

Fact Sheet:

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) QLD Referral Contacts

LGBT Sexual Health, Health Promotion and Support Organisations

QLD Association for Healthy Communities(QAHC) (formerly the QLD AIDS Council) is a community-based organisation that provides education, advocacy and support for those living with or affected by HIV/AIDS in Queensland through three main projects.

QAHC provides:

- HIV & Hep C Prevention and Sexual Health Promotion Program for Gay Men and other Men who have sex with Men, with regional offices in Cairns, Townsville, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and Brisbane.

To find out more contact: Phone: **(07) 30171777** Website: **www.qahc.org.au** Email: **info@qahc.org.au**

- 2 Spirits - aims to improve the sexual health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gay men, sister girls and the general Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community through culturally appropriate education, prevention and community development activities.

For more information contact 2 Spirits:

Brisbane: Ph: (07) 3017 1777

Email: indbris@qahc.org.au

Cairns: Ph: (07) 4041 5451

Email: indcns@qahc.org.au

- The LGBT Health Project which aims to increase LGBT access to health services and improve LGBT health outcomes through training, policy development, advocacy, LGBT networks and supporting LGBT community development.

For more information contact: Phone: **(07) 3017 1777** Email: **training@qahc.org.au**

If gay men or men having sex with men have questions about HIV, Hepatitis C, sexuality, the gay community or sexual health contact QAHC's Mens Health Line: **1800 155 141**

QLD Positive People (QPP) represents the interests of People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in Queensland and is part of a national and international network. QPP have regional centres in Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Mackay, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and its head office in Brisbane. QPP help PLWHA take charge of their lives, care and destinies. QPP run peer support programmes, seminars, and workshops and also have a Treatments Officer who can offer you advice. Partners, family and friends of people with HIV/AIDS are also involved.

To find out more information contact:

Phone: 1800 636 241 (cost of a local call from anywhere in Queensland)

Email: info@qpp.org.au

Website: www.qpp.org.au

Spiritus Positive Directions is a community based, client centred and wellness orientated program, that provides a range of care and treatment services to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in QLD. This program support PLWHA to link into and access services addressing issues such as health, housing, finance, depression, nutrition, emotional support and advocacy. You can contact members of our team to discuss our services b/w 9am – 4pm.

Brisbane: (07) 3900 8000

Townsville: (07) 4721 1384

Gold Coast: (07) 5576 8366

Cairns: (07)4051 1028

Sunshine Coast: (07) 54411 222

You can also call our state wide referral agency **1300 785 853** Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4pm and ask for positive directions or **www.positivedirections.org.au**

Brisbane Sexual Health Clinic – Gender Clinic works with the transgender community in Brisbane in conjunction with the Brisbane Sexual Health Clinic. New clients need to make an appointment with an experienced practitioner in the Brisbane Sexual Health Clinic on a Monday and continuing clients may choose to attend a dedicated Gender Clinic on Wednesday afternoons (2.00pm - 5.00pm).

Address: Floor 1, 270 Roma Street, Brisbane Q 4000

Ph: (07) 3227 8666

Fax: (07) 3227 8697

Email: bshc@health.qld.gov.au

Web: www.health.qld.gov.au/sexhealth/

Ethnic Communities Council of QLD HIV, Hepatitis C and Sexual Health Programs

aims to provide information and increase access to health services for Culturally And Linguistically Diverse (CALD) people in QLD on sexual health, Hepatitis C and other related health issues. The programs ensure that CALD people are not disadvantaged in accessing health information and in their awareness of health risk behaviours by ensuring that: "information intended to reduce transmission and promote health maintenance or well-being, is appropriate for the needs of all people from CALD communities."

For further information on our programs please contact

Ms Zhihong Gu

HIV/AIDS, Hep C & Sexual Health Coordinator

Phone: (07) 3844 9166

Fax: (07) 3846 4453

Email: health@eccq.com.au

Web: www.eccq.com.au

LGBT Community Support Organisations

Open Doors provides counselling and support services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender young people and their families who live within the greater Brisbane area or are prepared to travel to us. Open Doors also work with service providers and communities in the South East Queensland region. Open Doors is open from 9 - 5 Monday to Friday and have a drop 'Drop In' session for LGBT young people every Wednesday from 12 - 5pm. We accept referrals from young people, families, friends, schools and other services.

Contact Details: 3 Julia Street, PO BOX 194, Fortitude Valley Q 4006

Ph: 07 3257 7660

Fax: 07 3257 7680

Email: opendoors@opendoors.net.au

Website: www.opendoors.net.au

GLWA provides a free telephone counselling service to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals and their families/friends in QLD. The service provides support and information to those who want to talk about their own sexual feelings or identity, or are trying to understand the orientation of a loved one or friend.

Phone: (07) 3017 1717 or **FREECALL 1800 184 527** between 7:00pm and 10:00pm

Email: mailbox@glwa.org.au

Website: www.glwa.org.au

The Australian Bisexual Network (ABN) provides a phone information service for bisexual people (women, men & transgender), partners, families and friends of bisexual people and groups and services working with bi people. ABN also offers a voice for people, diverse as they are in lifestyles and united by their bisexuality, to other agencies and co-operates with a range of groups and services Australia wide. Some face to face discussion or advice is available on appointment and social activities are organised from time to time in south-east Queensland. ABN is volunteer Bi community-based, independent and unfunded organisation founded in 1992.

ABN is based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia and can be contacted by:

Email: ausbinet@optusnet.com.au

Postal Address: PO Box 490, Lutwyche, Queensland, Australia 4030

Phone: (07) 38572500

Free Call: 1800-653223 (available for residents of Northern NSW and Queensland outside the Brisbane area)

Website: www.members.optusnet.com.au/~ausbinet/

PFLAG is a peer support group, organised by parents, for parents whose children have disclosed their sexual orientation as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). PFlag aims to be supportive of young people who are concerned about making family aware of their orientation and are considering “coming out” and strives to be supportive of husbands and wives whose spouses declare their homosexual orientation.

Postal Address: P O Box 3142, South Brisbane Q 4101
Phone: (07) 3017 1739
Email: pflagbris@hotmail.com
Website: www.pflagbrisbane.org.au
Operating hours: Mon-Wed 9am to noon

Queensland Police Service (QPS) LGBTI Police Liaison Officers provide support for LGBTI people in QLD and their families when making complaints or reporting an incident to the QPS. Liaison Officers generally do not run the police investigations for LGBTI people but are able to support LGBTI people throughout this process. The program aims to develop partnerships between the QPS and the LGBTI community, and raise awareness and understanding of issues impacting on LGBTI community. There are 140 LGBTI Liaison officers throughout QLD. **Please contact your local police station or go to http://www.police.qld.gov.au/pr/program/lgbt/liaison_off.shtml to find out the details of your local LGBTI Police Liaison Officers.**

Transgender Support Organisations

Australian Transgender Support Association QLD (ATSAQ) provides counselling, social events, resources and information to trans people, their families and medical practitioners.

Phone: (07) 3843-5024
Email: trans.atsa@bigpond.com
Web: <http://www.atsaq.com/>

Freedom! Gender Identity Association Inc. Promoting the welfare of gender diverse individuals, their families, friends and allies, in Queensland.

Web: <http://www.freedomgender.org.au/>
Email: info@freedomgender.org.au
Phone: 0417 557 130

FTM QLD Support Network is an online support network for trans men in Queensland.

Web: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ftmqld>

Changeling Aspects Brisbane provides, resources and information to trans people and their families.

Phone: 3286 9155
Email: knoble@inet.net.au
Web: <http://www.changelingaspects.com/>

Transbridge Townsville is a social support group for trans people in North Queensland.

Phone: (07) 4779-9229
Email: transbridge@mail.com

Trans Sunshine Coast is a social and peer support group for Transgender people, F2M, M2F, Gender queer, Friends and family welcome. Group meets second Thursday of the month 5:30pm - 7:30pm. One on one peer support available by appointment.

Email: kalian1@optusnet.com.au
Phone: QAHC (07) 5451 1118

Seahorse Society of Queensland is a social support group in South East Queensland for crossdressers.

Email: seahorseqld@gmail.com

Web <http://seahorseqld.atSPACE.org>

Postal Address: PO Box 574, Annerley DC QLD 4103

Open Doors Youth Service Inc provides support for trans, lesbian, gay and bisexual young people 12 – 18 years in the greater Brisbane area.

Phone: (07) 3257 7660

Email: info@opendoors.net.au

Web: <http://www.opendoors.net.au/>

Jellybeans is a social support group for Transgender, gender variant and gender queer young people and those questioning their gender identity aged under 24, and is held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 3 to 5pm at Open Doors.

Websites for LGBT Information, Support and Sexual Health

LGBT Sexual Health

- LGBT Sexual Health Referral Directory: www.qahc.org.au/referral
- Safe Sex information for Lesbians : www.girl2girl.info
- Safe Sex Information for Gay Men: www.qahc.org.au
- Information on using condoms for Gay Men: www.condoms.org.au
- General Sexual Health Information: www.health.qld.gov.au/sexhealth
- Multilingual General Sexual Health Information: www.multiculturalhivhepc.net.au

Sexuality

- Gay and Lesbian Counselling and Community Services Australia: www.glccs.org.au
- Resources: www.healthinsite.gov.au/topics/Homosexuality

LGBT Youth

- Information on sexuality and coming out for Youth: www.reachout.com.au

(Select an Issue – ‘sexuality and coming out’ or use the direct link to sexuality information <http://au.reachout.com/find/issues/sexuality-coming-out>)

Transgender

- Female to Male Transgender Support Group: www.ftmaustralia.org
- The Good Tranny Guide: www.tgfolk.net/sites/gtg/gr-adqld.html

LGBT Indigenous

- Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) - Indigenous Gay/Sister Girl and Transgender Project: www.afao.org.au

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