Organizations


  Gender development services at Lurie Children’s are outpatient services aimed at supporting the physical, mental and social health of patients and their families as youth progress through gender identity development.

- **GLSEN:** [https://www.glsen.org/](https://www.glsen.org/)

  GLSEN's mission is to ensure that every member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

- **Howard Brown Health Center:** [https://howardbrown.org/programs-services/transgender-health/](https://howardbrown.org/programs-services/transgender-health/)

  Howard Brown Health exists to eliminate the disparities in healthcare experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people through research, education and the provision of services that promote health and wellness.

- **Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health:** [https://www.icah.org/](https://www.icah.org/)

  ICAH is a network of empowered youth and allied adults who transform public consciousness and increase the capacity of family, school and healthcare systems to support the sexual health, rights, and identities of youth.

- **Illinois Safe Schools Alliance:** [http://www.illinoissafeschools.org/](http://www.illinoissafeschools.org/)

  The mission of the Illinois Safe Schools Alliance is to promote safety, support and healthy development for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth, in Illinois schools and communities, through advocacy, education, youth organizing and research.

- **Minus 18:** [https://minus18.org.au/](https://minus18.org.au/)

  Minus 18 aims to improve the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) youth; to empower them, connect them with others and help them understand themselves. They do this through events, supporting resources, and campaigns.

- **True Colors Fund:** [https://truecolorsfund.org/our-issue/](https://truecolorsfund.org/our-issue/)

  The True Colors Fund is working to end homelessness among lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth, creating a world where all young people can be their true selves.

- **World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH):** [http://www.wpath.org/](http://www.wpath.org/)

  WPATH is an interdisciplinary professional and educational organization devoted to transgender health. Their professional, supporting, and student members engage in clinical and academic research to develop evidence-based medicine and strive to promote a high quality of care for transsexual, transgender, and gender-nonconforming individuals internationally.
Guidelines and Tools

- **Affirmative Care for Transgender and Gender Non-Confirming People: Best Practices for Frontline Health Care Staff**  
  *National LGBT Health Education Center*

  Front-line staff play a key role in creating a health care environment that responds to the needs of transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC) people. Everyone, no matter their gender identity or expression, appreciates friendly and courteous service. In addition, TGNC people have unique needs when interacting with the health care system. This resource outlines best practices on these topics.

- **Guidelines for Care of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Patients**  
  *Gay & Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA)*

  Provider guidelines for creating a healthier clinical environment for LGBT patients.

- **Providing Inclusive Services and Care for LGBT People: A Guide for Health Care Staff**  
  *National LGBT Health Education Center*

  *Providing Inclusive Services and Care for LGBT People* has been developed to help all members of the health care team provide an inclusive and affirmative environment for all clients, with a focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people.

- **Ten Things: Creating Inclusive Health Care Environments for LGBT People**  
  *National LGBT Health Education Center*

  *Ten Things* outlines ten best practices every health care organization can do to achieve a more inclusive and affirming health care environment. These practical strategies are meant to be broad enough to be adaptable, yet specific enough to allow for measuring progress.