who are LGBTQI2-S and Homeless- Summary of Proceedings*
<http://www.nrchmi.samhsa.gov/ResourceFiles/igkfngko.3.6.pdf>
- **Toolkit for Practitioners/Researchers Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Authors:** Ferguson-Colvin, Kristin; Maccio, Elaine M.; **Publication Date:** 2012
This National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCRFC) toolkit for practitioners/researchers working with **LGBTQ** RHY draws findings from: first-hand accounts from interviews, literature reviews, and empirical research. The toolkit is infused with cultural considerations, recognizing the diversity of the **LGBTQ** RHY population. It outlines specific evidence-based and evidence-informed programs, practice models, and assessment/evaluation tools that are currently...
- **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth: An Epidemic of Homelessness Executive Summary Authors:** Ray, Nicholas; **Publication Date:** 2006
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that the number of homeless and runaway youth ranges from 575,000 to 1.6 million per year. Our analysis of the available research suggests that between 20 percent and 40 percent of all homeless youth identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). Given that between 3 percent and 5 percent of the U.S. population identifies as lesbian, gay or bisexual, it is clear that LGBT youth experience homelessness at a disproportionate rate. It...

- **Archived Teleconference: Reducing Stigma and Discrimination among People who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Publication Date:** 2008
People who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) often have trouble being accepted into communities. They experience prejudice and discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. LGBT individuals who have a mental illness must cope with additional challenges that accompany their illnesses. This ongoing struggle can leave LGBT individuals and their families with feelings of low self-esteem, isolation, and hopelessness. SAMHSA's ADS Center conducted a training teleconference...
- **Learning from the Field: Listening Tour of Programs Serving Youth who are LGBTQI2-S and Experiencing Homelessness (Draft) Authors:** Winn, Laura; Homelessness Resource Center (HRC); **Publication Date:** 2011
It is estimated that between 20% and 40% of youth experiencing homelessness identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, or two-spirit (LGBTQI2-S). SAMHSA's Homelessness Resource Center conducted a Listening Tour of programs across the country to better understand best practices for serving this group. SAMHSA's HRC seeks your feedback on the Draft Listening Tour Report, to help capture "what works" when serving LGBTQI2-S youth who are homeless...
- **Lambda Legal and the Child Welfare League of America – Getting Down to Basics: Toolkit to Support LGBTQ Youth in Care Publication Date:** 2010
Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning ("LGBTQ") young people are in America's child welfare and juvenile justice systems in disproportionate numbers. Like all young people in care, they have the right to be safe and protected. All too often, however, they are misunderstood and mistreated, leading to an increased risk of negative outcomes. This tool kit offers practical tips and information to ensure that LGBTQ young people in care receive the support and services...
- **The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Health Access Project - GLBT Health Access Project** is a community-based effort first funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in 1997. The GLBT Health Access Project works with GLBT populations, and those who serve them, across the Commonwealth to respond to needs in a timely and targeted manner. It provides training, technical assistance and materials to agencies across the Commonwealth (and, because of past success, across the Nation) to help service providers learn more about the health care needs of GLBT...
- **The GLBT Health Access Project - Community Standards of Practice for Provision of Quality Health Care Services for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Clients Publication Date:** 2003
The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Health Access Project is a collaborative, community-based program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). The Project's mission is to foster the development and implementation of comprehensive, culturally appropriate, quality health promotion policies and health care services for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) people and their families. Research has indicated that fear of discrimination and stigma cause many GLBT...
- The **Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA)** - GLMA is the world's largest and oldest association of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) healthcare professionals. GLMA was founded in 1981 with the mission of ensuring equality in health care for LGBT individuals and health care professionals.
- **American Psychological Association (APA) Division 44 - The Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues (LGB)** - APA Division 44 is psychology's focal point for research, practice, and education on the lives and realities of LGB people.
- The **National Association of Lesbian and Gay Addiction Professionals (NALGAP)**

NALGAP is a membership organization founded in 1979 and dedicated to the prevention and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse, and other addictions in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. NALGAP provides information, training, networking, and advocacy about addiction and related problems as well as support for those engaged in the health professions, individuals in recovery, and others concerned about the health of gender and sexual minorities.

- **The National Center for Cultural Competence, the Center for Mental Health Services and SAMHSA** - created a brief on LGBT Youth and how to develop culturally and linguistically competent programs and services to meet their needs and preferences. Click below to view *Providing Services and Supports for Youth who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex or Two-Spirit*
<http://www11.georgetown.edu/research/gucchd/nccc/documents/lgbtqi2s.pdf>
- **Casey Life Skills - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transsexual, and Questioning Guidebook Learning Plan** **Authors:** Balsam, Kimberly F.; Nollan, Kimberly A.; Hoskins, Ray; Downs, Randa; **Publication Date:** 2007 The Casey Life Skills organization created this guidebook for GLBTQ youth to help teach the necessary life skills to live on one's own. This guidebook provides GLBTQ specific information and is intended for young adults.
- **The National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce Policy Institute and National Coalition for the Homeless - Transitioning Our Shelters: a Guide To Making Homeless Shelters Safe for Transgender People** **Authors:** Mottet, Lisa; Ohle, John; **Publication Date:** 2004
The problem of unsafe shelters for transgender people is pervasive. Transitioning our Shelters is a guide designed for shelters that want to provide safe shelter for transgender people but are not sure how to do so. A joint publication of the Task Force and the National Coalition for the Homeless, the Guide provides many answers to concerns about safety and privacy for transgender residents based on successes at real shelters across the country, the bulk of which are addressed without monetary...
- **The National Center for Victims of Crime and National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs - Why It Matters: Rethinking Victim Assistance for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Victims** **Publication Date:** 2010
This joint study by the National Center for Victims of Crime and the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, describes widespread gaps in victim services for **LGBTQ** victims of crime and recommends steps to improve both the services and their accessibility.
- **The California Homeless Youth Project - Struggling to Survive: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning Homeless Youth on the Streets of California** **Authors:** Hyatt, Shahera; **Publication Date:** 2011
The California Homeless Youth Project has just released a new policy brief, Struggling to Survive: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning Homeless Youth on the Streets of California. Drawing on existing research and conversations with homeless youth and the service providers who work with them, this brief highlights disparities within the homeless youth community and the challenges facing **LGBTQ** youth at home, before they're forced to leave, and after they enter life...
- **California Safe Schools Coalition and 4-H Center for Youth Development - A safe place to learn: Consequences of harassment based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender non-conformity and steps for making schools safer** **Authors:** O'Shaughnessy, Molly; Russell, Steven; Heck, Katherine; Calhoun, Christopher; Laub, Carolyn; **Publication Date:** 2004
The problem of harassment in California schools on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender non-conformity has been widely reported, but rarely studied. This study, carried out by the California Safe Schools Coalition and the 4-H Center for Youth Development at the University of California, Davis, analyzes data from two sources. The 2001-2002 California

Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), designed by WestEd under a contract with the California Department of Education, is a state survey o...

- **The National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce Policy Institute and the National Coalition for the Homeless - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth: An Epidemic of Homelessness**
Publication Date: 2006
Estimates of homeless youth who identify as GLBTQ range from 20-40%, compared to 3-5% of the total U.S. population. Ray and contributing authors have compiled a comprehensive report on the state of homeless GLBTQ youth for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. The report covers the literature on topics including the state of youth homelessness today, federal response to youth homelessness, and the experiences of homeless youth. Several exemplary programs that serve homeless GLBTQ youth...
- **National Association of Lesbian and Gay Addiction Professionals (NALGAP)** - The Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Addiction Professionals and Their Allies is a membership organization founded in 1979 and dedicated to the prevention and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse, and other addictions in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer communities. [*A Trainer's Guide: A Provider's Introduction to Substance Abuse Treatment for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Individuals*](#) This training curriculum was developed to be informative to a range of audiences including, the trainee who has no familiarity with LGBT populations, the trainee who has moderate knowledge and experience, and the trainee with considerable knowledge who can benefit from a refresher. The curriculum is targeted to clinical and administrative staff, but Modules 1-4 Overview may also be helpful to support staff, and Modules 14-17 Administrator's Guide may be helpful to operating and financial staff.
- **The American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law – ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty and The National Network for Youth** [*Runaway and Homeless Youth: Model State Statutes*](#) Since the development of laws which specifically address children and youth, the specific needs of *homeless* youth have rarely been taken into account. Even when homeless youth come into contact with traditional youth systems, such as the foster care or juvenile justice system, laws still have not addressed the particular circumstances of their lives. Recognizing this historical gap, the American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness and Poverty and the National Network for Youth (NN4Y) began planning for the first National Conference on Homeless Youth and the Law. The fact that no such conference had ever been held underscored the fact that homeless youth had long been overlooked by our state policymakers.