

## Expanded List of Resources Related to LGBTQ Youth in Care

### [Advocates for Youth](#)

Helps young people make responsible decisions about sexual health. Hosts a separate [website for LGBTQ youth](#), including resources for youth of color and rural residents.

### [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

Read a free [abstract](#) or subscribe to download full text of “Family Rejection as a Predictor of Negative Health Outcomes in White and Latino Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Young Adults,” by Caitlin Ryan, PhD, *Pediatrics*, January 2009.

### [American Bar Association](#)

Features resources for judges, lawyers and other professionals involved in the dependency court system. Order *Opening Doors for LGBTQ Youth in Foster Care: A Guide for Lawyers and Judges*, 2008.

### [American Civil Liberties Union](#)

Download full text of [Too High a Price: The Case Against Restricting Gay Parenting](#), 2006.

### [Casey Family Programs](#)

Download full text of [Focus on Foster Care: Supporting LGBTQ Youth and Families](#).

### [Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare](#)

Publishes the free magazine [CW360°: A Comprehensive Look at a Prevalent Child Welfare Issue](#). See especially “Permanency for Transgender Youth” by Jody Marksamer, JD, on page 23 of the [Spring 2009](#) issue.

### [Child Welfare League of America](#)

Variety of resources available on LGBTQ issues, including further web and publication references. See the section on [“Sexual Orientation/Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning \(LGBTQ\) Youth Issues.”](#) Also see [CWL A Position Statement on Parenting of Children by Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Adults](#). Titles available for purchase:

- Special LGBTQ Edition, *Child Welfare: Journal of Policy, Practice and Program*, 2006.

- *CWLA Best Practice Guidelines: Serving LGBT Youth in Out-of-Home Care*, co-produced with the National Center for Lesbian Rights and Legal Services for Children, 2006. Read this [free PDF of the executive summary](#).
- *Lesbian and Gay Youth Issues: A Practice Guide for Youth Workers*, by Gerald P. Mallon, 2001.
- *Serving Transgender Youth: The Role of Child Welfare Agencies, Proceedings of a Colloquium*, September 2000.

### **Coalition for Positive Sexuality**

Provides factual sexuality and sexual health information for LGBTQ youth.

### **Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute**

Two free policy and practice publications are available:

- [\*Expanding Resources for Children: Is Adoption by Gays and Lesbians Part of the Answer for Boys and Girls Who Need Homes?\*](#)
- [\*Expanding Resources for Waiting Children II: Eliminating Legal & Practice Barriers to Gay & Lesbian Adoption from Foster Care\*](#).

### **Family Equality Council**

Works to ensure equality for LGBTQ families.

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

Focuses on ensuring safe schools for all students.

### **Human Rights Campaign**

See especially their [\*All Children/All Families\*](#) LGBT foster and adoptive family recruitment and training initiative.

### **Lambda Legal**

Committed to achieving recognition of the civil rights of LGBTQ people and those with HIV through litigation, education and public policy work. Co-produced a number of resources with the Child Welfare League of America through their joint initiative, *Fostering Transitions*. Free resources available in hard copy or downloadable PDF:

- [\*Getting Down to Basics: Tools to Support LGBTQ Youth in Care\*](#), developed in partnership with CWLA, is a comprehensive toolkit for a variety of audiences. Includes references to many more resources.
- [\*National Recommended Best Practices for Serving LGBT Homeless Youth\*](#), co-produced with the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the National Network for Youth, 2009.
- [\*Out of the Margins: A Report on Regional Listening Forums Highlighting the Experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth in Care\*](#), co-produced with CWLA, 2006.
- [\*Youth in the Margins: A Report on the Unmet Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Adolescents in Foster Care\*](#), 2001.

### **National Association of Social Workers**

Working with Lambda Legal to provide training on the needs of LGBTQ youth in care. Also produces the website [Help Starts Here](#), which includes an overview of suicide risks among LGBTQ youth.

### **National CASA Association**

Download the following free resources related to LGBTQ youth in care from the [Connection home page](#): a tip sheet and sensitivity exercise for CASA programs; a podcast featuring the voices of experts on advocating for LGBTQ youth; a podcast on working with these youth; and the 42-page *Annotated Bibliography: Resources for Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth and Families in the Foster Care System*, 2006, which includes even more national resource websites and publications.

### **National Center for Lesbian Rights**

A variety of publications including the video [Breaking the Silence](#), featuring LGBTQ youth addressing their experiences in care, along with 25 training tools and resources. Available by free download or DVD and CD. The [Equity Project](#), their collaboration with Legal Services for Children and the National Juvenile Defender Center, features resources for judges, lawyers and other child welfare professionals involved in the delinquency court and juvenile detention systems.

### **Mental Health America**

Formerly known as the National Mental Health Association, provides resources designed to improve understanding and respect of LGBTQ youth.

### [Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays \(PFLAG\)](#)

Resources and support groups for parents and families of LGBTQ people.

### [Safe Schools Coalition](#)

An international partnership supporting LGBTQ youth working to help schools become safe places.

### [Matthew Shepard Foundation](#)

Supports diversity programs in education and helps youth organizations establish safe environments.

### [The Trevor Project](#)

Leading national organization focused on crisis and suicide prevention for LGBTQ youth.

## **Commercially Available Books**

*Foundations of Social Work Practice with Gay and Lesbian Persons*, Gerald P. Mallon, Haworth Press, 1998.

*Hatred in the Hallways: Violence and Discrimination Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Students in U.S. Schools*, Human Rights Watch, 2001.

*Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price*, Warren J. Blumenthal (ed.), Beacon Press, Boston, MA, 1992.

*Let's Get This Straight: A Gay- and Lesbian-Affirming Approach to Child Welfare*, Gerald P. Mallon, Columbia University Press, 1999.

*Lesbian and Gay Foster and Adoptive Parents: Recruiting, Assessing, and Supporting an Untapped Resource for Children and Youth*, Gerald P. Mallon, CWLA Press, 2006.

*Lesbian and Gay Youth: Care and Counseling*, Caitlin Ryan and Donna Futterman, Columbia University Press, 1998.

*Social Services with Transgendered Youth*, Gerald P. Mallon, Harrington Park Press, 2000.

*Social Work Practice with Transgender and Gender Variant Youth*, Second Edition, Gerald P. Mallon, [Routledge, Inc.](#), 2009.

*Street Child: An Unpaved Passage*, Justin Reed Early, AuthorHouse, 2008.

*We Don't Exactly Get the Welcome Wagon: The Experiences of Gay and Lesbian Adolescents in Child Welfare Systems*, Gerald P. Mallon, Columbia University Press, 1998.