

# LEGAL Resources



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for Lawyers and Public Defenders of LGBT youth

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Have you been discriminated against because of your LGBT status? Connecticut has many non-discrimination laws to protect you. Discrimination is against the law and the following resources may be able to assist you:

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

The LGBT Project brings impact lawsuits in state and federal courts throughout the country— cases designed to have a significant effect on the lives of LGBT people.

#### [Amnesty International](#)

Founded in 1961, our organization has campaigned successfully in recent years for the International Criminal Court and a UN Torture Treaty. Through our research and action, governments have been persuaded to stop human rights violations and change their laws and practices. Death sentences have been commuted. Torturers have been brought to justice. And prisoners of conscience have been released. We ask you to join us - to take action and stop human rights abuses wherever they occur.

#### [Gay and Lesbian Advocates & Defenders](#) (GLAD)

Since 1978, GLAD has been pursuing equal justice under law throughout New England, with enormous success. Our legal victories have changed the landscape of the law regarding sexual orientation, HIV

status, and gender identity and expression. But more importantly, they have made a difference in the day-to-day lives of countless individuals.

### [Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation](#) (GLAAD)

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

### [Lambda Legal](#)

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

### [LegalOut](#)

Open the door to your protection. Understanding LGBT issues is critical in speaking up for yourself, instead of letting the law speak for you. It's the first step to protection.

### [National Center for Lesbian Rights](#) (NCLR)

Thirty-one years ago, two brave and determined women fresh out of law school and eager to make a difference decided to put their knowledge to good use. As legal scholars, Donna Hitchens and Roberta Achtenberg saw the courtroom as a way to change the world. As lesbians, they had experienced frustrations and fears both personal and professional and didn't want others to suffer the same. And as future parents, they knew they would face even more challenges ahead.

### [National Black Justice Coalition](#) (NBJC)

The National Black Justice Coalition is the only national civil rights organization of Black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals and our allies. They actively pursue fairness for our families and ways to counter anti-LGBT organizing within African American communities.

### [Out and Equal](#) (Workplace Advocates)

Out & Equal™ Workplace Advocates is the pre-eminent national organization devoted to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community in the workplace. Their mission is to educate and empower organizations, human resource professionals, [Employee Resource Groups \(ERGs\)](#) and individual employees through programs and services that result in equal policies, opportunities, practices, and benefits in the workplace regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, expression, or characteristics.

### [Southern Poverty Law Center](#)

The Southern Poverty Law Center was founded in 1971 as a small civil rights law firm. Today, SPLC is internationally known for its tolerance education programs, its legal victories against white supremacists and its tracking of hate groups.

### [TransParenCy](#)

TransParenCy's mission is to support the Transgender Parent, and their advocates (lawyers, mental health professionals, friends, family) by providing information and resources to diffuse and/or dispell the myths about any adverse impact being transgendered/transsexual might have on one's children.