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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.

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Portland, ME 04101

Tel: 207-774-5444

Fax: 207-774-1103

info@mclu.org

www.mclu.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); 888-577-6690 (TTY/TTD)

Fax: 207-624-8729

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
attorney.general@state.me.us
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
Tel: 207-622-7523
Fax: 207-623-0083
info@mainebar.org
www.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.

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 (207-774-4753), Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project (207-777-4348).

P. O. Box 547
Portland, ME 04112
Tel: 207-774-4753
Fax: 207-828-2300
hconnell@ptla.org
www.muskiefund.org/providers
Contact: Helen Connell

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

http://www.courts.state.me.us/court_info/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

www.mainemediators.org/

HIV/AIDS

Maine HIV Prevention Community Planning Group

The purpose of the Maine HIV Prevention Community Planning Group is to review data about what is happening with the HIV epidemic in Maine, set prevention priorities, and choose interventions that are included in the State of Maine Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan. Under the "Maine Links" section

of the website you will find links to local and statewide HIV/AIDS organizations.

11 Parkwood Drive
Augusta, ME 04330
Tel: 207-622-7566, ext. 233
Fax: 207-622-3616
mehivcpg@mcd.org
www.mehivcpg.org

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

49 Oak Street
Portland, ME 04101
HIV Testing Tel: 207-749-6818
Office Tel: 207-871-0216
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); 207-287-4243 (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.

39 Green Street

mailing address: P.O. Box 2490

Augusta, ME 04338-2490

Tel: 800-965-7476 (HelpLine); 207-622-7083 or 800-838-0388 (general)

Fax: 207-214-5233

consumerhealth@mainecahc.org

www.mainecahc.org

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.

P.O. Box 2007

Augusta, ME 04338-2007

Tel: 800-452-1948

Fax: 207-621-1419

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

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

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

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

info@mecasa.org

www.mecasa.org

Youth/Schools

Proud Rainbow Youth of Southern Maine (PRYSM)

The Proud Rainbow Youth of Southern Maine (PRYSM) program provides a safe and positive space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and allied (LGBTQIA) youth, offering social support, leadership development, psycho-education about common problems facing youth, and community education.

Tel: 207-874-1022 X222

prism@commcc.org

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

Southern Maine Chapter
PO Box 10334, South Portland, ME 04104
Tel: 207-775-0173
glsen@gwi.net
www.glsen.org/southernme
Contact: Betty Parsons

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: 207-667-562) and Machias. (9 Centre St., Machias, ME 04654, Tel: 207-255-4883).

P.O. Box 8742
Portland, ME 04104
Tel: 207-831-3015
Contact: Martha D. Palmer, Carol Corso, Co-Presidents

New Beginnings

They provide emergency shelter, supported housing, case management, street outreach, drop in center @ 245 Lisbon St. 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
Fax: 207-795-4080
maryru@gwi.net
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, Lincoln Street Center For The Arts, Rockland, ME 04841. Visit their website for links to other local

GLBTQ groups for young people: PRYSM (Portland), Outright L/A (Lewiston/Auburn), Outrageously Supportive (Bangor).

PO Box 1723

Rockland, ME 04841

Tel: 800-530-6997

outmaine@yahoo.com

www.outmaine.org

Contact: Lis Clark, Coordinator

Transgender

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

Tel: 207-408-1685

www.mainetransnet.org/

Contact: Alex Roan, Exec Director, alex@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.

217 Commercial Street, #201
Portland, ME 04101
Tel: 207-553-2306
<http://www.rcadmaine.org/>

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) is the leading legal rights organization in New England dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. Through impact litigation, education and public policy work, GLAD seeks to create a better world that respects and celebrates diversity—a world in which there is equal justice under law for all.

GLAD's Legal InfoLine 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, 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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