

Worcester Agencies

AIDS Project Worcester, Inc.

Services include health education, counseling, outreach, HIV counseling and testing, & supportive educational groups. 165 Southbridge Street Worcester, MA 01608 Phone: 508-755-3773
Email: social@aidspjprojectworcester.org

SWAGLY

Safe space for LGBTQ youth and straight allies to socialize, learn, and share. Hosted by AIDS Project Worcester.
Email: LCantres@aidspjprojectworcester.org
Phone: 508-755-3773 www.swagly.org

Safe Homes

Support and resources for LGBTQ people ages 14-23 and their allies. Open Sky Community Services, 4 Mann Street, Worcester, MA 01602
Contact: Laura Farnsworth, Program Manager
Email: laura.farnsworth@openskycs.org
Phone: 508-755-0333 www.safehomesma.org

PFLAG Worcester

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians And Gays
Hosted by Open Sky Community Services.
Email: pflagworcester@iname.com
Phone: 508-755-0333 <http://www.worcesterpflag.org/>

WLEN (Worcester LGBT Elder Network)

Provides information and referral for LGBT elders and their caregivers. Email: wlen@eswa.org
Phone: 1-800-243-5111 or 508-756-1545

Worcester Pride <https://www.prideworcester.org> is coordinated by the **Queer Coalition of Greater Worcester**, which is fiscally sponsored by loveyourlabels.org Questions regarding the Coalition or Worcester Pride, email Joshua Croke at josh@loveyourlabels.org

Healthcare Services

Edward M. Kennedy Center Community Health Center- LGBTQ+ Services

Human Rights Campaign Healthcare Equality Index Leader
www.kennedychc.org/services/lgbt-information

Planned Parenthood: LGBT Services

Offers education, resources, service referrals, PrEP medication, gender affirming hormone therapy and other services.
470 Pleasant St. Worcester, MA 01602
Phone: 508- 854-3301

Gender Wellness Initiative at Children's Friend, a program of Seven Hills Foundation

20 Cedar St. Worcester, MA 01609
Contact: Oomiya Kawas, *Gender Resource Specialist*
Phone: 508.753.5425 ext. 6491
okawas@childrensfriend.org

Support groups for Caregivers of Transgender and Gender Variant Youth First Tuesday of the month 6:30pm-8:00pm
Workshops & interactive presentations geared toward medical professionals, mental health clinicians, caregivers, educators, and youth.



Open & Affirming Faith Communities

All Saints Episcopal Church

10 Irving Street, Worcester MA 01609
508-752-3766 www.allsaintsw.org

Congregation Beth Israel

15 Jamesbury Drive, Worcester, MA 01609
508-756-6204 www.bethisraelworc.org

First Baptist Church

111 Park Avenue, Worcester, MA 01609
508-756-6143 www.fbc-worc.org

First Unitarian Church

90 Main St, Worcester, MA 01608
508-757-2708 www.firstunitarian.com

Greendale People's Church

25 Francis St, 508-852-7727

Hadwen Park Congregational Church

6 Clover Street, Worcester, MA 01603
508-752-7489 www.hadwenparkchurch.org

Lake View Congregational Church UCC

115 Coburn Avenue, Worcester, MA 01604
508-756-5857

New England Synod

20 Upland Street, Worcester, MA 01607
508-791-1530 www.nesynod.org

Temple Emanuel Sinai

661 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609
508-755-1257 www.emanuelsinai.org

Trinity Lutheran Church

73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA 01609
508-753-2989 www.trinityworc.org

Unitarian Universalist Church

90 Holden Street, Worcester, MA 01606
508-853-1942 www.uucworcester.org

United Congregational Church

6 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609
508-752-3785 www.ucc-worcester.org

Wesley United Methodist Church

114 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608
508-799-4191 www.wesleyworc.org

Worcester Fellowship, Inc

508-277-2421 www.worcesterfellowship.org

Zion Lutheran Church

41 Whitmarsh Ave, Worcester, MA 01606
508-832-3427

Worcester Public Schools' Gay Straight Alliances (GSA)

Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

Greg Shannon
gshannon@akfcs.org 508-854-8400

Burncoat High School

Andrew Willis
Willisa@worcesterschools.net 508-799-3300

Claremont Academy

Heather Hinckley Parker
ParkerH@worc.k12.ma.us 508-799-3077

Doherty Memorial High School

Annette Cochran
CochranA@worc.k12.ma.us 508-799-3270

North High School

Lisa Houlihan
houliala@worcesterschools.net 508-799-3370

South High Community School

Stephanie Korunow
KorunowS@worc.k12.ma.us 508-799-3325

Worcester Technical High School

Gail Holland-Dufault
Hollan-DufaultG@worc.k12.ma.us 508-799-1940

University Park Campus School

Daniel St. Louis (Principal)
StLouisD@worc.k12.ma.us 508-799-3591

Gerald Creamer Center

Kelly Deneault 508-799-3476

A **Genders & Sexualities Alliance (GSA)** is a student-run club, typically in a high school or middle school, which provides a safe place for students to meet, support each other, talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and work to end homophobia and transphobia.

Want to start a GSA?

<http://www.gsanetwork.org>

Worcester Colleges' Gay Straight Alliances (GSA)

Assumption University: AU Allies

Deacon Paul Covino, Director of Campus Ministry
508-767-7057
pf.covino@assumption.edu

Clark University

Clark University OPEN
clarkuopen@gmail.com

College of the Holy Cross

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Support Group
Megan Fox-Kelly at 508-793-3899 or
mfox@holycross.edu.
All students are welcome in the Chaplain's office.

MA College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences Univ.

Julia Golden-Battle, Assistant Dean of Diversity & Inclusion
617-732-2058
Julia.Golden-Battle@mcphs.edu

Quinsigamond Community College

Gaelan Benway, 508-854-4339
gbenway@qcc.mass.edu
Erin Connor, 508-854-2719
econnor@qcc.mass.edu

UMass Medical School

QMass Student Group
QMass@umassmed.edu
LGBTQA Committee, Co-Chairs:
Shawn Morrissey,
Shawn.Morrissey@umassmed.edu
Jessica Pagano-Therrien,
Jessica.TPagano-Therrien@umassmed.edu

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Quon Tay
508-831-4885 or QuonTay@wpi.edu

Worcester State University

Office of Diversity
508-929-8784 EXT. 8117
diversity@worcester.edu

Civic Engagement- Get involved!

Participate in public meetings

City Council, School Committee and City of Worcester Boards and Commission meetings are generally all open to the public and interested individuals are encouraged to attend. See more: <http://www.worcesterma.gov/city-clerk/public-meetings>

Volunteer on a City of Worcester Board

Worcester residents serve as volunteers on thirty municipal boards, commissions, and advisory committees. Meeting locations, days and times vary; check the online city calendar. Find out more about boards and apply online:

www.worcesterma.gov/boards-commissions

Register to vote

www.worcesterma.gov/elections/voter-assistance/voter-registration



Know your rights

City of Worcester Human Rights Policy

2020 Executive Order Establishing Inclusive Bathroom Facilities in Buildings Owned by the City of Worcester

Go to www.worcesterma.gov/human-rights

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City of Worcester LGBTQ Resources



City of Worcester LGBTQ Liaison:
Jayna Turchek, Director
Human Rights & Accessibility
City Hall Room 101, 455 Main Street
humanrights@worcesterma.gov
Phone: 508-799- 8486

<http://www.worcesterma.gov/humanrights>

The City of Worcester is committed to principles of equal opportunity and affirmative action.

Please contact us with updates or to be added to this brochure

City of Worcester LGBTQ Owned Businesses

For updated list or to add
your business:

www.worcesterma.gov/

The City of Worcester Diverse Business Directory helps you discover businesses in Worcester that are owned by a broad spectrum of people, such as those with disabilities, veteran status, women, LGBTQIAs, minorities or New Americans.

The purpose of this directory is to highlight which businesses are diversely-owned, so that other small businesses, larger businesses, customers or potential clients who wish to work with or support these businesses can connect with each other. Explore the directory by searching on a business name, an industry or a self-identification category.

In order to be listed in the Diverse Business Directory, your business must be majority-owned (at least 51% ownership) by one or more of the following categories: Disability, LGBTQIA+, Minority, New American, Woman or Veteran.



Legal Resources

Worcester Police Department
LGBTQ Police Community Liaison
Officer Sharon McQueen, 508-688-0229
wpd-lgbtq@worcesterma.gov

GLAD (Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders)

617-426-1350 Gladlaw@glad.org

Community Legal Aid, Inc. (CLA) 405 Main Street, 4th Floor, Worcester, MA 01608

855-252-5342 www.communitylegal.org
Free legal aid provider

LGBT Asylum Support Task Force

Supports LGBT Political Asylum seekers
Hadwen Park Church 6 Clover Street Worcester,
MA

www.lgbtasylum.org
info@lgbtasylum.org 508-853-8853

MA Commission

Against Discrimination (MCAD)
Denholm Building, 484 Main St, Room 320,
Worcester, MA 01608 508-453-9630
mcad@mass.gov

Hotlines to Just Talk:

Fenway Community Health Hotlines
GLBTQ Peer Listening 1-800-399-7337
GLBTQ Listening of Any Age 1-888-340-4528

GLBTQ National Youth 1-800-246-7743

Gay & Lesbian National Hotline
1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)

GLBTQ Domestic Violence Project
955 Massachusetts Ave., PMB 131,
Cambridge, MA 02139, 1-800-832-1901

The Trevor Project 866-488-7386
Crisis intervention and suicide prevention
for LGBTQ young people ages 13-24