

# Resources for Serving the LGBTQ+ Community

## Human Trafficking Specific:

### [LGBTQ Youth and Sex Trafficking](#)

*Source:* International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA) and Courtney's House  
IOFA and Courtney's House have put together a fact sheet to detail the ways LGBTQ+ youth are disproportionately vulnerable to sex trafficking and suggestions for working with victims.

### [LGBTQ Victims and Human Trafficking](#)

*Source:* The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC)  
OVC TTAC offers key considerations when working with LGBTQ victims including a link to their training on serving LGBTQ survivors.

### [The Vulnerability of LGBT Individuals to Human Trafficking](#)

*Source:* United States Department of State  
The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons put together this one-page resource on the vulnerability LGBTQ+ persons face to human trafficking.

### [Improving Services for LGBTQ+ Human Trafficking Victims](#)

*Source:* Polaris Project  
The National Human Trafficking Hotline, operated by Polaris Project, outlines their top ten recommendations to service providers and criminal justice professionals on how to improve services for LGBTQ human trafficking survivors.

### [Reaching Out for Help: A Guide for LGBTQ Youth on How to Receive Support and Services](#)

*Source:* Polaris Project  
The National Human Trafficking Hotline, operated by Polaris Project, outlines how LGBTQ youth can reach out for help to receive support.

### [Tips for LGBTQ Youth for How to Protect Yourself and Your Community from Human Trafficking](#)

*Source:* Polaris Project  
The National Human Trafficking Hotline, operated by Polaris Project, outlines how LGBTQ youth can protect themselves and their communities from human trafficking.

### [Social Media Toolkit](#)

*Source:* Polaris Project  
The toolkit contains social media graphics available for download to share with your friends, family, and followers, to help ensure vulnerable populations, especially homeless LGBTQ+ youth and transgender women of color, have access to services and safety through the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline.

## **Providing Services to the LGBTQ+ community:**

### **Training Manual: Supporting LGBT Survivors of Sexual Violence**

*Source:* California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)

CALCASA offers this comprehensive training manual for service providers (particularly domestic violence and rape crisis centers) on working with LGBT survivors of sexual violence.

### **Culturally Competent Service Provision to LGBTQ survivors**

*Source:* National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women

Overview of research on culturally competent service provision to LGBTQ+ survivors of sexual violence.

### **Responding to Sexual Violence in LGBTQ+ Communities: Law Enforcement Strategies and Considerations**

*Source:* *The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)*

The document highlights law enforcement strategies for implementing effective department-wide response through agency mission, policy, training, and personnel to proactively address and prevent sexual violence in LGBTQ+ communities.

### **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans/GNC, and Queer Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)**

*Source:* Futures Without Violence

Futures Without Violence offers materials, safety cards, and health resources for LGBTQ people who have experienced intimate partner violence.

### **The NW Network**

*Source:* *The NW Network of BI, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse*

This network works to end violence and abuse by building loving and equitable relationships across the country including [resources for providers](#) and [free and confidential support](#) for LGBT survivors of abuse.

### **Legal Resources**

*Source:* Transgender Law Center

The Transgender Law Center is the largest national trans-led organization. One of their projects is the Legal Services Project, which offers a Legal Help Desk, guides and resources to connect people to their rights.

### **Considerations for Sheltering LGBTQ+ survivors**

*Source:* FORGE Forward

FORGE offers several webinars and resources on sheltering trans and non-binary people.

### **Another Closet: LGBTIQ Domestic and Family Violence**

*Source:* DVConnect

DVConnect, an Australian organization, offers this online booklet which provides information and resources for LGBTQ people who are experiencing violence, including suggestions on how to make a safety plan.

### **Tips for Those Who Serve Victims**

*Source:* Office for Victims of Crime

OVC outlines tips and standard practices for service providers in responding to Transgender victims of sexual assault.

#### [Publication: Supporting LGBTQ Youth is Violence Prevention](#)

*Source:* The National Resource Center for Reaching Victims

The National Resource Center for Reaching Victims along with FORGE put together a publication that explores the repeated violence LGBTQ+ youth in America face and effective ways victim service providers can engage in prevention work.

#### [Report: LGBTQ+ Persons and Intimate Partner Violence](#)

*Source:* National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP)

NCAVP is a national coalition of local member organizations who seek to create systemic and social change through data analysis, policy advocacy, education, and technical assistance. This report highlights the way LGBTQ+ and HIV-affected people are uniquely vulnerable to intimate partner violence.

#### [Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund](#)

*Source:* Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund

Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund is committed to ending discrimination based upon gender identity and expression through public education, test-case litigation, direct legal services, and public policy efforts.

#### [Sexual Assault and the LGBTQ Community](#)

*Source:* Human Rights Campaign

The Human Rights Campaign outlines the ways in which sexual assault affects the LGBTQ community and resources to support them.

#### [Transgender People Behind Bars](#)

*Source:* National Center for Transgender Equality

A guide for agencies and advocates to understanding the issues facing transgender prisons and their legal rights. This may be particularly helpful for agencies seeking to work on Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)-related activities.

#### [Protocols for Victim-Centered Care for LGBTQ persons](#)

*Source:* Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners Technical Assistance (SAFE TA)

SAFE TA offers specific suggestions and guidance on how to be victim-centered when conducting SAFE exams for LGBT persons.

#### [Sexual Violence & Transgender/Non-Binary Communities](#)

*Source:* National Sexual Violence Resource Center

This one-page infographic highlights the ways sexual violence specifically impacts transgender and non-binary people.

#### [LGBTQ Survivors of Sexual Violence](#)

*Source:* Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)

RAINN outlines the effects of sexual violence on LGBTQ+ survivors and ways you can support them.

#### [Fact Sheet: LGBTQ Survivors of Gender-Based Violence](#)

*Source:* YWCA

Fact sheet on LGBTQIA survivors of gender-based violence and how organizations and advocates can help.

### [Barriers to Reporting Sexual Violence in LGBTQ Communities](#)

*Source:* Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)

RAINN outlines the barriers LGBTQ victims face in reporting sexual violence.

### [Research Brief on Sexual Violence and LGBT Persons](#)

*Source:* National Sexual Violence Resource Center

This publication examines sexual violence including hate-motivated crimes, intimate partner violence, childhood sexual abuse, sexual assault against LGBTQ+ persons.

### [Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Abuse Among LGBT People](#)

*Source:* Williams Institute School of Law, UCLA

This report provides an overview of existing research on intimate partner violence and abuse among LGBTQ+ persons.

### [LGBTQ Youth Experience Homelessness](#)

*Source:* Homelessness Policy Research Institute

This document is a literature review of the causes and characteristics of LGBTQ youth homelessness using the case of study of Los Angeles.

## **General Resources:**

### [Online resource for understanding gender identity, gender expression, and anatomical sex.](#)

*Source:* TheGenderBread Person

A free online resource and teaching tool for understanding gender identity, gender expression and anatomical sex.

### [LGBTQ Resource List](#)

*Source:* GLAAD

A compilation of online resources and websites by topic for the LGBTQ community.

### [PFLAG](#)

PFLAG is the largest national organization for the LGBT community. With national chapters across the country, they provide peer to peer support, publications, online learning programs, advocacy support and media training for the LGBTQ community.