

Gay and Lesbian **STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE**

**High School Gay Straight Alliances
and College Organizations**

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Youth Throughout
New England**

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to Assist Youth**

**The Gay and Lesbian
Student Rights Law**

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The Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Student Rights Law

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 76, Section 5

No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges, and courses of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, national origin or **sexual orientation**.

Signed by
Massachusetts Governor William Weld
December 10, 1993

“Schools should amend existing anti-harassment policies to include prohibiting violence, harassment, and verbal abuse directed against gay and lesbian students and those perceived to be gay or lesbian.”

Former Commissioner Robert Antonucci,
Massachusetts Department of Education,
in a 1993 letter to Superintendents of Public Schools
throughout Massachusetts

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The Massachusetts Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth was created by Executive Order number 325, signed by Governor William Weld on February 10, 1992, in response to an epidemic of suicide among gay and lesbian youth. On October 7, 1998, Governor Paul Cellucci replaced the original order with Executive Order number 407, expanding the powers of the Commission and renewing the executive office's commitment to combating violence and suicide affecting gay and lesbian youth.

The Commission is mandated to investigate the utilization of resources from both public and private sectors to improve the ability of state agencies to provide services to gay and lesbian youth. The Commission makes recommendations about policies and programs supporting gay and lesbian youth to the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Commission also makes recommendations to the Governor related to the concerns of gay and lesbian youth on an annual basis.

To date, Massachusetts has implemented the recommendations of the Commission through programs in High Schools, State Colleges and Universities, Community Based Organizations, and through contracts with agencies providing training and education to individuals and institutions across the state.

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The Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Student Rights Law

by David LaFontaine, Chair
The Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth

1. A History of the Law

Massachusetts made history when the Gay and Lesbian Student Rights Law was signed by Governor William F. Weld on December 10, 1993. Massachusetts became the only state in the country to have full support for gay students through its governor, who created the nation's first Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, and through the state legislature, which voted overwhelmingly in favor of the law.

The law prohibits discrimination in public schools on the basis of sexual orientation. Gay students are guaranteed redress when they suffer name-calling, threats of violence, and unfair treatment in school. A student suffering from harassment can go to the principal, school board, and school administration and expect intervention and protection. Gay students have the legal right to full participation in all school courses, clubs, and activities.

The right to form a gay/straight alliance at school is ensured by the law. Schools have the legal obligation to provide the same materials, space, financial support, publicity, and all other support provided to any other student group or club.

There are over ten thousand gay, lesbian, and bisexual students in Massachusetts schools whose lives will be safer and whose educational opportunities will be increased because of the passage of this law.

The extraordinary victory achieved on December 10, 1993 was due to a spectacular lobbying effort by up to one thousand gay and straight students across Massachusetts. Hundreds of students attended rallies on Beacon Hill and met with their state legislators. Students organized letter-writing campaigns in their high schools and displayed posters and information about the legislation.

Courageous gay and lesbian teenagers told their personal stories of harassment and unjust treatment in school at public forums, on television and radio, and in print. The unprecedented student lobbying effort made national headlines: NBC News, the New York Times, National Public Radio, and CBS Radio News gave extraordinary coverage to the students' efforts and their victory. The blaze of national news has inspired students across the nation to follow the lead of Massachusetts students and begin plans to introduce similar anti-discrimination legislation in their states.

Gay and straight students made history in Massachusetts through their courage, their perseverance, and their unwillingness to be silent and closeted in response to anti-gay discrimination and bigotry. The law's passage was the culmination of a labor of love for hundreds; but it was just the beginning, the dawn of a new movement throughout the Commonwealth which will carry the message of the law to hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts students.

2. How to Publicize the Law in Your School

We need to inform all students attending over 300 high schools in Massachusetts that it is illegal to discriminate against gay students in our schools.

Educating students and faculty about the existence of the law and about the rights it guarantees can help create a more supportive and accepting atmosphere in our public schools for gay youth.

Student Handbook and School Policies on Harassment and Discrimination

An essential way to implement and publicize the law is to use it as leverage to change the language in the student handbook in your school. School policies concerning harassment and discrimination exist in all schools. **Gay and lesbian students must be included in these policies to be consistent with Massachusetts law.**

Set up a meeting with your school principal to discuss changing the language in your school's student handbook. When the handbook and policies are changed, ask your principal to publicize the changes so that all students and faculty know about the law.

Posters, Flyers, and Copies of the Law

Displaying a poster on a school bulletin board will ensure that hundreds of students will learn about the law. Under the provisions of the law, you have the right to display a poster, as long as you follow the standard procedure for use of school bulletin boards and displays.

You can design your own flyer about the law using the language of the law and other materials. Mass produced flyers can be distributed in faculty mailboxes and handed out in homerooms, school clubs, and at school dances.

Handing out copies of the actual bill that the Governor signed is an excellent way of bringing the law to the attention of students in your school. A copy of the signed bill could also be reproduced in student publications.

Other Suggestions

- Have a Gay and Lesbian Awareness Day/Week to promote understanding of gay and lesbian student rights.
- Invite a speaker to your school to talk about the law at a school assembly or forum. Speakers could be from the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth or the Department of Education.
- Write an article about the law for your student newspaper, school yearbook, or your town newspaper.
- Work with students on projects about student rights in general, including rights for gay and lesbian youth.

How Students Can Get Help With Discrimination Issues

- Have you been the victim of verbal or physical harassment in school because of your real or perceived sexual orientation?
- Have you been denied or discouraged from exercising your right to form a gay student support group?
- Have you been excluded from or been made to feel uncomfortable in school courses, activities, or clubs because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual?
- Have you been treated unfairly or differently from other students because of your sexual orientation?
- Have you been unable to get assistance from your school faculty or administration in dealing with anti-gay harassment or discrimination?

To learn how the Gay and Lesbian Student Rights Law can assist you in your school, contact the following organizations:

Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth

State House, Room 111
Boston, MA 02133
Contact:
David LaFontaine
617.727.3600 x312

Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes

200 Arlington St. Suite 2200
Chelsea, MA 02150
Contact: David Rudewick, Student Civil Rights Director
617.660.4740; www.stopthehate.org

Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD)

One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108
617.727.3990; 413.739.2145

Massachusetts Department of Education

350 Main Street
Malden, MA 02148
Contact: Kim Westheimer, Eric Pliner or Donna Brathwaite
781.388.3300 x409

See also Legal Organizations Section

Please report any incidents of hate crimes or harassment that you have experienced or witnessed to the:

Violence Recovery Program/Programa Contra Violencia

At The Fenway Community Health Ctr.
Offers counseling, advocacy, information and referrals for LGBT victims of hate crimes, domestic violence, sexual assault and harassment.
7 Haviland St.
Boston, MA 02115
Contact: Jose Pares Avila, MA, bilingual advocate; David Shannon, MSW 617.927.6250, 1.800.834.3242 (toll free in MA); 617.859.1256 TTY

See inside back cover for additional hotline/ help line numbers.

Forming a Gay/Straight Alliance

by Laurie Lindop

The Gay and Lesbian Student Rights Law guarantees the right of gay and lesbian students to participate fully and equally in all school activities and to have the full advantages of a public school education. An important right that is now protected by law is the right to form gay, lesbian, and heterosexual support groups called gay/straight alliances.

What are Gay/Straight Alliances?

An ever increasing number of Gay/Straight Alliances are forming in schools throughout Massachusetts. These school-based support groups are designed to meet the needs of students who are interested in addressing issues related to sexual orientation and homophobia. The groups provide a safe and informal place where students can:

- Talk about their feelings and experiences
- Learn about homophobia and how it affects everyone
- Educate each other and their school community about issues relating to sexual orientation (including planning a Day of Awareness for the school community)
- Have fun going to movies and plays
- Host speakers, writers, artists, and musicians.

Why Form a Gay/Straight Alliance?

The Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth held a series of public forums to gather testimony from gay and lesbian youth in Massachusetts. They found that gay and lesbian students feel extremely isolated in school and many are subjected to a wide range of verbal and physical abuse in the classrooms, on the playing fields, and in the hallways. This abuse can be delivered in many forms -- from derogatory slurs and name-calling to violent beatings. With no one to talk to and with pervasive abuse, gay and lesbian students find that school becomes not a place of self-actualization, but a place where they learn to hate themselves.

In 1989, the US Department of Health and Human Services found that 30% of all youth suicides are committed by gay and lesbian youth. Based on these facts, the Massachusetts Board of Education passed four recommendations on the Support and Safety of Gay and Lesbian Youth. The third recommendation encourages schools to "offer school-based support groups for gay, lesbian, and heterosexual students."

How Can I Start a Gay/Straight Alliance in My School?

Start a Gay/Straight Alliance just like you would start any other club. In some schools this means filing a petition with the school legislature: other schools require the permission of the principal or headmaster. Check your student handbook to see what your school policy is regarding the formation of clubs and follow those guidelines.

What if the school administration is not supportive?

There are a growing number of support groups forming in schools across the state. In some cases, the school administration is very supportive; in other cases they are less so, but what remains constant in every school is the necessity of addressing the issues facing gay and lesbian youth and the impact of homophobia on the entire school community. If the administration and/or faculty seem unsupportive, do the following:

- Distribute copies of the Gay and Lesbian Student Rights Law
- Distribute the Education Report of the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth
- Distribute copies of the Board of Education's Recommendations on the Support and Safety of Gay and Lesbian Students.

For further information and help in starting a Gay/Straight Alliance in your school, contact the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth at 617.727.3600 x 312 and the Massachusetts Department of Education Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students at 781.388.3300x399.

Section II:

Resources
For
Youth

Part I: Government Agencies

Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth

State House, Room 111

Boston, MA 02133

Contact: David LaFontaine, Chair

617.727.3600 x312

Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes

200 Arlington St.

Chelsea, MA 02150

Contact: David Rudewick, Student Civil Rights Director

617.660.4740

www.stopthehate.org

Massachusetts Department of Education Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students

350 Main St.

Malden, MA 02148-5023

Contact: Kim Westheimer, Eric Pliner, Donna Brathwaite

781.388.3300x409

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Family and Community Health

250 Washington St.

Boston, MA 02108-4619

Contact: Dianne M. Hagan, Director of Adolescent Health

617.624.5478

Massachusetts Department of Social Services Adolescent Services Division

24 Farnsworth St.

Boston, MA 02210

Provides a wide range of services including peer leadership programs, support groups, referrals, scholarship information and a child-at-risk Hotline.

Contact: Maureen Fallon-Messeder

617.727.0900x552

Child abuse or neglect hotline:

1.800.792.5200(24hrs)

(See inside back cover for additional hotline/helpline #s)

Community Based Youth Groups

Massachusetts

A centralized clearinghouse of information, including phone numbers, has been established for the network of community based youth support groups throughout Massachusetts. Contact:

The G/L/B/T/ Youth Group Network of MA 1.877.GAY.TEEN (toll free).

Info about the network is also available through BAGLY (see listing below).

A Slice of Rice

A Support Group for GLBT Asian, Asian-American, and Pacific Islander Youth

Contact:

Leah Eckelberger

c/o Boston GLASS

93 Massachusetts Ave.

Boston, MA 02115

617.868.2213

Group meets Mondays 7:00-8:00PM

At Boston GLASS, 93 Mass. Ave.,

3rd floor, Boston.

E-mail: asliceorice@usa.net

Boston Alliance of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth (BAGLY), Inc.

PO Box 814

Boston, MA 02103

Contact:

Grace Sterling-Stowell, Executive Director

Katrina Avila, Program Director

Jim Sullivan, Office Manager

1.800.42.BAGLY, 617.227.4313

TTY.617.983.9845

E-mail: bagly@bagly.org

Web site: www.bagly.org

BAGLY meets Wednesdays 6-9PM and

Sundays 2-5PM at

St. John the Evangelist Church

35 Bowdoin St., Boston

Boston Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (Boston GLASS)

93 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor

Boston, MA 02115

Contact: Patrick Truman 617.266.3349

TTY: 617.375.5779

E-mail: glass@jri.org

Hours: Mon., Tues. and Thurs.: 3-8PM;

Wed.: 4-8PM; Fri.: 3-7PM; Sat.: 1-5PM

Boston Outreach Program

Drop-in ctr.: Mon., Wed., and Fri., 7-10PM

At the Arlington Street Church,

351 Boylston St., Boston.

For info: Nancy Asch c/o JRI Health

617.457.8150 x 309

Building Bridges

c/o PYCO

186 South Main St.

Fall River, MA 02721

Contact: Carlos Pavao

508.324.0321 #3

508.679.0962

Meets every Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30PM

Call for further info.

Cape and Islands Gay and Straight Youth Alliance

CIGYA (pronounced “see ya”)

PO Box 805 Y

Monument Beach, MA 02553-0805

508.743.9957; 1.877.GAY.PRIDE (toll free)

E-mail: gayyouth@capecod.net

Meets: Wed. 7-8:30PM

At Barnstable Teen Center, 135 South St.,

Hyannis

Teacher Groups

**American Federation of Teachers
National Gay and Lesbian Caucus**
c/o Stephen Severance
1495 Midway Parkway
St. Paul, MN 55108
Contact: 612.645.2173

Cambridge Lavender Alliance
Parents, Teachers, and Allies
Contact: 617.354.8306

**GLSTAQ-Gay, Lesbian and Straight
Teachers Alliance of Quincy**
c/o Ed Grogan
Atlantic Middle School
86 Hollis Avenue
Quincy, MA 02170
Contact: Ed Grogan
617.472.3716, 617.984.8727

GLSEN/Boston
132 Boylston St. 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02116
Contact: 617.451.1119
E-mail: glsenboston@glsenboston.org
WWW: GLSEN.org

GLSEN/ National Headquarters
121 West 27th St. Suite 804
New York, NY 10001
Contact: 212.727.0135
FAX: 212.727.0254
E-mail: GLSEN@glsen.org

**Massachusetts Teachers
Association (MTA)**
Committee on Lesbian and Gay
Employment and Civil Rights
20 Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108-2795
Contact: Al Ferreira
617.349.6486

**Vermont Education Assn.
G/L/B Educators and Their Allies**
c/o Nancy Clifford
510 Gage Street
Bennington VT 05201
Contact: 802.442.2452

Parent Groups/ PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

Massachusetts

ALEINU (pronounced "A-LAY-NEW")
A support, educational and advocacy group
for parents, families and friends of GLBT
Jews.
c/o Temple Israel
Longwood Ave. and Plymouth St.
Boston, MA 02215
Contact: 617.527.2830
E-mail: Tisrael@shore.net

Catholic Parents Network
Affirming support for parents of GLBT
people, addressing Catholic issues.
6 Edward St.
Canton, MA 02021
Contact: Jeanne 781.828.7259
Meets first Tuesday of the month, 7:30PM,
Immaculate Conception Rectory. Call for
further information.

PFLAG Amherst
78 Crooked Ledge Rd.
Southampton, MA 01073
Contact: 413.529.2330
Meets second Tuesday of every month, 7PM,
Grace Episcopal Church, Parish Hall,
Spring Street Amherst.

PFLAG Arlington
PO Box 440004
West Somerville, MA 02144
INFO/HELPLINES: 617.547.2440,
978.579.9769, 781.749.7730
Meets second Tuesday of every month,
7:15PM, First Parish Church,
630 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington Center.

PFLAG Boston
12 Marmion St.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
INFO/HELPLINES: 617.547.2440;
978.579.9769; 781.749.7730
Meets fourth Monday of every month,
6:30PM, Fenway Community Health Center,
7 Haviland St., Room 201A, Boston.

PFLAG Brewster/Cape Cod
PO Box 1167
Orleans, MA 02653-1167
Contact: 508.240.2737
Meets third Monday of every month, 7PM,
First Parish Brewster Church, Main Street
(Rte. 6A), Brewster.

PFLAG Concord
PO Box 344
Stow, MA 01775
Contact: 978.579.9769
Meets third Sunday of every month, 6:30PM,
Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54
Walden St. Concord, MA

PFLAG/ Easton

PO Box 187
 Stoughton, MA 02072
 Contact: 781.238.6373
 Meets fourth Monday of every month,
 (except holidays, then 3rd Monday),
 7:30PM, Unity Church, 9 Main Street,
 North Easton.

PFLAG Falmouth/Cape Cod

66 Joyce St.
 East Falmouth, MA 02536-6809
 Contact: 508.548.1038
 Meets the last Tuesday of the month,
 7:30PM, Falmouth Jewish Congregation
 Social Hall, 7 Hatchville Road
 Falmouth.

PFLAG Fitchburg

20 School St.
 Gardner, MA 01440
 Contact: 978.579.9769; 978.632.5186
 Meets at St. Camillus Church,
 233 Mechanic St., Fitchburg.
 Call for day and time.

PFLAG Framingham/Metro West

PO Box 5088
 Framingham, MA 01701
 Contact: 978.579.9769
 Meets fourth Sunday of every month, 5PM
 Grace Church, 73 Union Avenue,
 Framingham.

PFLAG Hingham

PO Box 122
 Hingham, MA 02043-0122
 Contact: 781.847.4301
 Meets first Tuesday of every month,
 7:30PM, Old Ship Church,
 Parish House Parlor, 107 Main Street,
 Hingham.

PFLAG North Andover/Merrimack Valley

c/o 175 Richdale Ave. #414
 Cambridge, MA 02130
 Contact: 978.579.9769
 Meets third Tuesday of every month,
 7:30PM, North Parish Church,
 190 Academy Road, N. Andover.

PFLAG Springfield

PO Box 625
 W. Springfield, MA 01089
 Contact: 413.789.4330
 Meets second and last Wednesday of every
 month, Faith United Church, Sumner Avenue
 Springfield.

PFLAG Williamstown/Berkshire

29 Stringer Avenue
 Lee, MA 01238-9402
 Contact: 413.243.2382, 802.447.0176
 Meets second Sunday of every month, 2PM,
 First Congregational Church, Main Street,
 Williamstown.

PFLAG Worcester

PO Box 413
 North Grafton, MA 01536
 Contact: 508.839.5585
 Meets second Wednesday of every month,
 7:30PM, United Congregational Church,
 6 Institute Road, Worcester.

Maine**PFLAG Bath/Brunswick**

18 Douglas Street
 Brunswick, ME 04011
 Contact: 207.729.0519
 No meeting – contact only.

PFLAG Dover/Foxcroft Piscataquis

Route 2 Box 1280
 Milo Rd.
 Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426
 Contact: 207.564.7986
 Meets third Thursday of the month.
 Call for time and place.

PFLAG Lewiston/Andy Valley

264 Bowdoinham Rd.
 Lisbon Falls, ME 04252
 Contact: 207.353.8480
 Call for meeting information.

Health and Human Services Information

Training and Resources For Providers

Gay, Lesbian Youth Support (GLYS) Project

Provides training and networking opportunities for Health and Human Services providers; GLYSNET monthly regional networking meetings.

942 West Chestnut St.
Brockton, MA 02301
Contact: Heidi Holland 1.800.530.2770

Health Care of Southeastern MA

Dept. of Education and Training
Human services training for educators.
942 W. Chestnut St.

Brockton, MA 02301
Contact: Diane Ranahan
508.583.2250, 1.800.530.2770

Health Education and Prevention Resource Center

Statewide resource center assisting professionals and caregivers providing health education to high risk/special education population. Includes multimedia library of comprehensive health education materials for free loan. (Catalog is on web site.) Specific materials for GLBT youth are available.

872 Westford St.
Carlisle, MA 01741
Contact: Gary Malmon: 978.371.9898
Mon-Fri: 9AM-5:30PM
E-mail: cafes@aol.com, www.cafes.org

New England Network for Youth

Task Force for G/L/B youth issues; resources and training for providers.

25 Stow Road
Boxboro, MA 01719
Contact: Stephen Merrifield 978.266.1998
E-mail: nensm@ma.ultranet.com

Ellen Perrin, MD

Available for presentations on G/L/B issues to groups of physicians, nurses, or broader medical community.

c/o Dept. of Pediatrics
U-MA Medical Center
55 Lake Ave. N.
Worcester, MA 01655
Contact: Ellen Perrin, MD 508.856.3539
E-mail: ellen.perrin@banyan.ummed.edu

Physicians Resource Council

Offers youth education programs by physicians in the school setting on human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases and abstinence.

381 Elliot St.
Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464
Contact: Theresa Donovan 617.928.0800

Planned Parenthood League of MA/ The Purpose Campaign

Sexuality education programs and trainings for parents, educators, healthcare providers and community workers.

1055 Commonwealth Ave.
Boston, MA 02215
Contact: Rebecca Horne 617.616.1692

Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues

Division 44 of the American Psychological Association

Offers programs and activities to educate psychologists and other mental health professionals on G/L/B issues, including list server, graduate student scholarships and a project concerning the safety of G/L/B youth in schools.

PO Box 116
Byfield, MA 01922
Contact: Dr. Stephen James 978.463.9022
<http://www.apa.org/divisions/div44/>

**Health and Human Service Providers
Supportive of
Gay and Lesbian Youth**

AIDS Action Collective
Hampshire College
Amherst, MA 01002-5001
413.549.4600 x5786
E-mail: aac@hampshire.edu

AIDS Action Committee
131 Clarendon Street
Boston, MA 02116
Contact: Lonnie McAdoo, co-coordinator
HIV Youth Prevention Program
617.450.1379

AIDS Project New Haven
1302 Chapel St.
New Haven, CT 06511
Contact: John Ginnetti
203.624.0947

AIDS Project Rhode Island
232 W. Exchange St.
Providence, RI 02903-1024
401.831.5522, 401.831.5693 TDD
1.800.726.3010 English/Spanish Hotline

AIDS Response Seacoast
1 Junkins Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801-4511
603.433.5377
1.800.375.1144 (NH, Maine only)
E-mail: arsadmin@aol.com

**American Red Cross
Greater Newburyport Chapter**
31 Green Street
Newburyport, MA 01950
Contact: Stacy Sherman
978.462.8243

**American Red Cross of
Massachusetts Bay**
285 Columbus Ave.
Boston, MA 02116-5114
Contact: Nicole Fyvie 617.375.0700 x 251

Assabet Human Services, Inc.
Individual, group and family counseling.
Damon Mill Sq. Suite 2A
Concord, MA 01742
Contact: Sylvia Daley
978.371.0300

Baystate Medical Center
55 Pratt St.
Springfield, MA 01199
Contact: Sandy Ortega, program coordinator
HIV/AIDS Health Education
413.784.8725

**Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater
Fall River**
101 Rock St.
Fall River, MA 02720
Contact: Ramona Turcotte
508.678.5875

Boston Children's Services
A full service child welfare agency including
special programs oriented to GLBT youth.
271 Huntington Ave.
Boston, MA 02115
Contact: Sara Marsh
617.927.0610

Bridge Family Center
Individual and family counseling, youth
services, LGBT youth support group dealing
with coming out and other issues.
1022 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107
Contact: Elliot Strick, MA, LMFT,
Kathy Gallegher 860.521.8035

The Bridge of Central MA
10 Southwest Cutoff
Northboro, MA 01532
Contact: Nicole Fortune Kaye
508.393.7788 x 230
Barent Walsh 508.755.3698

Community Education

Campaign to End Homophobia

PO Box 819
Cambridge, MA 02139
617.868.8280

Citizens Against Homophobia

Provides free posters and written materials for G/SAs and other groups, print ads and radio commercials for student newsletters and broadcasting stations.
PO Box 1509
Boston, MA 02117
Contact: Mark Giese
617.576.9866
E-mail: ctznsagnst@aol.com
www.cahp.org/cahp

Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)/Boston

Outreach Project

Conferences, retreats, speaking engagements, trainings and workshops in public and private schools and community settings.
132 Boylston St. 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02116
Contact: Jane O'Connor
617.451.1119; 617.441.2570

Harvard Gay and Lesbian School Issues Project

Staff and curriculum development; individualized courses; workshops; consulting; safe college campus workshops.
Contact: Arthur Lipkin, Ed.D. Instructor,
Harvard Graduate School of Education
617.491.5301

The History Project

Documentation of GLBT people, organizations and events in Massachusetts from the Puritans to the present. Producers of "Public Faces, Private Lives" exhibit and the book, Improper Bostonians. Slide show and speakers available.
46 Pleasant Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
Contact: Nancy Richard
617.641.8609
E-mail: histproj@aol.com

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

Available for speaking engagements in schools, churches and community or civic organizations.
978.562.4176 (Greater Boston)
508.240.2737 (Cape Cod)
413.789.4330 (Greater Springfield)
OR Contact your local PFLAG chapter

Rhode Island Lesbian and Gay Speakers Bureau

PO Box 5758, Weybosset Hill Station
Providence, RI 02903
Contact: 401.521.4297

The Shared Heart

A touring exhibit of photographs which present affirming images of GLBT young people, accompanied by text of their own writings; designed to be shown in schools, workplaces and community settings. Also published in book form.
PO Box 562
Brookline, MA 02446
Contact: Adam Mastoon
413.637.4278

Speak Out

(formerly the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual
Speaker's Bureau)

and

**The Governor's Commission Youth Speak
Out**

PO Box 1358

Boston, MA 02117-1358

Contact: Arnold Katz, administrative and
outreach coordinator

Michael Leclerc, Youth SpeakOut
coordinator

617.450.9776

E-mail: akatz@glbsb.org

<http://www.glbsb.org>

The Stonewall Center

A GLBT Educational Resource Center
offereing educational and cultural
programming through the academic year, a
Speakers bureau, a community information
E-mail list, a monthly newsletter and a
lending library.

Crampton House SW

University of Massachusetts

Amherst, MA 01003-1799

Contact: Felice Yeskel, Donnie Roberts

413.545.4824

E-mail: stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu

<http://www.umass.edu/stonewall>

Legal Organizations

**American Civil Liberties Union of
Massachusetts**

99 Chauncy St. Suite 310
Boston, MA 02111
Contact: Don Guyton
617.482.3170

**American Civil Liberties Union of
Western Massachusetts**

39 Main Street
Northampton, MA 01060
Contact: 413.586.9115

**Gay and Lesbian Advocates and
Defenders (GLAD)**

294 Washington St. Suite 740
Boston, MA 02108
Contact: Andrea Hildebran,
Public Information Director
617.426.1350
1.800.455.GLAD (toll free-New England)

**Harvard Committee on Gay and
Lesbian Legal Issues**

Pound Hall
Harvard Law School
Cambridge, MA 02138
Contact: 617.495.4087

JRI Health Law Institute

29 Stanhope St. 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02116
Contact: Jeff Chatlos
617.867.7880

**Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar
Association**

PO Box 9072
Boston, MA 02114
Contact: Sue Wilson
617.277.2101

Part IV: Videos/Films

Gay and Lesbian Youth: Making History in Massachusetts

(1994, 29 minutes)

This video chronicles the work of gay and straight students in Massachusetts over a two year period, culminating in the passage of the Gay and Lesbian Student Rights Law. Includes testimony of gay and lesbian youth before the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth.

To order, contact:

The Governor's Commission on
Gay and Lesbian Youth
State House, Room 111
Boston, MA 02133
617.727.3600 x312

The Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students

(1997, 27 minutes)

A video prepared by The Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth and the Massachusetts Department of Education. Features the development of the Safe Schools Program, Department of Education training sessions, interviews with gay and lesbian youth, and scenes from the Gay/Straight Youth Pride March.

To order, contact:

The Massachusetts Department of
Education
350 Main St.
Malden, MA 02148
617.388.3300 x 409

Gay Youth

(1992, 40 min.)

Award winning video that movingly portrays the plight of gay and lesbian teenagers. It compares the suicide of 20 year old Bobby Griffith with the story of the life of 17-year old Gina Gutierrez.

Available from Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators

c/o Wolfe Video
PO Box 64
New Almaden, CA 95042
1.800.642.5247