OUT MetroWest supports LGBTQ teens in the Boston MetroWest area by offering youth-led, adult-supported social and educational programs, including WAGLY, a group for LGBTQ and allied high school youth. There are weekly meetings every non-holiday Monday at 6:45–8:30 p.m.

**Ages:** High school  
**Parish Hall, 309 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA**  
**www.outmetrowest.org**  
**508-875-2122**

**Safe Homes/The Bridge** is a program supporting LGBTQ young people and their straight allies. The group is led by youth peer leaders, professional staff and volunteers who offer support, resources and opportunities for socialization in a safe and nurturing environment.

**Ages:** 14–23 years  
**4 Mann Street**  
**Worcester, MA**  
**www.safehomesma.org**  
**508-755-0333**

**The Trevor Project** is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) young people.

**Ages:** 12–24 years  
**P.O. Box 69232**  
**West Hollywood, CA 90069**  
**www.thetrevorproject.org**  
**866-488-7386**

**True Colors: Out Youth Theater** is a program of Theater Offensive that uses a proven community-based theater approach to train and activate lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and allied youth leaders.

**Ages:** 14–29 years  
**565 Boylston Street, 3rd Floor**  
**Boston, MA**  
**www.thetheateroffensive.org/true-colors/youth-programming**  
**617-661-1600**

**The Waltham House/Home for Little Wanderers** is a group home program designed to provide a safe and supportive living environment for up to 12 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth.

**Ages:** 14–18 years  
**www.thehome.org/waltham**  
**781-647-9976**

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**Tips for How LGBTQ Patients Can Be Open with Their Health Care Provider**

We encourage all of our LGBTQ patients and families to be open with their health care provider about their sexual orientation, sexual behavior and gender identity.

- **Bring a friend.** If you are nervous about being open with your provider, consider asking someone you trust to come with you.
- **Try to bring up the subject early on in your relationship with your provider.**
- **Ask for time to talk before the appointment starts.** Ask your doctor for a few minutes to talk while you are still fully clothed, and feel most comfortable.
- **You can start a discussion by saying, “There’s a conversation I need to have with you.”** Or you can start by asking, “How do you approach patient confidentiality?”
- **Providers may not always know what terms you prefer.** Let them know how you describe yourself and your partner(s), and they should use those words.
- **If you don’t want to have a whole conversation, you can mention your sexuality or partner in general conversation.**
Dedicated to the LGBTQ Community

Several of our departments and programs are focused on ways to improve the health care for our LGBTQ patients. The goals of these programs are to help patients access culturally competent health services and help them achieve the highest level of health.

The Division of Adolescent/Young Adult Medicine provides comprehensive primary and specialty care to patients ages 10–23. Founded in 1951, it is the oldest adolescent clinic in the United States.

www.childrenshospital.org/centers-and-services/division-of-adolescent-medicine
617-355-7181

The Boston HIV Adolescent Provider and Peer Education Network for Services (HAPPENS) provides services to youth 12–24 years old who are HIV positive or at risk for the disease and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). HAPPENS offers free HIV counseling and testing for young adults 13 and older and free sexually transmitted infection (STI) and viral hepatitis testing for young people 13–24.

www.childrenshospital.org/centers-and-services/programs/a_-e/boston-hiv-adolescent-provider-and-peer-education-network-for-services-happens-program/overview
617-355-2735

The Disorders of Sex Development (DSD) and Gender Management Service (GeMS) provides care and support to infants, children, adolescents and young adults with DSDs, and youth with concerns about gender identity. Our experienced clinicians are familiar with the mental and emotional aspects of each patient’s unique condition and work closely with the entire medical team.

617-355-4367

The Boston Children’s Hospital Neighborhood Partnership Program (BCHNP), part of our Department of Psychiatry, is an innovative community mental health program. It offers large-scale prevention programming to provide education and support to students, families and staff around concerns such as depression and suicide, bullying and sexuality.

www.childrenshospital.org/centers-and-services/boston-childrens-hospital-neighborhood-partnerships-program

617-919-3201

The Center for Young Women’s Health, in collaboration with the Division of Adolescent Medicine and the Division of Gynecology, is an educational center that provides teen girls and young women with carefully researched health information, health education programs and conferences. The website offers timely articles, blogs and interactive features.

youngwomenshealth.org

617-355-2994

The Center for Young Men’s Health provides health information to teenage boys and young men to help them improve their understanding of normal health and development, as well as of specific diseases and conditions. The goal is to empower teen boys and young men around the world to take an active role in their own health care.

youngmenshealthsite.org

617-355-5420

Ongoing research is also being done through the Center on Media and Child Health, which is dedicated to understanding and responding to the effects of media on the physical, mental and social health of children through research, production and education.

www.cmch.tv

cmch@childrens.harvard.edu

617-355-5420

Local (Greater Boston and Massachusetts) Youth Resources

The Boston Alliance of Gay, Lesbian, and Trangender Youth (BAGLY) is a youth-led, adult-supported social support organization for the LGBT youth community. There are weekly meetings and drop-ins every Wednesday 5–9 p.m.

www.bagly.org

info@bagly.org
617-277-4313

Camp Aranu’tiq works to build confidence, resilience and community for transgender and gender-variant youth and their families through camp experiences.

www.camparanutiq.org
617-467-5830

The Greater Boston PFLAG is made up of parents, families, friends, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people. They help change attitudes and create an environment of understanding so that LGBTQ family members and friends can live in a world that is safe and inclusive.

www.gbpflag.org
781-891-5966

The HBGC (Hispanic Black Gay Coalition) LGBTQ Youth Empowerment Conference works to inspire and empower Latin, Hispanic and Black LGBTQ individuals to improve their livelihood through activism, education, community outreach, and counseling.

www.hbgc-boston.org
617-487-HBGC (4242)

The Justice Resource Institute (JRI)/Boston Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (Boston GLASS) is a safe, supportive environment in which LGBTQ youth and young people can come together to talk, get support, access critical services, get information about relevant health issues and more.

www.jri.org/services/health-hiv-lgbtq-services/health-and-prevention-services/boston-glass/about-glass
857-399-1920

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