

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION

TRANSGENDER REFERRAL SOURCES

For information regarding sex reassignment, transgenderism, and/or referrals and providers in your area, please contact one of the following organizations. These reputable organizations disseminate reading materials, general references regarding gender dysphoria, or will provide referrals to professionals or organizations in this field.

Professional Organizations

These organizations may be able to provide you with referrals to qualified professionals.

1. American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, & Therapists (AASECT)

PO Box 5488
Richmond, VA 23220-0488
Phone: (804) 644 3288
Fax: (804) 644 3290

2. Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)

GLAD is New England's leading legal organization doing work on behalf of transgender individuals and all people who reflect a diversity of gender expression.

30 Winter Street, Suite 800
Boston, MA 02108
Phone: (617) 426-1350
Website: www.glad.org
E-mail: gladlaw@glad.org

3. The Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality

IASHS is a graduate program in sexology.

Website: www.iashs.edu

4. International Journal of Transgenderism

Friedemann Pfäefflin, M.D. & Eli Coleman, Ph.D., Editors

Website: <http://www.symposium.com/ijt>

5. The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)

SSSS is an international organization dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about sexuality. They maintain a list of schools that have an emphasis in sexology in the USA and other countries.

Website: www.sexscience.org

6. The Transmedicine Discussion Group

The transmedicine discussion group, located at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/transmedicine> is a forum for health professionals, primarily physicians, to discuss aspects of transgender medicine. The focus is on hormone therapy, research, access to care, and billing issues.

7. World Association for Sexology

Rua Traipu, 523- Perdizes
01235-000- Sao Paulo- SP Brazil
Phone: (55-11) 3666-5421
FAX: (55-11) 3662-3139

Website: www.worldsexology.org
Email: oswrod@uol.com.br

Consumer Based Advocacy Groups

The following are consumer based advocacy groups.

1. The American Boyz (AmBoyz)

The American Boyz is an organization which aims to support people who were labeled female at birth but who feel that is not an accurate or complete description of who they are (FTMs) and their significant others, friends, families, and allies (SOFFAs).

The American Boyz, Inc.
212A S. Bridge Street #131
Elkton, MD, 21921

Website: www.amboyz.org
Email: info@amboyz.org

2. Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE)

COLAGE is the only national and international organization in the world specifically supporting young people with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender parents.

3543 18th St #1
San Francisco, CA 94110
Phone: 1 (415) 861-KIDS (5437)

Fax: 1 (415) 255-8345
Website: www.colage.org
E-mail: colage@colage.org

3. FTM International (Female to Male)

160- 14th street
San Francisco, CA 94103 USA
Phone: (415) 553-5987
E-mail: TSTGMen@aol.com
Website: www.ftmi.org

CP 63560, CCCP Van Horne
(or) Montreal, Quebec
Canada, H3W 3H8

4. Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

Los Angeles, California
5455 Wilshire Blvd, #1500
Los Angeles, CA 90036
Phone: (323) 933-2240
Fax: (323) 933-2241

New York, New York
248 West 35th Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10001
Phone: (212) 629-3322
Fax: (212) 629-3225
Website: www.glaad.org

5. Gender Identity Research and Education Society (GIRES)

GIRES is officially registered in the UK, although it has many contacts in other countries. It promotes research and provides education to professionals and to families. Its aim is to improve the lives of people who experience atypical gender identity development. Its website contains valuable scientific and practical information to help transgendered people and those who care for them.

Website: <http://www.gires.org.uk>

Email: admin@gires.org.uk

6. Intersex Society of North America (ISNA)

The Intersex Society of North America (ISNA) is devoted to systemic change to end shame, secrecy, and unwanted genital surgeries for people born with an anatomy that someone decided is not standard for male or female.

Website: www.isna.org

7. The Society for the Second Self, Inc. (Tri-Ess)

Tri-Ess is an international educational, social and support Society for heterosexual crossdressers and their spouses, partners and families.

8880 Bellaire Blvd., B2, PMB 104

Houston, TX 77036-4621 USA

Phone: 713-349-8969

Email: TRIESSINFO@aol.com

Webpage: www.tri-ess.org

8. PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

1726 M Street, NW Suite 400

Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 202-467-8180

Fax: 202-467-8194

Website: www.pflag.org

Email: info@pflag.org

8. Renaissance Transgender Association

The mission of The Renaissance Transgender Association, Inc. is to provide the very best comprehensive education and caring support to Transgendered individuals and those close to them. This is accomplished through offering a variety of carefully selected programs and resources focused on the factors affecting their lives. Renaissance sponsors local support groups where individuals can find safe space to learn about transgender behavior. At present, there are 11 Chapters around the country. The Renaissance philosophy is open, non-discriminatory membership for everyone. Renaissance publishes a monthly magazine, Transgender Community News that provides an open forum for discussion of gender-related social, political and legal issues, as well as basic information about events within the transgender community. Renaissance is a nonprofit organization incorporated in Pennsylvania.

Website: www.ren.org

Email: info@ren.org

9. Transgender Law & Policy Institute (TLPI)

A non-profit organization dedicated to engaging in effective advocacy for transgender people in our society. The TLPI brings experts and advocates together to work on law and policy initiatives designed to advance transgender equality. TLPI's website provides a wealth of information on US and international laws affecting transgender and transsexual people, and legislative advocacy tools and information.

Website: www.transgenderlaw.org

Email: info@transgenderlaw.org

10. Gender Education & Advocacy, Inc. (GEA)

GEA is a virtual organization that provides web-based educational materials for local gender educators to use in their own presentations and trainings about transgender and transsexual issues.

Website: www.gender.org

Email: info@gender.org

11. Press For Change (United Kingdom)

Press for Change is a political lobbying and educational organization, which campaigns to achieve equal civil rights and liberties for all transgender people in the United Kingdom, through legislation and social change. It is NOT a support group, but its website does include links to support organizations, and a wealth of information about social issues faced by transgender and transsexual people.

Website: www.pfc.org.uk

Email: editor@pfc.org.uk

12. C.A.R.I.T.I.G. (France)

Center for Assistance, Research, and Information on Transsexuality and Gender Identity. A support, information, and advocacy group based in Paris, with a multi-lingual website.

Website: www.caritig.org

Email: caritig@caritig.org