# **Greater New Haven LGBTQI+ Community Resources**

# AIDS Project New Haven

APNH is the oldest AIDS service organization in the State of Connecticut. Formed by a small group of individuals in 1983, it has expanded to provide services throughout the greater New Haven area. <a href="http://www.apnh.org/">http://www.apnh.org/</a>

### Claro Connecticut

Connecticut Latinas/os Achieving Rights and Opportunities (CLARO), is dedicated to promoting for Latinos LGTBQI equality, policy, social justice, human rights and education addressing homophobia and heterosexism. We accomplish these goals by mobilizing our community and partner agencies on issues like marriage equality, parental rights, inclusive anti-bullying policies, employment discrimination, hate violence, privacy rights, sexuality education, adoption, domestic partnerships, and HIV/AIDS. <a href="http://www.claro-ct.org/">http://www.claro-ct.org/</a>

## Connecticut Gay and Lesbian Chamber

CTGLC members are a diverse collection of businesses, individuals and corporations. From some of the largest corporate entities in Connecticut, to the newest and smallest businesses in our communities, CTGLC gives an equal voice to each member. CTGLC encourages LGBT entities as well as LGBT friendly entities to join. <a href="https://www.ctglc.org/">https://www.ctglc.org/</a>

### Connecticut Gay Men's Choir

The CtGMC presents two concert series each season in December and April. In addition, the CtGMC has been a guest artist group at many other venues, including Provincetown, MA as a guest of the Provincetown Business Guild, the Ivoryton Playhouse, the Little Theatre of Manchester, the University of Connecticut at Storrs, and the Gard Arts Center in New London. Community Outreach is a central part of the CtGMC's mission, and recent events have benefited organizations such as Hearts of Strangers, True Colors, Spirit of Life, CT Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, and Alliance for Living. http://www.ctgmc.org/

# Connecticut Lesbian & Bi Soirees

This is a CT group to facilitate lesbian, bisexual, and queer-identified women only, age 21 and up (and up and up), meeting, socializing, and networking. *WE ARE NOT A DATING SITE!* The group originated with monthly events at night (hence, the use of the word "soiree"), but now includes all types of activities all over the state. We hike, kayak, paint, drink, eat, play cards and games, walk our

dogs, talk, dish, commiserate, debate, sing, carve pumpkins, DANCE, dress up, dress down, dress in costume, see plays and movies, and sometimes even take trips. We are here to make friends.

https://www.meetup.com/CTL-BS/

#### Connecticut LGBT Law Project

Legal news and commentary for the Connecticut lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and their friends, families, and allies.

http://www.ctlgbtlaw.com/

## **Connecticut Outreach Society**

COS is a support group for transgendered individuals and their spouses or significant others. Membership in COS is open to all crossdressers, transsexual (both MtF and FtM) and gender variant individuals, spouses, and significant other of legal age regardless of gender, race, creed, or sexual orientation as well as to interested medical and mental health professionals.

http://www.ctoutreach.org/

# Connecticut Support Groups for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth

Create Yourself- An art group for transgender and gender non conforming children 12 and under.

Translation- Support group for transgender teens form 13-18 years old. TransPACT- A support group for parents of transgender and gender non conforming children.

For more information please contact: Tony Ferraiolo by email tony@tonferraiolo.com or call 203-376-8089.

### Connecticut TransAdvocacy Coalition

The mission of the Connecticut TransAdvocacy Coalition (CTAC) is to make Connecticut a safe and tolerant place for the trans and gender non-conforming individual through education and social advocacy. CTAC is a coalition and grassroots oriented organization comprising of individuals and organizations dedicated to the advancement and attainment of full Human Rights for all trans and gender non-conforming people in every aspect of society and actively oppose discriminatory acts

http://www.transadvocacy.org/

# <u>Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services: Services for LGBT People</u> with Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Issues

Recovery is a challenging process. So is the process of coming out as being LGBT. We have found that having a safe space for people to be supported within our treatment facilities is very helpful. http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/cwp/view.asp?a=2902&Q=534490&PM=1

## Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective

The Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective empowers individuals of diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions to lead healthy lives through the provision of health and support services, education and advocacy.

http://www.hglhc.org/

## Hartford Gay Men's Chorus

Gay Men's Chorus will be one of the premier performing arts organizations in New England, showcasing the talents of the LGBT community and its allies. http://www.hartfordgaymenschorus.org/

# Imperial Sovereign Court of All Connecticut

The Imperial Court System was founded in San Francisco in 1965 by José Sarria, also known as Absolute Empress I. Each individual court chapter (or "realm") is a separate, legally-incorporated charitable non-profit organization that raises funds and awareness for various charities and people in need within its realm. Each chapter has its own board of directors and is financially responsible for its own management.

Each court holds an annual coronation which is usually the chapter's largest fundraiser and is attended by both local people and members of other chapters from across North America . The focal point of the evening is the actual coronation ceremony in which the new emperor and empress are crowned.

While largely made up of gays and lesbians, each court is open to anyone wishing to help raise money for charities. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual people have all served as monarchs and court members in the system's history. http://iscofallct.org/indexb.html

#### LGBT Moveable Senior Center

Come Out and Connect! LGBT adults and allies of the LGBT community throughout Connecticut are invited to join the LGBT Moveable Senior Center (MSC). The LGBT MSC is a partnership among Senior Centers to welcome the LGBT community to Senior Centers and their programs. We are looking to

connect LGBT adults to mind-body-spirit, to each other, and to services and supports for healthy aging. While we are beginning in Senior Centers located in the Greater Hartford Area, the programs are open regardless of your zip code. Come Out and Connect! <a href="https://www.meetup.com/LGBT-Moveable-Senior-Center/">https://www.meetup.com/LGBT-Moveable-Senior-Center/</a>

## New Haven Pride Center

THE Center is that it fills a real need in the community. Every night, the Center is a hub of activity catering to the needs of south-central Connecticut's LGBT community.. Many groups moved their meetings to the offices of the Center and many new ones formed. The success of the Center lays not so much in the significant accomplishments of its short history, but rather, in our vision for the future. http://www.newhavenpridecenter.org/index.shtml

https://www.facebook.com/NewHavenPrideCenter/

# Norwalk Triangle Community Center

Triangle Community Center is Fairfield County's leading provider of programming and resources to nurture growth and connection within the LGBTQ community.

http://www.ctpridecenter.org/events

### New Haven County Bar Association – LGBT Committee

The NHCBA LGBT Committee sponsors events throughout the year aimed at fostering community for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender attorneys The Committee provides discussion, outreach, and education for lawyers working with gender diverse clients, non-traditional family structures, and other LGBT clients to ensure that their representation is respectful and culturally competent.

http://www.newhavenbar.org/?page=lgbt

## OutCT

Building a community through educational, cultural and social programming that promotes acceptance, tolerance and understanding of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Community Events in CT: http://outct.org/community-events/

# OutFilm CT

Out Film CT is a volunteer, nonprofit cultural organization dedicated to presenting outstanding LGBT cinema and other theatrical events throughout the year, culminating in the nine-day **Connecticut LGBT Film Festival**.

http://www.outfilmct.org/programs/

# Stonewall Speakers

Stonewall Speakers, a program of the Connecticut Stonewall Foundation, Inc., is an all-volunteer speaker's bureau comprised of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people and their allies. Our speakers give their hearts, time and travel expenses to help eliminate hate and promote understanding. Speaking engagements generally include two or more panelists and combine personal life stories with a question and answer session. We speak to thousands of youth and adults annually. Stonewall Speakers is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

http://www.stonewallspeakers.org/

### True Colors

True Colors is a non-profit organization that works with other social service agencies, schools, organizations, and within communities to ensure that the needs of sexual and gender minority youth are both recognized and competently met. The organization trains more than 2400 people annually, organizes the largest LGBT youth conference in the country with more than 3000 attendees and manages the state's only LGBT mentoring program.

http://www.ourtruecolors.org/