

HOTLINES FOR LGBTQ YOUTH IN CRISIS:

Gateway Community Services:

We operate a 24 hour hotline for youth in crisis. We can provide shelter, counseling, education and employment assistance, and other supportive services for youth in the Lansing area

1-877-833-3689

Trevor Helpline:

A 24 hotline specifically for gay and lesbian youth

1-800-850-8078

GLNH: Gay & Lesbian National Hotline:

The national hotline for the LGBTQ community

1-888-843-4564

National AIDS Information Line:

For all HIV/AIDS related questions

1-800-CDC-INFO

National Runaway Switchboard:

A 24 hotline for runaway and homeless youth

1-800-231-6946

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Line:

A 24 hotline for youth struggling with alcohol or substance abuse

1-800-252-6465

LGBTQ YOUTH STATISTICS

In Michigan, 28% of school personnel surveyed determined their school environment to be emotionally unsafe for LGBTQ youth

97% of students in public high schools report regularly hearing homophobic remarks for their peers, and 53% report hearing them from school staff

30% of all youth suicides are LGBTQ youth. Suicide is the leading cause of death among LGBTQ youth.

About 28% of LGBTQ youth drop out of high school because of discomfort in the school environment

66% of guidance counselors harbor negative feelings toward LGBTQ youth

26% of LGBTQ youth are forced to leave home because of conflicts over their sexual orientation

83% of adolescent lesbians use alcohol, 56% use other drugs

68% of adolescent gay males use alcohol, 44% use other drugs

Approximately 40% of homeless youth are identified as gay, lesbian, or bisexual

44% of LGBTQ youth have been the target of anti-gay physical abuse, discrimination and/or harassment in their family of origin

* * Statistics taken from the Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide. 3-110, 3-115 (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Pub. No. (ADM) 89-1623, 1989)



LGBTQ SUPPORT GROUP
Gateway Community Services

Gateway now offers a weekly support group for LGBTQ youth between the ages of 14 and 17.

The group focuses on issues facing LGBTQ teens such as:

- **Coming Out**
- **Legislation**
- **Family Support**
- **Religion**
- **Domestic Violence**
- **History of the LGBTQ community**
- **Transgenderism**
- **Friends**
- **Sexual Health**
- **Bullying**
- **Discrimination**
- **Relationships**

And any other issues that are important to YOU!

The group will also feature guest speakers, field trips, art therapy, and other fun activities!



LGBTQ SUPPORT GROUP

Are you between the ages of 14 and 17 and struggling with your sexual identity?

Are you having conflicts with your family or thinking about running away?

Come to Gateway's new LGBTQ support group for a safe and fun place to meet people and talk about issues facing LGBTQ teens.

TUESDAYS, 3:30-5:00

CONTACT AMANDA AT

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