

2004-2005 Annual Report.

New York State
Lesbian, Gay,
Bisexual and
Transgender
Health and Human
Services Network



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From the Steering Committee.

Welcome to the first Annual Report of the New York State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Health and Human Services Network (“the Network”). Since its inception in 1994, the Network has developed into a complex, statewide coalition of more than 50 community-based organizations that work to meet the health and human service needs of the LGBT communities throughout New York. Network members work in urban, rural and suburban parts of the state, serve historically underserved and marginalized communities such as people of color, low income and senior individuals, and have a proven track record of providing successful, community-relevant programs throughout New York. By focusing on non-HIV related health needs, Network members have worked diligently with New York State government to recognize the continuum of health care needs in the LGBT communities. Because of the Network’s education and advocacy, state lawmakers and state agencies are beginning to recognize the issues relating to LGBT seniors and youth, substance abuse and mental health needs, in addition to many others.

This Annual Report makes visible the incredible strides the Network has achieved by advocating at a state level for increased awareness and funding for LGBT communities. Organizations throughout the state continue to offer dynamic services to meet their community needs and participate on a state level to paint a comprehensive picture of the funding and other needs of the LGBT community. On very limited budgets, organizations have been able to diversify and share resources through the Network to result in the improvement of all services throughout the state. Increasing the funding for Network member organizations would provide much-needed support to underserved LGBT communities throughout New York.

From the Empire State Pride Agenda, Coordinator of the Network.

The Empire State Pride Agenda is honored to present the 2004-2005 Annual Report of the NYS LGBT Health and Human Services Network. Involved since the Network's origins, the Pride Agenda commends the important work these organizations do every day in local communities throughout the state. In order to support and improve the lives of LGBT New Yorkers, the collaborative relationship between the Network and the Pride Agenda brings their important work locally to the statewide level in order to advocate for increased resources and awareness of LGBT health needs.

As we go forward, it is important that community-based organizations in the Network receive increased funding to help them better face new and existing health issues which specifically impact LGBT communities. The Network's proven track record of a statewide infrastructure in addressing these needs in a community-relevant and efficient manner is a model that is unique in the nation. In addition to funding for local communities, the Network serves as a resource for state and local health agencies in order to increase their cultural competency on LGBT issues.

In partnership with the Pride Agenda, the Network will continue to foster strong community-based organizations and will continue to have a presence at the statewide level in addressing the health and wellness needs of LGBT New Yorkers. Only with support from government, private foundations, and community members can LGBT New Yorkers and their families be full citizens without debilitating health needs preventing the realization of their contributions to local and state communities.

Overview and history.

The Network is a coalition of more than fifty LGBT-specific and LGBT-supportive nonprofit groups and organizations that provide health and social services to LGBT New Yorkers and their families. Organizations serve upstate, downstate, urban and rural populations as well as LGBT individuals who are also part of communities that have historically experienced barriers and marginalization, such as youth, seniors, people of color and low income and transgender individuals. The Network focuses on non-HIV related services, such as primary and preventive care, crime victim assistance, family counseling and education.

Through the efforts of the New York City Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center (later renamed the LGBT Community Center) and the Pride Agenda, the first statewide coalition of lesbian and gay human service providers in New York was established in 1994. Known today as the New York State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health and Human Services Network (the "Network"), the coalition was created in response to concerns about funding cuts that were then threatening lesbian and

gay community-based organizations. The community recognized at that time that while it was successful in increasing or protecting HIV-specific programs, it was not as successful in obtaining funding for non-HIV programs. The Network was charged with the task of addressing (a) the reality that government had failed to meet the pressing and unaddressed needs of New York State's large LGBT community; and (b) the need for the community to organize and persuade state government to begin funding non-HIV/AIDS health and social services that targeted the LGBT community. The Network has been meeting regularly and has expanded its efforts to include organizations throughout the State.

By creating a strong infrastructure, Network members, with the support of the Empire State Pride Agenda, were successful in obtaining resources from New York State government in 1997. Since then, the Network has secured more than \$15 million to fund community based organizations throughout the state that address the specific health needs of LGBT New Yorkers.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health and Human Services Network (the Network) is:
An association of LGBT-specific and LGBT-supportive non-profit groups and organizations that serve the non-HIV/AIDS-related health and human services of LGBT New Yorkers.
The Network's purpose is to ensure and enhance our ability to provide needed services to LGBT communities.

Who we are.

Average age of programs is 13 years. Programs range from newly established programs within larger agencies to organizations with more than 20 years of experience serving the LGBT communities. Members have a proven track record of continuously serving the needs of their community.

More than half of Network member organizations have fewer than 6 full-time paid staff. With limited resources and a wide variety of needs, most Network member organizations rely on a regular volunteer base of between 20 and 70 people. Because these organizations are pillars in their community and have local leaders on their Board of Directors, their focus on community building has resulted in active volunteer numbers.

Annual budgets of Network member organizations range from less than \$100,000 to more than \$1 million.

Network members are almost equally divided into following budget categories:

23% \$0-\$99,999

23% \$100,000-\$249,999

23% \$250,000-\$499,999

30% \$500,000 and over

Services we provide.

The types of services that Network members provide are based on the needs of their local communities. Rather than provide a single type of service, each organization offers programs based on the combination of needs, funding, and infrastructure. Below are the breakdowns of the categories of services Network members provide throughout New York.

General Health Services

Resources, educational sessions, outreach, and training

Mental Health Services

Clinical, support groups, social support

Youth Outreach Services

Peer education, outreach, housing, groups

Community Centers

General meeting space and programming for community

Substance Abuse Services

Interventions, support groups, outreach, and education

Senior Outreach Services

Support groups, programming, and in-home services

Community Education and Training

Educational sessions and training on a variety of topics

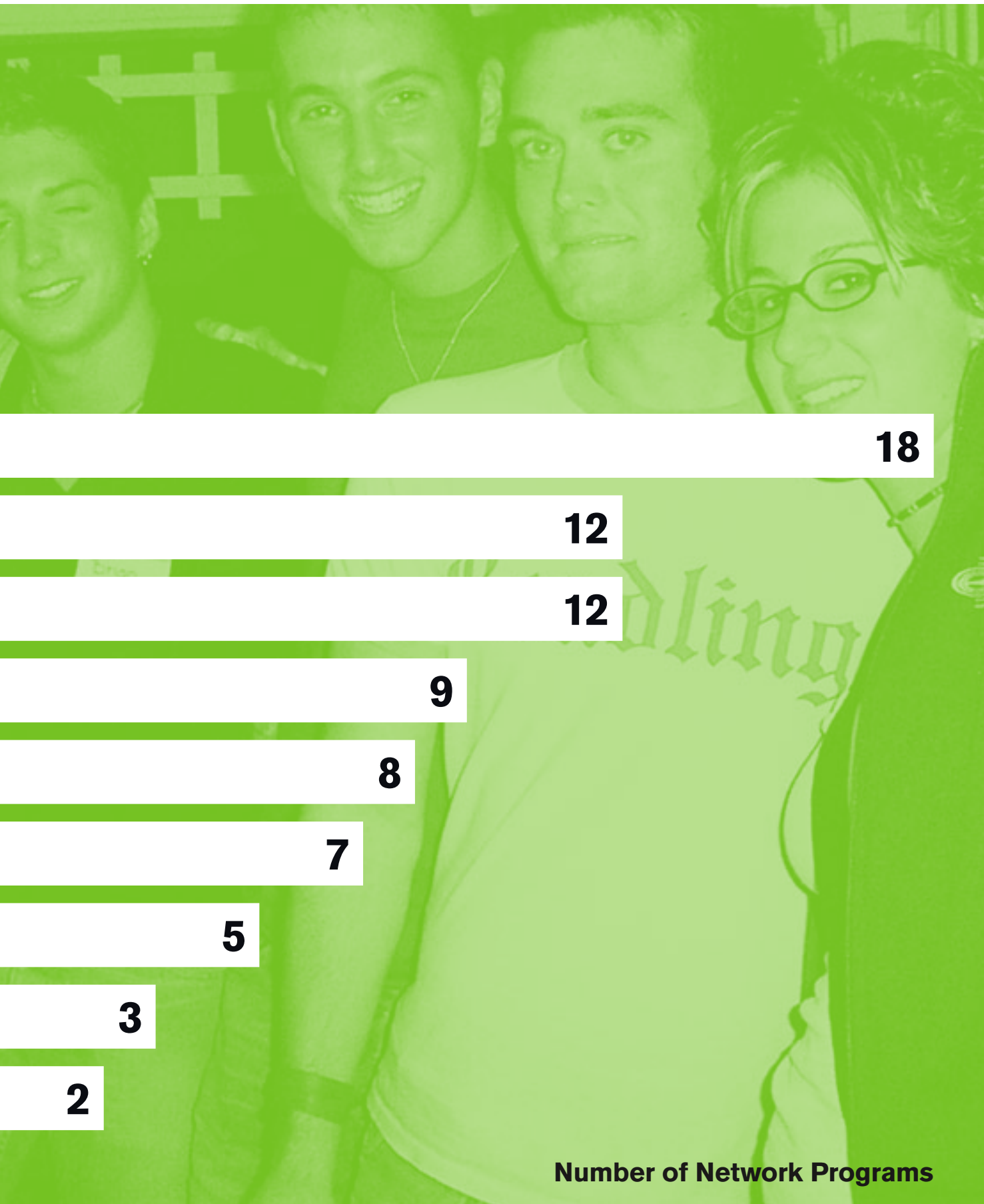
HIV Education and Services

Testing, support, education, and prevention

Other

Technical assistance services, legal services, anti-violence services

Type of Network Program



Number of Network Programs

Who we serve.

Counties served by Network members.

Albany

Jefferson

Putnam

Bronx

Madison

Rensselaer

Cattaraugus

Monroe

Rockland

Cayuga

Nassau

Suffolk

Columbia

New York

Saratoga

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Onondaga

Tompkins

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Orange

Westchester

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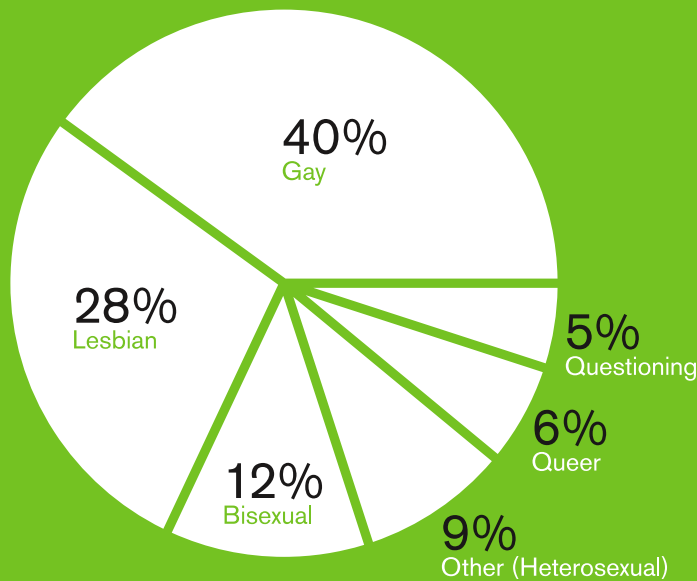
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**Network
members serve
over **500,000**
clients directly
every year
throughout New
York State.**

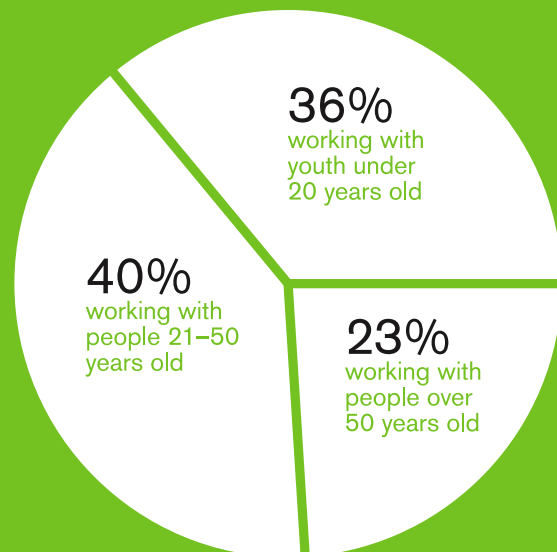
Demographic breakdown of clients served by member organizations.

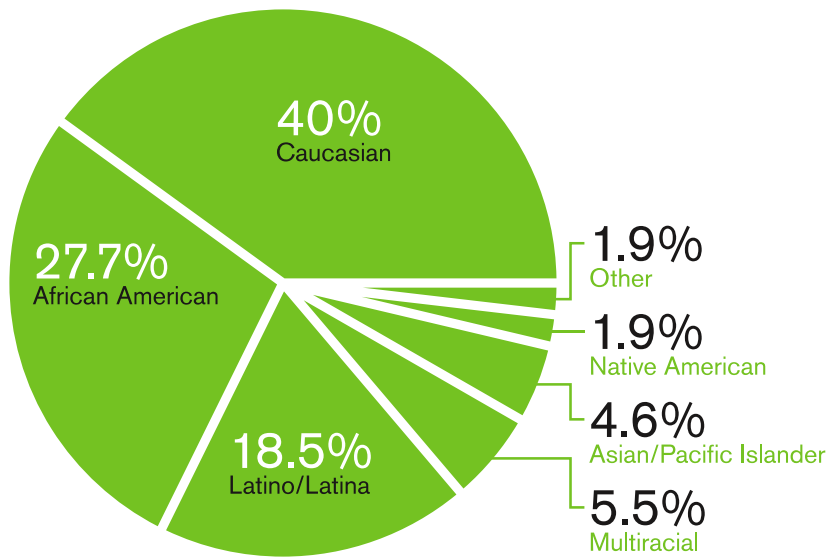
Community members that access Network member services represent the diversity of New York State.



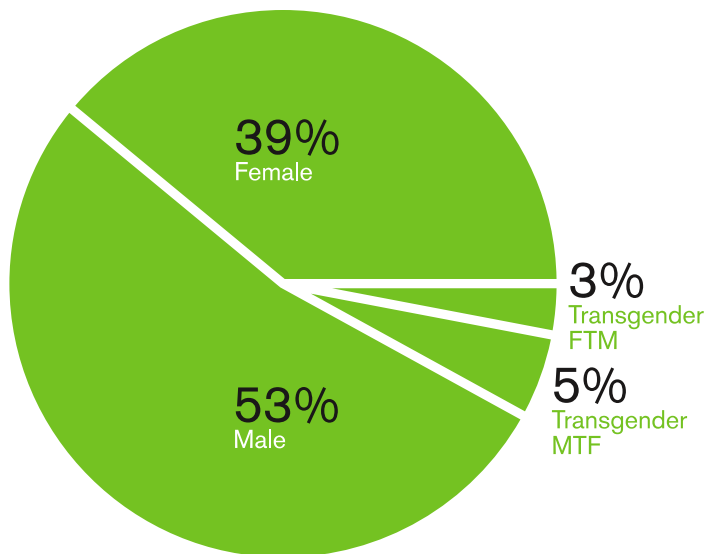
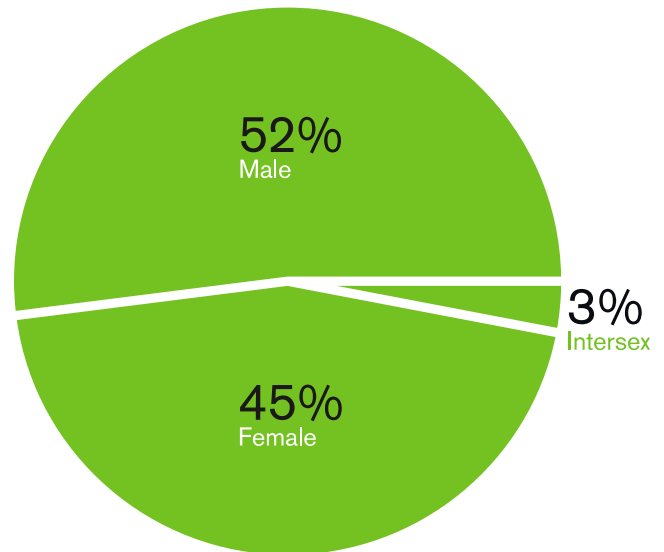
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Network members.

Located throughout New York State, member organizations serve a variety of needs in the LGBT communities in New York. Information on the 51 current member organizations of the Network is below.

African Ancestral Lesbians United for Societal Change

**c/o The Center
208 West 13th Street
New York, NY 10011
212 620-7310**

www.aalusc.org

Provides educational tools, resources and referrals, workshops and discussions, and social and cultural events. Committed to the spiritual, cultural, educational, economic and social empowerment of African ancestral lesbians and women of color living in New York City.

Ali Forney Center

**527 West 22nd Street
First Floor
New York, NY 10011
212 206-0574**

www.aliforneycenter.org

Provides a comprehensive housing program for homeless LGBT youth aged 16-24. Services include emergency and transitional housing, outreach, case management, medical care, mental health treatment, and an employment readiness/placement program.

Audre Lorde Project

**85 South Oxford Street, 3rd floor
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718 596-0342**

www.alp.org

Works for community wellness and progressive social/economic justice by and for people of African/Black/Caribbean, Arab, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino/a and Native/Indigenous descent. Serves as a community organizing center for lesbian, gay, bisexual, two-spirit and transgender people of color communities.

Bronx Lesbian & Gay Health Resource Consortium

**940 Garrison Avenue
Bronx, NY 10474
718 842-9831**

blghrc@aol.com

Provides a database and directory of health care and social service providers who are informed of and sensitive to the LGBT community in the Bronx. Serves LGBTQ youth in the Bronx and surrounding areas.

Callen-Lorde Community Health Center

356 West 18th Street

New York, NY 10011

212 271-7200

www.callen-lorde.org

Provides comprehensive primary and specialty medical care, mental health care and health education. Services provided regardless of ability to pay in a full-service, state-licensed health center geared primarily to the LGBT community, including those living with HIV.

**Capital District Gay and Lesbian
Community Council**

P.O. Box 131

Albany, NY 12201

518 462-6138

cdglcc@aol.com

www.cdglcc.org

Serves the Capital District's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Promotes understanding and acceptance of the LGBT community and provides important programs and services to the community.

**Center Lane/Westchester
Jewish Community Services**

845 North Broadway, Suite 2

White Plains, NY 10603

914 948-1042

centerlane@hotmail.com

Offers a drop-in center, discussion groups, social activities, a peer leadership program and individual and family counseling for LGBT youth. Serves adolescents from Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and the Bronx.

**Colombian Lesbian and Gay
Association (COLEGA)**

35-15 Leverich Street, Suite 607

Jackson Heights, NY 11372

718 670-7399

colega_ny@yahoo.com

www.colegalgbt.org

Advocates for the health, visibility, voice and strength of all immigrant LGBT Colombians. Establishes and maintains linkages with LGBT advocacy organizations in Colombia, South America.

**Community Awareness Network
for a Drug-Free Life and
Environment (CANDLE)**

120 North Main Street, Suite 301

New City, NY 10956-5188

845 634-6677

http://209.68.1.37/web/candle/

Works to prevent the abuse of alcohol and other drugs by Rockland County youth through programs that build resiliency, educate about health and sexuality issues and help youth cope with stress due to peer, school or family problems.

Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley

179 Atlantic Avenue

Rochester, NY 14607

585 244-8640

info@gayalliance.org

www.gayalliance.org

Serves approximately 15,000 people a year through its support groups, recreational programming, information and referral hotline, publications and sensitivity outreach trainings.

**Gay, Lesbian and Straight
Education Network (GLSEN)**
121 West 27th Street, Suite 804
New York, NY 10001
212 727-0135
glsen@glsen.org
www.glsen.org

Organizes 85 grassroots chapters across the country, including five in New York (Albany, Hudson Valley, Long Island, New York City and Rochester) of teachers, parents, students and concerned citizens to end anti-gay bias in schools.

Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD)
103 East 125th Street, Suite 503
New York, NY 10035
212 828-1697
gmad@aol.com
www.gmad.org

Works to empower gay men of African descent through education, social support, political advocacy and health and wellness promotion. Programs include HIV prevention through street and community outreach, discussion and support groups, a drop-in center and capacity-building assistance services.

Gay Men's Health Crisis
119 West 24th Street
New York, NY 10011
212 367-1000
www.gmhc.org

Offers hands-on support services, education and advocacy and is the oldest and largest not-for-profit AIDS organization in the United States.

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Long Island
34 West Main Street
Bay Shore, NY 11706
631 665-3700
www.glsbli.com

Serves as a source of information, referral and peer counseling for residents of Long Island by telephone weeknights 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Gay & Lesbian Youth Services
of Western New York**
190 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
716 855-0221
www.glyswny.com

Provides programming in Niagara and Erie counties in a safe and positive environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning (GLBTQ) youth to learn more about themselves through peer interaction and educational experiences.

GRIOT Circle
30 Third Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718 246-2775

Provides social services and support programs for older lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and twospirit people of color as an intergenerational and culturally diverse Brooklyn-based organization.

**Heights Hill Mental Health Service/
Rainbow Heights Club**
25 Flatbush Avenue, 3rd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718 875-1420

Provides sensitive, professional services for LGBT individuals with major mental illness.

Hetrick Martin Institute

2 Astor Place, 3rd floor

New York, NY 10003

212 674-2400

www.hmi.org

Creates a safe and supportive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth between the ages of 12 and 21 and their families. Serves thousands of LGBT youth and their families each month from all five boroughs of New York City and the surrounding metropolitan area.

In Our Own Voices

245 Lark Street

Albany, NY 12210

518 432-4188

Promotes and ensures the physical, mental, spiritual, political, social, cultural and economic health and survival of LGBT people of color communities in the Capital District. Programs focus on education and advocacy, substance abuse recovery, family wellness and anti-violence.

Institute for Human Identity

160 West 24th Street

New York, NY 10011

212 243-2830

www.altrue.net/site/therapycenter

Provides professional counseling and psychotherapy services to the LGBT community in an affirmative environment. Trains mental health professionals and offers public forums on how best to address the psychological needs of the LGBT community.

Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project/Ferre Institute

124 Front Street

Binghamton, NY 13905

607 724-4308

LesGayFamBldg@aol.com

www.ferre.org

Provides family building information to members of the lesbian and gay community in upstate New York, including information on adoptions, donor insemination, surrogacy and foster care.

LGBT Health and Wellness Program of Community Health Action of Staten Island

380 Van Duzer Street

Staten Island, NY 10304

718 273-5833

718 720-2666

allyson.sandak@sihealthaction.org

www.sihealthaction.org

Promotes overall health and wellness among Staten Island's LGBT community. Offers workshops on general and sexual health and LGBT diversity/sensitivity, support groups and counseling (youth, adults, families, AA), opportunities for community involvement and social events.

Long Island Lesbian Cancer Initiative (LILCI)

471 North Broadway #123

Jericho, NY 11753

1 888 LILCINY

info@lilci.org

www.lilci.org

Works to eliminate health disparities through education, advocacy, research and services. Serves as a grassroots, social justice, nonprofit organization dedicated to health and wellness, with an emphasis on cancer.

Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth (LIGALY)

**34 Park Avenue
Bay Shore, NY 11706
631 665-2300
www.ligaly.com**

Provides counseling services, a drop-in center, support groups and social and recreational activities for lesbian and gay youth and their families in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Mano a Mano

**c/o Latino Commission on AIDS
24 West 25th Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10010-2704
212 584-9311
mano_mano_ny@hotmail.com**

Disseminates information on activities and services available to a network of New York City-based Latino LGBT organizations and activists that advocates for health and social services issues affecting New York's Latino LGBT community, and offers technical support and assistance to emerging Latino LGBT organizations.

Men of Color Health Awareness

**25 Franklin Street, Suite 1060
Rochester, NY 14604
585 420-1400**

Provides services to men of color who have sex with men. Services include, but are not limited to: HIV/AIDS education, prevention, outreach, case management, support groups and community building activities.

Metropolitan Community Church of NY

**446 West 36th Street
New York, NY 10018
212 629-7440
www.mccny.org**

Provides worship services, pastoral care, an HIV/AIDS nutrition program, emergency food programs, support groups and other services. Seeks to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the LGBT community and is a member of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

New Neutral Zone

**12 East 33rd Street, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10016
646 935-1943**

Offers counseling, recreation, peer outreach and leadership, and arts programming in a youth-directed space for LGBT youth and their straight allies ages 15 to 22.

New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project

**240 West 35th Street, Suite 200
New York, NY 10001
212 714-1184
webmaster@avp.org
www.avp.org**

Assists LGBT and HIV-affected survivors of hate-motivated violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and police misconduct by providing therapeutic counseling, advocacy within the criminal justice system and victim support agencies, information for self-help and referrals to practicing professionals.

People of Color in Crisis

**468 Bergen Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718 230-0770
pocccgen@pocc.org**

Provides health and mental health services, including education, discussion, outreach and support, for the African-American and Caribbean LGBT communities.

Planned Parenthood of Niagara County

**P.O. Box 356
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0356
716 205-0704**

Provides high quality, confidential reproductive and complementary health care services, educational programs promoting safe and responsible sexual attitudes and behavior, and advocacy for public policies reflecting these services.

Pride Center of Western New York

**18 Trinity Place
Buffalo, New York 14201
716 852-7743**

www.pridecenterwny.org

Provides a central gathering space along with social and health-related programming to fulfill the mission of bringing Western New York's LGBT Communities together.

Pride for Youth: Long Island Crisis Center

**2050 Bellmore Avenue
Bellmore, NY 11710
516 679-9000**

www.licrisiscenter.org/pride.html

Provides an array of health and wellness services for LGBT youth in Nassau and Suffolk counties, including crisis counseling, support groups and recreational activities.

Queens Pride House

**67-03 Woodside Avenue
Woodside, NY 11377
718 429-5309
www.queenspridehouse.tripod.com**

Provides a safe, nurturing space for the Queens LGBT community, including an expansive library of publications and videos. Services include community building, education both inside and outside the community and increasing political awareness

Queens Rainbow Community Center

**P.O. Box 720464
Jackson Heights, NY 11372
718 457-2928**

Disseminates information about LGBT communities to foster knowledge and understanding. Educates the public, creates/supports activities commemorating important LGBT historical events and creates/supports social service programs that improve the health and wellness of LGBT people, their families and friends.

Queers for Economic Justice

**16 W. 32nd Street #10H
New York, NY 10001
212 234-5701**

Joseph@Q4EJ.org

www.QueersforEconomicJustice.org

Works with low-income and homeless LGBT people, and issues of economic injustice facing LGBT people. Engages in advocacy, coalition-building, community organizing, leadership development and public-education to raise the issues of economic injustice and LGBT people.

Rainbow Access Initiative**200 Henry Johnson Boulevard****Albany, NY 12210****518 471-9080****www.rainbowaccess.org**

Addresses the educational needs of medical and social service professionals regarding the health and human service issues of the LGBT community by training non-LGBT health and human service professionals and empowering LGBT health care consumers.

Rainbow Seniors of Western New York**305 Pearl Street****Rochester, NY 14607****585 442-6369****RSWNY@rainbowseniorswny.org****www.rainbowseniorswny.org**

Promotes and addresses life issues affecting the general welfare of older gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (GLBTI) individuals in the Rochester area.

Safety Zone/ Unity House**309 8th Street****Troy, New York 12180****518 274-3770****518 2721911 fax****bclarkson@unityhouseny.org****www.unityhouseny.org**

Provides drop-in center and services for youth who identify themselves as gay/lesbian/bi-sexual/transgender. Services include: HIV prevention services that are school based and street outreach, one-to-one discussion, harm reduction training, support groups, information and referral, emergency assistance, counseling and self esteem training.

SAGE/Queens**74-09 37th Avenue, Room 409****Jackson Heights, NY 11372****718 533-6469**

Provides recreation, socialization, education, organizing and referrals for LGBT senior citizens in Queens.

SAGE/Upstate**P.O. Box 6271****Syracuse, NY 13217****315 446-1319**

Provides recreational, social and educational programming for aging LGBT people in Onandaga and contiguous counties.

**Services and Advocacy for
GLBT Elders (SAGE)****305 Seventh Avenue, 16th Floor****New York, NY 10001****212 741-2247****sageusa@aol.com**

Provides over 300 opportunities for socialization each month and an extensive program of education and community outreach. Serves as a social service and advocacy agency for older members of the LGBT community in New York City.

Shades of Lavender**c/o Brooklyn AIDS Task Force****502 Bergen Street****Brooklyn, NY 11217****718 622-2910**

Provides ongoing discussion and self-help groups, workshops, activities and information and referrals for youth and adults. Serves as a multicultural space in Brooklyn created by and for the lesbian and bisexual women's community.

Sylvia Rivera Law Project

322 8th Avenue, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10001

212 337-8550

www.srlp.org

Provides free legal services to transgender, intersex and gender non-conforming low-income people and people of color and engages in public education, policy reform, and community organizing support on issues affecting our communities.

The LGBT Community Center

208 West 13th Street

New York, NY 10011

212 620-7310

webmaster@gaycenter.org

www.gaycenter.org

Serves New York City's LGBT community since 1983. Provides services for more than 5,000 people each week in the areas of mental health, family, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS-related, educational, cultural, advocacy and recreational services.

The LOFT

180 East Post Road, Lower Level

White Plains, NY 10601

914 948-2932

www.loftgaycenter.org

Serves over 3,000 LGBT people each month in the lower Hudson Valley.

Offers support groups, a newsletter, a telephone helpline, and social, educational and recreational programming.

Unity Fellowship Church

230 Classon Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11205

718 636-5646

<http://members.aol.com/ufcnyc/>

Provides education and support services for LGBT people ages 18 to 25 and their families.

Women-Oriented Women

1005 Brighton Park Place

Utica, NY 13502

315 735-9704

www.borg.com/~berta/

Holds monthly social meetings and recreational activities as a Utica-based lesbian organization.

Supporting Members

Diversity Matters Corporation

PO Box 51

New Lebanon, NY 12125

518 794-0943

diversitymatterscorp@yahoo.com

Provides cultural competency education specific to issues that impact lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

New York AIDS Coalition

231 W. 29th St 10th Fl

New York, NY 10001

212 629-3075

www.nyaidsc.org

Works for increased funding and fair policies for people living with HIV/AIDS in New York State.



NYS LGBT Health and Human Service Network members are meeting the ever growing needs of our community, as demonstrated by the number of clients and geographic areas served throughout New York State. Without the Network advocating on a statewide level for funding from New York State government, these organizations would not survive. While the Network appreciates the funding it has received from the New York State government, it needs increased investment to continue providing quality, effective care to our community and emerging communities throughout New York State. Tell your legislator that the NYS LGBT Health and Human Services Network is important to our community and a sound investment for the health of all New Yorkers.

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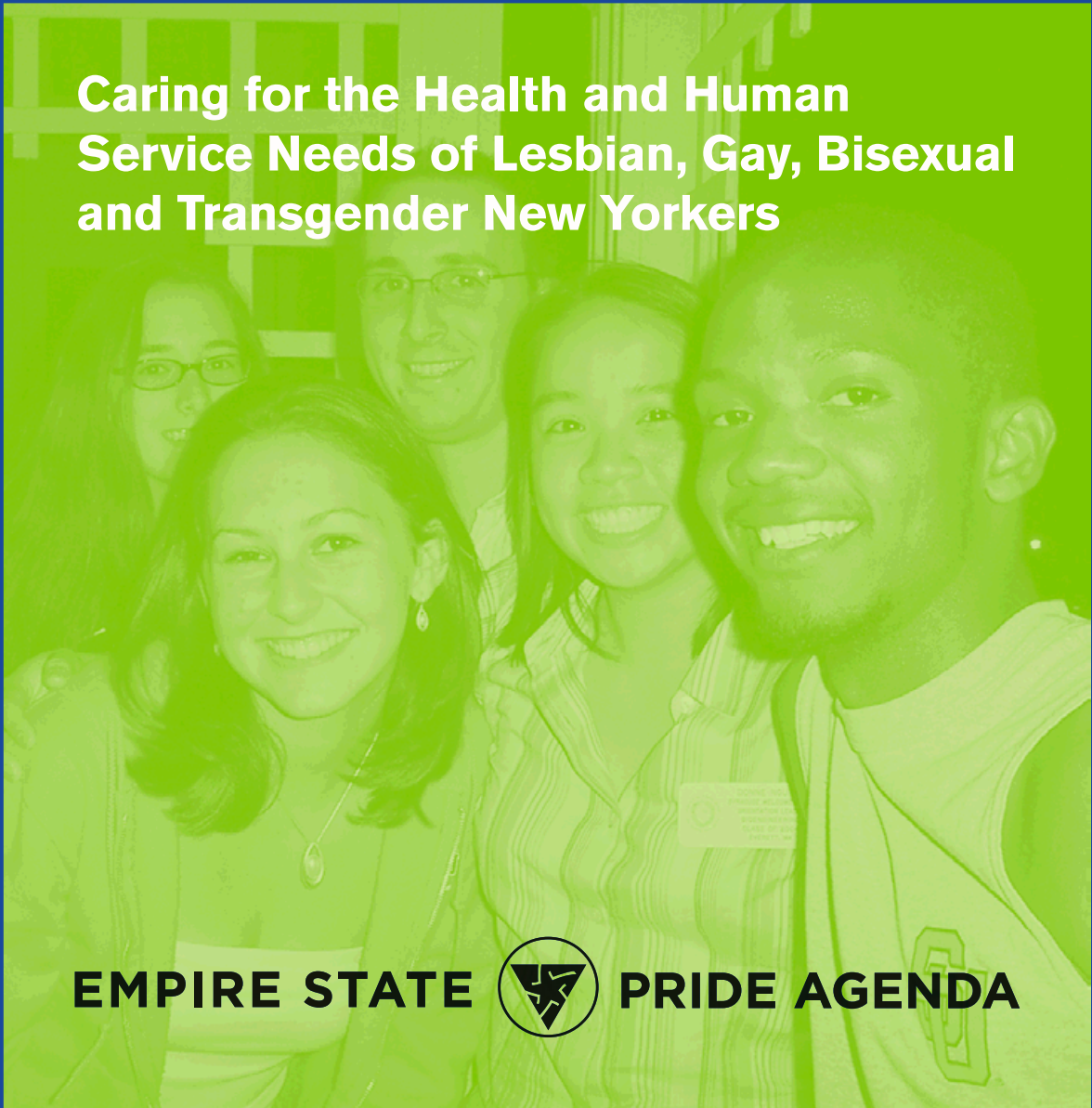
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Caring for the Health and Human Service Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender New Yorkers



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