



# Connecticut

Resource List

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NOTE: See the following publications for additional resources:

- *Immigration Issues and Resources:*  
<http://www.glad.org/uploads/docs/publications/immigration-issues-and-resources.pdf>
- *Resources for Prisoners and Ex-Offenders in New England:*  
<http://www.glad.org/uploads/docs/publications/resources-for-prisoners-and-ex-offenders-in-ne.pdf>
- *Transgender Resources:*  
<http://www.glad.org/uploads/docs/publications/trans-resources.pdf>

# Civil Rights

## **Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities**

CHRO is a government organization that seeks to eliminate discrimination through civil and human rights law enforcement and to establish equal opportunity and justice for all persons within the state through advocacy and education. The Commission takes discrimination complaints and will investigate your allegation without charge. CHRO has four regional offices: Hartford, Waterbury, Bridgeport and Norwich.

25 Sigourney Street  
Hartford, CT 06106  
Tel: 1-800-477-5737 (toll free); 860-541-3400  
<http://www.ct.gov/chro/site/default.asp>

## **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) – CT**

The American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut (ACLU-CT) is a nonpartisan, non-profit membership organization whose mission is to assure that the Bill of Rights and the rights guaranteed by the Connecticut Constitution are preserved for each new generation. The ACLU-CT accomplishes these goals through legislative advocacy, litigation, grassroots organizing and public education on a broad array of issues affecting our liberties. The ACLU-CT is one of 53 affiliates of the American Civil Liberties Union nationwide. The ACLU-CT generally files cases that affect the civil liberties of large numbers of people, rather than those involving a dispute between two parties

330 Main St., First Floor  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
Tel: 860-523-9146  
[info@acluct.org](mailto:info@acluct.org)  
<http://www.acluct.org/>

## General Legal Services

### **Statewide Legal Services, Inc.**

Statewide Legal Services (SLS) is a telephone hotline providing legal assistance in Connecticut, particularly regarding civil cases such as housing and employment discrimination, and for low-income individuals and families. SLS advises over the phone, mails information, and refers callers to appropriate and available legal services or private attorneys at no cost to the client. SLS is part of a broader Connecticut Network for Legal Aid, which also includes: Connecticut Legal Services, Greater Hartford Legal Aid, New Haven Legal Assistance Association, and Legal Assistance Resource Center.

Tel: 1-800-453-3320 (toll free) or 860-344-0380

<http://www.slsct.org/>

Hotline Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. and 1-2 P.M.

### **Connecticut Bar Association**

The Connecticut Bar Association is a membership organization of Connecticut attorneys working to advance the principles of justice, the practice of law and the public understanding of the law. The CBA website includes a service called "[Find A Lawyer](#)" that lists attorneys in Connecticut by practice area, as well as a list of participating agencies in the [Connecticut Pro Bono Network](#).

30 Bank Street

PO Box 350

New Britain, CT 06050-0350

Tel: 860-223-4400

E-mail: [msc@ctbar.org](mailto:msc@ctbar.org)

## **Local Bar Association Lawyer Referral Services**

The Hartford, New Haven, and New London County Bar Associations each provide lawyer referral services for a fee:

Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, Tolland and Windham Counties

179 Allyn Street, Suite 210

Hartford, CT 06103

Lawyer Referral Service: 860-525-6052

Email: [hcba@hartfordbar.org](mailto:hcba@hartfordbar.org)

<http://hartfordbar.org/lawyer-referral/>

Hotline Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. and Friday, 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Fee: \$25 per half hour, waived for Personal Injury, Worker's Compensation and Social Security Disability matters.

New Haven County

PO Box 1441

New Haven, CT 06506

<http://www.newhavenbar.org/?lr>

Lawyer Referral Service: 203-562-5750

Hotline Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Modest Means Reduced Fee Referral Program: 203-562-0162

New London County

PO BOX 97 Yantic, CT 06389-0097

Tel: 860-889-9384

Online Referral Form: <http://www.nlcba.org/Html/referralinfopublic.php>

## **Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)**

CWEALF is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to empowering women, girls and their families to achieve equal opportunities in their personal and professional lives. CWEALF offers services to women and LGBT people who step outside of gender roles. CWEALF explains laws, makes referrals to attorneys and other service providers, and provides training to employers, schools, and community organizations.

Information & Referral Service: 860-524-0601; 1-800-479-2949 (toll free)

Hotline Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M – 2:00P.M. and Friday 9:00A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

75 Charter Oak Ave., Suite 1-300

Hartford, CT 06106

[cwealf@cwealf.org](mailto:cwealf@cwealf.org)

Online Referral Form: <http://www.cwealf.org/501/contact/information-and-referral/>

## **Community Mediation, Inc.**

Community Mediation, Inc. (CM), established in 1980, is the oldest community-based mediation program in Connecticut. We provide mediation and other conflict resolution services in the greater New Haven area and training throughout Connecticut. Staff and trained volunteers empower individuals, families, organizations and communities to resolve their own disputes. We also collaborate with a wide range of organizations. Community mediation can help with many types of conflicts or refer parties to more appropriate agencies. Mediation is the use of trained neutral third parties to help people resolve their conflicts themselves.

3013 Dixwell Avenue

Hamden, CT 06518

Tel: 203-782-3500

## **LGBT Community Centers**

### **The New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center**

The New Haven Pride Center has served Connecticut's LGBT community since it was officially incorporated in 1996. The Center serves as a meeting space for several groups, including the Rainbow Support Group, GLANCE (ages 18-28), and Transgender Social/Support Group.

84 Orange Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

203-387-2252

[nhglcc@gmail.com](mailto:nhglcc@gmail.com)

### **Triangle Community Center**

The Triangle Community Center serves as a meeting point for several groups, including Adult Survivors of Abuse of Fairfield County, Lesbian Latebloomers, My Single Mom and Me, OutSpoken (youth), and Triangle Transgender Society.

618 West Ave.

Norwalk, CT 06850

Tel: 203-853-0600

[tcc@ctgay.org](mailto:tcc@ctgay.org)

## **General Health**

### **211 Connecticut**

2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects callers, at no cost, to information about critical health and human services available in their community. It is free, multilingual, and operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

United Way of Connecticut

1344 Silas Deane Highway

Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067-1350

Tel: 211 (in-state); 860-571-7500 (out-of-state)

[infoline@ctunitedway.org](mailto:infoline@ctunitedway.org)

<http://www.211ct.org/default.asp>



## **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective**

The Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective (HGLHC) currently provides medical services, support groups, mental health services and health education tailored to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities, but serves clients of all genders and gender identities, sexual orientations, ages and ethnicities. Medical services by appointment include STD diagnosis and treatment, HIV Counseling and testing, and dental care.

1841 Broad Street  
Hartford, CT 06114  
Tel: 860-278-4163  
[info@hglhc.org](mailto:info@hglhc.org)

## **HIV/AIDS**

### **AIDS Connecticut**

ACT is a statewide coalition of organizations that provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS in Connecticut. These services include: financial assistance, advocacy, employment, consumer empowerment, prevention and outreach, and homeless management information system.

110 Bartholomew Ave  
Suite 3050, Hartford  
CT 06106  
Tel: 860-247-AIDS (2437)  
[www.aids-ct.org](http://www.aids-ct.org)

## **CT Department of Public Health – Aids and Chronic Diseases**

Connecticut provides core medical and supportive services to people living with HIV or AIDS (PLWHA) and their families through various "HIV/AIDS service and community-based organizations." These services include: medical case management, primary medical care, oral health, mental health, substance abuse-outpatient, medical nutrition therapy, HIV-related medications, health insurance premium and cost sharing assistance, home health care, home-and-community based services, hospice care, medical transportation, housing-related services, food bank/meals, psychosocial support, linguistic services and related emergency financial assistance. Eligible PLWHA can access these core medical and support services throughout Connecticut at no cost to them.

Health Care and Support Services Unit: 1-860-509-7806

Additionally, the DPH website provides a 13-page guide of both government funded and non-governmental organizations that provide HIV care, prevention and support: [HIV Care, Prevention, and Support Services by County](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/aids_and_chronic/care/pdf/hiv_core_and_support_services_by_county.pdf).  
[http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/aids\\_and\\_chronic/care/pdf/hiv\\_core\\_and\\_support\\_services\\_by\\_county.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/aids_and_chronic/care/pdf/hiv_core_and_support_services_by_county.pdf)

## **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – National HIV and STD Testing Resources**

The CDC-INFO Center (a replacement of the CDC HIV/AIDS Hotline) provides science-based health information to answer questions regarding HIV/AIDS. The CDC-NPIN (National Prevention Information Network) provides information about organizations that provide HIV/AIDS –related services, educational materials, and funding resources. AIDSinfo provides answers to questions about, and access to, resources related to HIV or AIDS treatment or clinical trials.

CDC-INFO: 1-800-232-4636 (24-hour hotline)

[cdcinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:cdcinfo@cdc.gov)

CDC-NPIN: 1-800-458-5231

[info@cdcnpin.org](mailto:info@cdcnpin.org)

AIDSinfo: 1-800-448-0440

Hotline Hours: Monday through Friday, Noon to 5:00 P.M.

[ContactUs@aidinfo.nih.gov](mailto:ContactUs@aidinfo.nih.gov)

## **Children, Youth & Family AIDS Network (CYFAN)**

CYFAN, a program of the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut, subcontracts 7 community health centers that offers HIV/AIDS primary care services, coordination of the Perinatal HIV Transmission Project, medical case management services (intensive child and youth centered), mental health services and support groups for infected and affected children, youth and their families. CYFAN focuses on services for youth between 13-24. Participating CYFAN agencies can be found in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, and Willimantic.

Kathyleen Pitner: [kpitner@chcact.org](mailto:kpitner@chcact.org)

Community Health Center Association of Connecticut  
100 Great Meadow Road, Suite 400  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
Tel: 860-667-7820

## **Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault**

### **Victim Rights Center of Connecticut (VRCC)**

VRCC is dedicated to serving the needs of victims of violent crime by combining understanding of the effects of trauma on victims with knowledge of the many ways the legal system can help to reduce the disruptions that violence can bring to the lives of survivors. VRCC acts as independent legal counsel sworn to protect the legal rights and best interests of the victim through a broad-based approach grounded in litigation, creative problem solving, and extensive knowledge of the judicial system. It has a particular focus on violence against people identifying as LGBTQ, especially young people.

8 Research Pkwy  
Wallingford, CT 06492  
Tel: 203-350-3515  
[mail@vrct.org](mailto:mail@vrct.org)  
<http://victimrightscenter.com/>

## **Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) acts as the umbrella organization for the eighteen domestic violence agencies operating throughout Connecticut, offering referrals to support groups and shelters. All information is strictly confidential. GLAD has found that though the CCADV comfortably assists women battered by women, the CCADV offers few resources for men battered by men. For additional services for men battered by men, refer to Massachusetts' Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project, which provides 24-hour hotline services in Connecticut at 1-800-832-1901 (toll free).

912 Silas Deane Highway, Lower Level

Wethersfield, CT 06109

24 Hour Hotline: 888-774-2900

[contactus@ctcadv.org](mailto:contactus@ctcadv.org)

<http://www.ctcadv.org/>

## **Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.**

CONNSACS is a statewide coalition of individual sexual crisis programs that work to end sexual violence through victim assistance, community education, and public policy advocacy. The 24/7 hotline provides free and confidential services, including counseling, information, and referrals. The website provides a [list of member sexual assault crisis programs](#) throughout the state, which each offer support groups, community education programs, and community prevention programs.

96 Pitkin Street

East Hartford, CT 06108

Tel: 860-282-9881

Statewide 24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline: 1-888-999-5545 (English); 1-888-568-8332 (Español)

[info@connsacs.org](mailto:info@connsacs.org)

<http://www.connsacs.org/seeksupport/index.htm>

## Youth/Schools

### **True Colors: Sexual Minority Youth and Family Services**

True Colors is a non-profit organization that works with other social service agencies, schools, organizations, and within communities to ensure that the needs of sexual and gender minority youth are both recognized and competently met. The organization trains more than 2400 people annually, organizes the largest LGBT youth conference in the country with more than 2000 attendees and manages the state's only LGBT mentoring program. True Colors offers both One-on-One and Group Mentoring Programs.

30 Arbor Street, Suite 201A

Hartford, CT 06106

Tel: 860-232-0050

[director@ourtruecolors.org](mailto:director@ourtruecolors.org)

### **Kids in Crisis**

Kids in Crisis Counselors offer 24-hour support to work through any situation. Kids in Crisis also offers two emergency shelters in Cos Cob: the Crisis Nursery for infants and young children and the Teen House for adolescents. Both homes are licensed by the State of Connecticut, include medical clinics, and provide therapeutic care.

1 Salem Street

Cos Cob, CT 06807

Tel: 203-327- KIDS (5437) (24-hour support)

### **GLSEN - Connecticut**

Network of parents, students, educators and others ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression in K-12 schools.

P.O. Box 2405

Stamford, CT 06906-0405

Tel: 203-533-9613

[Connecticut@chapters.glsen.org](mailto:Connecticut@chapters.glsen.org)

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

## **PFLAG**

PFLAG is an international organization dedicated to preserving families in loving relationships, to educating an ill-informed public about homosexuality, and to the attainment of full civil rights for gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual people and their families. Parents, children, and friends are all welcome to monthly meetings to share experiences and learn from one another. Local chapters:

### Hartford

1335 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Tel: 860-305-2743

[pflaghartford@gmail.com](mailto:pflaghartford@gmail.com)

<http://www.pflaghartford.org/connecticut.html>

### New Haven/Shoreline

166 Lovers Lane, Guilford, CT 06437

[greaternewhavenpflag@yahoo.com](mailto:greaternewhavenpflag@yahoo.com)

Tel: 203-458-0493

### Norwalk/Southwestern CT

16 River Street, Norwalk, CT 06851

[pflagswct@yahoo.com](mailto:pflagswct@yahoo.com)

Tel: 203-874-7365

### Southeastern CT

c/o Noank Baptist Church, 18 Cathedral Heights, Noank, CT 06340

[pflagsect@snet.net](mailto:pflagsect@snet.net)

Tel: 860-447-0884

## **The Rainbow Room at the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective (HGLHC)**

The Rainbow Room provides a support group for young people from ages 13-21, meeting the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3-6 PM at the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective.

1841 Broad Street

Hartford, CT 06114

Tel: 860-278-4163

[info@hglhc.org](mailto:info@hglhc.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/HGLHCRainbowRoom>

## **Outspoken at the Triangle Community Center**

Every Sunday from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., the Triangle Community Center hosts a support group for LGBT and questioning youth, discussing various topics including family, school, work, friends, relationships, movies, politics, and fitting into both the gay and straight world. The group also hosts guest speakers, health educations, and social events.

Contact: Dan Woog

[dwoog@optonline.net](mailto:dwoog@optonline.net)

Tel: 203-227-1755, Toll-Free: 866-86CTGAY (866-862-8429)

Triangle Community Center

618 West Ave.

Norwalk, CT 06850

Tel: 203-853-0600

[tcc@ctgay.org](mailto:tcc@ctgay.org)

# Transgender

## **Connecticut Outreach Society**

The Connecticut Outreach Society (COS) is a support group for transgendered individuals and their spouses or significant others. COS meets twice monthly in the Hartford area.

P.O. Box 163  
Farmington, CT 06034  
(860) 604-6343  
[info@ctoutreach.org](mailto:info@ctoutreach.org)

## **Triangle Transgender Society**

The Triangle Transgender Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. to share life experiences, thoughts, support each other, and make new friends. Any member of the TG family and community is welcome.

Contact: Amy Rose  
[amy@ctgay.org](mailto:amy@ctgay.org)  
Triangle Community Center  
618 West Ave.  
Norwalk, CT 06850  
Tel: 203-853-0600  
[tcc@ctgay.org](mailto:tcc@ctgay.org)

## **New Haven Transgender Social/Support Group**

The New Haven Transgender Social/Support Group meets at the New Haven Gay & Lesbian Center. All attendees are invited to join.

Contact: Tony Ferraiolo  
[tony@tonyferraiolo.com](mailto:tony@tonyferraiolo.com)

New Haven Pride Center  
84 Orange St.  
New Haven, CT 06510  
203-387-2252  
[nhglcc@gmail.com](mailto:nhglcc@gmail.com)



# Immigration

## **International Institute of Connecticut (IIC)**

IIC provides a variety of educational programming and technical assistance to immigrants. They will assist in the preparation and filing of applications for adjustment of status. Represents immigrants in exclusion, deportation, or asylum proceedings, and refers to local attorneys. Fee for service. Does not represent immigrants with criminal histories, but can consult and refer to other attorneys. Services are available in all major world languages.

Tel: 203-336-0141, 670 Clinton Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06605

Tel: 860-692-3085, 175 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106

Tel: 203-965-7190, 34 Woodland Ave., Stamford, CT 06902

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

## **Jerome N. Frank Legal Services--Yale University Law School**

Attorneys and students work together to provide assistance to asylum seekers, by preparing applications for work authorization and asylum, preparing clients for INS asylum interviews, presenting cases before judges. Also represent clients in deportation proceedings. Provides referrals to other attorneys when unable to represent clients themselves. Services are provided in a wide variety of languages.

P.O. Box 209090

New Haven, CT 06520-9090

Tel: 203-432-4800

<http://www.law.yale.edu/academics/3936.htm>



Through strategic litigation, public policy advocacy, and education, GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders works in New England and nationally to create a just society free of discrimination based on gender identity, HIV status, and sexual orientation.

**GLAD Answers** and publications are provided *free of charge* to all who need them. We hope that those who are able will make a contribution to ensure that GLAD can continue the fight for equal justice under the law.

To make a tax-deductible contribution, visit our website at [www.glad.org](http://www.glad.org), or call us at (800) 455-GLAD (4523) with your credit card, or mail your check, payable to GLAD to 30 Winter Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02108. If your workplace has a matching gift program, please be sure to have your donation matched. Please contact us if you would like more information on becoming a GLAD partner.

*Thank You!*



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