

RESOURCES FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON, DC



This fact sheet provides an overview of several nonprofit resources for the transgender community in Washington, DC.

Transgender Health Empowerment Inc. – T.H.E.

Transgender Health Empowerment is the only agency in the District that exclusively works with the transgendered population. Services include transitional housing, HIV/AIDS testing, support groups, individual counseling, transgender sensitivity workshops, and a drop in center, which operates from 6pm -10pm M-F and offers showers, laundry facilities, a clothing bank, snacks, and referral services.

Phone: 202/636-1646 | Web: www.theincdc.org

Whitman-Walker Clinic

Established in 1973, Whitman-Walker Clinic is a non-profit, community-based provider of health care and social services in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Through three sites, in the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia, the Clinic offers primary medical and dental care; mental health and addictions counseling and treatment; HIV education, prevention, and testing; legal services; case management; and a food bank. Whitman-Walker Clinic is committed to meeting the life needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Phone: 202/797-3500 | Web: www.wwc.org

Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League - SMYAL

The Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL) is the only Washington, DC metro area service organization solely dedicated to supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth. SMYAL's mission is to promote and support self-confident, healthy, productive lives for LGBTQ youth as they journey from adolescence into adulthood.

Phone: 202/546-5940 | Web: www.smyal.org

Different Avenues

Different Avenues (DA) provides services to youth and young adults, ages 12-30 years, who are homeless or living in insecure housing. Many of DA's clients are transgender, gay, bisexual or lesbian. DA also helps youth who themselves are parents, as well as parents of youth. DA works with people who engage in street survival strategies, including sex work. Services include access to primary health care, HIV/AIDS prevention, sexual health education, drug prevention services, leadership training and legal referrals.

Phone: 202/829-2103 | Web: www.differentavenues.org

Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive—HIPS

HIPS' mission is to assist female, male, and transgender individuals engaging in sex work in Washington, DC in leading healthy lives. Utilizing a harm reduction model, HIPS' programs strive to address the impact that HIV/AIDS, STD's/STI's, discrimination, poverty, violence and drug use have on the lives of individuals engaging in sex work. It offers services in the field three nights a week, from 9:00pm until 5:00am. HIPS staff and volunteers, provide education and counseling, and distribute safety materials, clothing and food to sex workers on the streets. HIPS also provides referrals, help for parents of persons engaged in sex work and emergency housing assistance.

Phone: 800/676-HIPS (4477) | Web: www.hips.org

DC Trans Coalition

The DC Trans Coalition works to improve the lives of transgender people in the District and strengthen the collective voice through community organizing and direct action.

Web: www.dctranscoalition.org

La Clinica Del Pueblo

La Clínica Del Pueblo provides free, culturally appropriate health services in the Latino community including specific support groups for transgender residents.

Telephone: (202) 462-4788 | Web: www.lcdp.org



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