



# Maine

## Resource List

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NOTE: See the following publications for additional resources:

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

## Civil Rights

### **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Maine Foundation**

The MCLU is an advocacy organization dedicated to preserving and advancing civil liberties and civil rights. With the assistance of volunteer lawyers, they provide legal assistance in cases that will establish precedent on important civil liberties and civil rights principles. This most often involves the filing of "friend of the court" briefs in cases that are already on appeal. They occasionally provide direct representation to individuals or organizations whose rights are jeopardized by government actions.

121 Middle Street, Suite 301

Portland, ME 04101

Tel: 207-774-5444

Fax: 207-774-1103

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

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

### **Maine Human Rights Commission**

The Maine Human Rights Commission is the State agency charged with the responsibility of enforcing Maine's anti-discrimination laws. The Commission investigates complaints of unlawful discrimination in employment, housing, education, access to public accommodations, extension of credit, and offensive names. The Commission attempts to resolve complaints of discrimination to the mutual satisfaction of those who are involved. The Maine Human Rights Act authorizes the Commission to pursue remedies for unlawful discrimination in Court when necessary to enforce the Act.

#51 State House Station

19 Union Street

Augusta, ME 04333-0051

Tel: 207-624-6290 (general), TTY: Maine Relay 711

Fax: 207-624-8729

[www.state.me.us/mhrc](http://www.state.me.us/mhrc)

## **Maine Attorney General's Office - Civil Rights Unit**

Hate crimes reporting.

See also: Maine Attorney General - Hate Crimes Protection (6 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333)

6 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Tel: 207-626-8800; 207-626-8865 (TTY)

Fax: 207-287-3120

<http://www.maine.gov/ag/contact.html>

[http://www.maine.gov/ag/civil\\_rights/index.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/ag/civil_rights/index.shtml)

## **General Legal Services**

### **Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS), Maine State Bar Association**

\$25 fee for referrals, but first half-hour consultation with the lawyer is free.

124 State Street, P.O. Box 788

Augusta, ME 04332-0788

Referral Line: 1-800-860-1460

General Inquiries: 207-622-7523

Online Form: [www.mainebar.org/lawyer-referral/request-form/info@mainebar.org](http://www.mainebar.org/lawyer-referral/request-form/info@mainebar.org)

### **Muskie Fund for Legal Services (list of legal aid providers)**

The Muskie Fund for Legal Services is a nonprofit organization established to administer and raise funds to support 6 of the largest legal aid services in Maine.

P. O. Box 547  
Portland, ME 04112

Tel: 207-774-4753

Fax: 207-828-2300

[www.muskiefund.org/beneficiaries](http://www.muskiefund.org/beneficiaries)

Its website lists full contact information for these services: Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic (207-780-4370), Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (207-780-1593), Legal Services for the Elderly (800-750-5353), Maine Equal Justice Partners (207-626-7058), Pine Tree Legal Assistance (207-774-8211), Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project (800-442-4293).

## **Office of Court Alternative Dispute Resolution (mediation/arbitration)**

The Office of Court Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is available in every court and in every county in Maine. The Office of Court ADR maintains eight statewide rosters of individuals who are eligible to provide ADR services. Participants must have a pending case before the courts, typically in the areas of domestic relations, small claims, or general civil litigation. Cases may be referred by the court to the Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (CADRES) in the following ways:

1. when ADR is requested by all parties;
2. when ADR is required by statute or rule;
3. after a party makes a motion for ADR; or
4. on the court's own motion.

P.O. Box 4820

Portland, ME 04112-4820

Tel: 207-822-0792

Contact: Diane Kenty at [diane.kenty@maine.gov](mailto:diane.kenty@maine.gov)

[http://www.courts.maine.gov/maine\\_courts/adr/office\\_courtadr.html](http://www.courts.maine.gov/maine_courts/adr/office_courtadr.html)

## **Maine Association of Mediators**

The Maine Association of Mediators is a nonprofit alternative dispute resolution network that provides mediation, arbitration, early neutral evaluation, and facilitation services to Maine individuals, businesses and the court system.

PO Box 8187

Portland, ME 04104

Tel: 877-265-9712

[administrator@mainemediators.org](mailto:administrator@mainemediators.org)

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

## **HIV/AIDS**

### **Frannie Peabody Center**

Frannie Peabody Center is the largest community-based HIV/AIDS service organization in Maine, providing prevention services for at-risk groups and direct services for people living with HIV/AIDS. Certain resources and services are available in Spanish. The office in Portland provides anonymous, rapid HIV testing

30 Danforth Street, #311  
Portland, ME 04101  
HIV Testing Tel: 207-749-6818

Office Tel: 207-871-0216  
[prevention@peabodycenter.org](mailto:prevention@peabodycenter.org)

## **Other Health/Disability**

### **Maine Office of Adult Mental Health Services**

Adult Mental Health Services is a division of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Most of its services are provided through regional offices, which offer coordination of services (case management), crisis intervention, support in the home, job training and on-the-job support, and residential services and housing for mental illness caused by injury, disease, biological changes in the brain, abuse, or a combination of factors.

State House Station #11, Hospital Street  
Marquardt Building, 2nd Floor  
Augusta, ME 04333-0040  
Tel: 1-888-568-1112 (crisis number); 207-287-2595 (general)  
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mh/>

### **Consumers for Affordable Health Care**

Since 1988, Consumers for Affordable Health Care has led the fight for affordable health care in Maine. They exist to ensure that health care consumers have a strong voice in health care matters, expand coverage to the uninsured and underinsured, and improve the quality of health care. CAHC operates a general health care helpline and publishes health care guides.

P.O. Box 2490  
Augusta, ME 04338-2490  
Tel: 800-965-7476  
Helpline: 207-622-7083  
General: 800-838-0388

TTY: 877-362-9570  
Fax: 207-214-5233  
<http://mainecahc.org/about-us/contact-us/>

### **Disability Rights Center (DRC)**

Non-governmental advocacy agency to improve and enforce rights of people with disabilities. DRC provides information, referrals, advocacy at meetings and hearings, legal representation, trainings and work as coalition partners.

24 Stone Street  
Augusta, ME 04338-2007  
Tel: 800-452-1948  
Fax: 207-621-1419  
[advocate@drcme.org](mailto:advocate@drcme.org)  
<http://www.drcme.org/>  
Contact: Kim Moody, Executive Director

### **Wabanaki Mental Health Association**

Wabanaki Mental Health Association, NPC., is a non-for-profit mental health agency, fully licensed by the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services (BDS) providing Case Management, Community Support, Substance Abuse Treatment Services and HIV/AIDS testing, counseling, information and prevention to Native American adults, adolescents and children

187 Exchange Street  
Bangor, ME 04401  
Tel: 207-990-0605  
Fax: 207-990-4784  
[info@wabanaki.org](mailto:info@wabanaki.org)

## **211 Maine**

Universal number and website for non-emergency health, social economic, and human services information, available 24 hours a day.

50 Lydia Lane

South Portland, ME 04106

Tel: dial 211 (HelpLine); 877-463-6207 (toll-free for out of state); 207-221-8150 (general)

Fax: 207-874-1181

[info@211maine.org](mailto:info@211maine.org)

[www.211maine.org](http://www.211maine.org)

## **Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault**

### **Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV)**

State-wide coalition including 10 shelters/programs in all of Maine's 16 counties. Direct services include emergency shelter, referrals and information, court advocacy, support groups and monitoring batterers' education programs. Can help victims understand and complete pro se paperwork to obtain Protection from Abuse Orders. The MCEDV website includes a GLBT abuse page.

104 Sewall Street

Augusta, ME 04330

Tel: 866-83-4HELP (HelpLine); 207-430-8334 (general)

Fax: 207-941-9327

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

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

### **Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA)**

The Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault is organized to put an end to sexual violence in Maine and to ensure that there will be ongoing support and services for victims and survivors. MECASA represents and serves Maine's ten sexual assault support centers and provides: a clearinghouse of information, resources, and expertise between sexual assault crisis and support centers and other individuals, organizations and groups; networking, support and technical assistance among the centers; collection, compilation and distribution of statewide statistics; establishment of and advocacy for minimum standards of operation for the centers; liaison services between

sexual assault support centers and government partners; recommendations for allocation of government funds for sexual assault support centers; work for public policy reform; statewide training programs and materials; programs to build and sustain public awareness around the issue of sexual assault and common misconceptions about sexual assault. The MECASA website includes an LGBTQQI page stating that “MECASA is committed to increasing support for and education about LGBTQQI victims/survivors.”

83 Western Avenue, Suite 2

Augusta, ME 04330

Tel: 800-871-7741 (Hotline); TTY 888-458-5599; 207-626-0034 (general)

Fax: 207-626-5503

<http://www.mecasa.org/index.php/contact>

## **Youth/Schools**

### **Gay, Lesbian and Straight Network (GLSEN)**

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

Downeast Maine Chapter  
PO Box 373, Ellsworth, ME 04605  
Tel: 207-667-2358  
[downeastme@chapters.glsen.org](mailto:downeastme@chapters.glsen.org)

Southern Maine Chapter  
PO Box 10334, Portland, ME 04104  
Tel: 207-775-0173  
[glsensomaine@gmail.com](mailto:glsensomaine@gmail.com)  
[www.glsen.org/southernme](http://www.glsen.org/southernme)

### **PFLAG Portland**

Meets from 7-9 pm 2nd Tuesday of each month at Woodford's Church in Portland, Maine. Provides support, education, and advocacy for parents, family, and friends of GLBT. Also chapters in Ellsworth/Hancock Co. (288 Winkumpaugh Rd., Ellsworth, ME 04605, Tel: 207-667-5621) and Machias. (1658 Port Rd, Machiasport ME 04655, [info@pflagmachias.org](mailto:info@pflagmachias.org))

P.O. Box 8742  
Portland, ME 04104  
Tel: 207-831-3015  
[pflagportlandmaine@gmail.com](mailto:pflagportlandmaine@gmail.com)

## **New Beginnings**

They provide emergency shelter, supported housing, case management, street outreach, drop in center @ 491 Main Street for youth in crisis (abused, neglected, exploited, and/or homeless youth) and their families. New Beginnings also offers an HIV prevention program for youth. Also services in Farmington, ME 207-778-6193.

436 Main Street

Lewiston, ME 04240

Tel: 207-795-4077, 207-795-4070 (Shelter)

Fax: 207-795-4080

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

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

Contact: Mary Ruchinkas

## **Out As I Want to Be**

Out As I Want to Be is an organization for GLBTQ young people ages 14-22. Meetings held Weds. 5-8pm and Fri. 6-9pm. Visit their website for links to other local GLBTQ groups for young people: PRYSM (Portland), Outright L/A (Lewiston/Auburn), Outrageously Supportive (Bangor).

328 Main St, Rockland

3rd floor, Suite 305

Rockland, ME 04841

Tel: 800-530-6997

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

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

## **Trans Youth Equality Foundation (TYEF)**

TYEF provides education, advocacy and support for transgender and gender non-conforming children and youth and their families. It's mission is to share information about the unique needs of this community, partnering with families, educators and service providers to help foster a healthy, caring, and safe environment for all transgender children.

P.O. Box 7441

Portland, ME 04112-7441

207-478-4087

[contact@transyouthequality.org](mailto:contact@transyouthequality.org)

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

Contact: Susan Maasch

## **Transgender**

### **Trans Youth Equality Foundation (TYEF)**

See listing under Youth/Schools above.

### **Maine Transgender Network**

Maine Transgender Network, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about gender identity and raising awareness of the varied forms of gender expression. They provide resources to the trans community of Maine, as well as consultation, education, and trainings to social service/mental health professionals and interested others. They provide monthly support meetings in Portland and Bangor, monthly social gatherings in Brunswick, a Portland group for parents of transgender children, a speakers bureau and more.

640 Brighton Ave

Portland, ME 04102

Mailing: PO Box 1034, Westbrook, ME 04098

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

Contact: Branden Parker- [mtn@mainetransnet.org](mailto:mtn@mainetransnet.org)

## **Religion**

### **Religious Coalition Against Discrimination**

The Religious Coalition Against Discrimination (RCAD) is a statewide interfaith network of clergy and lay religious leaders in Maine whose mission is to educate and publicly advocate for the civil and human rights of all people, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons, within our diverse Maine congregations and communities.

515 Woodford Street

Portland, ME 04101

Tel: (207) 221.2151 (Toll Free)

<http://www.rcadmaine.org/contact/>





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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1.800.455.GLAD (4523)  
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