

Chicago LGBT Youth Resource Guide:

Activism, Drop In Programs, Legal Services, Outreach & Housing Opportunities

YOUTH ORGANIZING FOR POWER & JUSTICE

Street Youth R!se Up!/Street Youth in Motion

Contact: Dominique at Dominique@youarepriceless.org

Web: www.youarepriceless.org

About: Youth-led campaign to change the way Chicago sees and treats its, homeless, home-free, and street-based youth who do what they have to do to survive. As a part of the campaign, youth are doing grassroots organizing to gather all street based youth in Chicago to start Street Youth in Motion. This all gender group is led by the Youth Activist Krew at Young Women's Empowerment Project. The goal: Hold the city of Chicago accountable to our community.

Gender Just

Contact: 312-545-6871

Location: 1807 S. Troy St., Floor 3

Web: www.genderjust.org

About: Gender JUST (Gender Justice United for Societal Transformation) is a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, and multi-generational grassroots organization of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer, and Allied (LGBTQA) young people, LGBTQA people of color, and LGBTQA grassroots folks developing leadership and building power through organizing.

CRIMINAL LEGAL

Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois

Contact: 773-272-1822

Location: 2040 N. Milwaukee Avenue

Web: www.tjlp.org

Offers: free, zealous, life-affirming, and gender-affirming holistic criminal legal services to low-income and street based transgender and gender non-conforming people targeted by the criminal legal system—including support to change your legal name through the NAME CHANGE MOBILIZATION PROJECT. TJLP takes referrals from organizations or through word of mouth. If you would like more information about our legal services or how to contact our project attorney, please email us at info@tjlp.org.

STREET OUTREACH

The Night Ministry Youth Outreach Van

Location: Corner of Belmont and Halsted

When: Tuesday and Thursday nights 8:30 – 10pm (later in summer)

Offers: Food, referrals, hygiene and safer sex supplies, winter gear, music, community

Teen Living Programs – SCOPE (Street and Community Outreach Program)

Contact: Outreach cell, 773-355-9458 or Bina Rubinson, (773) 548-4443, ext. 338

Web: www.teenliving.org

Outreach Sites and Times: (Rain/Snow, etc may change outreach sites)

- Monday, 2-6 PM @ Dunbar H.S., Wendell Phillips H.S., Strip Mall at 39th
- Tuesday, 2-6 PM @ 79th and Cottage Grove
- Wednesday, 3-7 PM @ 63rd and Halsted Green Line
- Thursday, 2-6 PM @ 95th Redline (95th and Dan Ryan)

Offers: referrals, case management, bus cards, hygiene and safer sex supplies, clothing, school supplies, and food

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HOUSING

The Crib (The Night Ministry) *NEW RESOURCE*

Contact: 773-318-5462 (only answered between 8 PM and 10 AM, can leave a voicemail any time)

Location: Lake View Lutheran Church, 835 W. Addison

Web: www.thenightministry.org

When: 9 PM-9 AM emergency shelter for 20 youth, 18-24, seven days per week through a LOTTERY SYSTEM (whoever is in the parking lot at 9 PM enters their name into a lottery) **through end of APRIL 2011**

Offers: dinner, breakfast, brown bag lunch, supplies, showers, laundry

Open Door Shelter-West Town (The Night Ministry)

Contact: 773-506-4100 or free call from pay phones 1.877.286.2523

Location: 1110 N. Noble St. (@ Milwaukee)///CTA: Blue Line, Division

Web: www.thenightministry.org

About: Young people, transgender and gender non-conforming youth, and single parents with children are welcome. No wait list is kept. Like playing the lottery, the more times you call, the more chance you have of getting a bed. Best times to call are before 9 AM, after 9 PM, and once in the middle of the day.

Open Door-Lakeview (The Night Ministry)

Contact: 773.506.3120

Location: 3262 N. Clark St. (@ Belmont)///CTA: Red Line, Belmont

Web: www.thenightministry.org

For pregnant and/or parenting teen girls under age 19 only.

Teen Living Programs, Belfort House

Contact: Outreach cell, 773-355-9458 or Bina Rubinson, (773) 548-4443, ext. 338

Location: 3745 S. Indiana Ave. ///CTA: Green Line, 63rd & Ashland

Web: www.teenliving.org

Young people, gender non-conforming, and transgender youth are welcome (no babies or parenting youth). Has an emergency shelter for young people 14-17. 24-month transitional housing program for youth, 18-21. You will need to meet with youth outreach staff before you can get on the wait list.

Solid Ground (La Casa Norte)

Contact: 773.276.4900

Location: 3533 W. North Ave (@ Central Park Ave.)///CTA: #72, North Avenue Bus

Web: www.lacasanorte.org

Offers a 2-year independent living program for homeless young men and transwomen, ages 16-21½. Set up: 16 single occupancy dorm-style bedrooms with communal bathrooms. Youth may call to schedule an intake between 9-7pm Monday-Friday. Youth must do an intake and assessment. There is almost always a waitlist.

LGBT Host Home Program

Contact: Bonnie Wade at (312) 738-5966 or wadeb@ucanchicago.org.

Web: www.ucanchicago.org/host-home

To apply: Youth, ages 18-24, must meet and apply alongside a resource advocate, outreach worker, or case manager from Teen Living Programs, Center on Halsted, Broadway Youth Center, or The Night Ministry.

About: Host Home provides an alternative to the shelter system for LGBTQ homeless youth. We rely on our Host Home Volunteers to step forward and open their home. Both the youth and the adult volunteer go through a rigorous screening and training process facilitated and supported by trained social work professionals. The

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provision of safe housing in conjunction with on-going supportive services for the youth and volunteers will create the safety and stability necessary for the youth to focus on pursuing educational and vocational opportunities.

DROP IN-BASIC NEEDS/TESTING/MEDICAL/EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE/EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Casa Corazon (La Casa Norte)

Where: 3328 W. North Avenue

Contact: 773-276-4900 ext 234

Web: www.lacasanorte.org

Offers:

- Drop-in on Tuesday and Thursdays from 5-7:30 PM for youth, ages 18-24, who are homeless or couch surfing.
- Employment assistance, Monday through Friday, 2-4 PM
- Case management, by appointment

Broadway Youth Center (Howard Brown Health Center & Community Partners)

Location: 3179 N Broadway (at Belmont, above Chipotle)

Contact: 773-935-3151

Web: www.howardbrown.org/byc

Offers:

- Drop In Services: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday from 1-4pm
- HIV/STD Testing Services: Monday-Friday, 1-8
- Medical Services: Monday, Wednesday, 1-4 PM; Friday, 6-8 PM
- Educational/Vocational Program
- Resource Advocacy
- LGBT-specific programming and leadership opportunities

Center on Halsted

Location: 3656 N Halsted St (Halsted and Waveland)

Contact: 773-472-6469

Web: www.centeronhalsted.org

Offers:

- Breakfast Club: Monday-Thursday, 8 AM-11 AM, ages 18-24 (intake required)
- Cyber Center: daily, 10 am-1 pm (all ages, limit of 20 people at one time)
- After school programming Monday through Thursday (intake required):
 - **Monday**, 4:30-7 PM: Coming Out Group, ages 13-18.
 - **Tuesdays**, 4:30-7 PM: stArt (art therapy group), ages 16-21
 - **Wednesday**, 4:30-7 PM: Peer Education, ages 16-21, youth explore topics such as relationships, safe sex practices, etc.
 - **Thursday**, 4:30-7 PM: Youth Leadership, ages 16-21
 - **Friday**, 4-6 PM: Gym time, ages 16-21.
- Youth Career Development Center: vocational trainings, employment advocacy

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Café Pride

Location: Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 716 W Addison (Broadway and Addison)

Contact: 773-281-2655

Offers a safe social space for LGBTQA youth every Friday, 8pm – 12 midnight

Vida/SIDA Generation L

Location: 2703 W. Division St.

Contact: 773.278.6737

Web: <http://prcc-chgo.org/vidasida>

Email: Dianna Manjarrez (Program Coordinator), diannam@prcc-chgo.org; Eduardo Gonzalez (Health Educator), eduardog@prcc-chgo.org

Offers:

- Drop In Program: Monday and Friday, 9-5; Tuesday-Thursday, 2-10. Provide food, computers, and programming for youth
- STI/HIV testing
- Mental health services
- Case management

Task Force Prevention & Community Services

Location: 9 N. Cicero

Contact: 773-473-4100

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9-4 PM; Clinical hours are Wednesday 1-5; and testing is available on Tuesday & Thursdays from 11 AM-3 PM

Provides:

- Counseling & Case Management
- Support Groups
- Healthcare for all youth provided by Dr. Margot Bell (Monday & Wednesday after 3pm by appointment)

SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Young Women's Empowerment Project

Contact: (773) 728-0127, Ext. 4

Web: www.youarepriceless.org