

# Resources for LGBTQIA2S+ Communities

Links to various resources and guides.

## Lavender Rights Project

### **Housing Support for Black Community: (888) 393-3466**

The Lavender Rights Project elevates the power, autonomy, and leadership of the Black intersex & gender diverse community through intersectional legal and social services. They have three areas of impact (Gender-based Violence Prevention, Housing, and Economic Justice) across WA and the US.

**Phone:** (206) 639-7955

**Website:** <https://www.lavenderrightsproject.org/>



## QLaw Foundation

QLaw Foundation assists individuals, organizations, or coalitions with their legal needs such as advocacy letters, litigation support, amicus briefing, or co-counseling. If you need a legal organization on your side, please reach out via their [contact form](#).

**Website:** <https://www qlawfoundation.org/>



## Ingersoll Gender Center

Organization by, and for transgender and gender nonconforming people to provide support through peer-led support groups, advocacy in navigating resources, community organizing, and education. They provide a Healthcare Database, Job Board, & Support Groups.

**Phone:** (206) 849-7859

**Website:** <https://ingersollgendercenter.org/resources/>



## Washington State LGBTQ Commission

Works to improve the state's interface with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, and intersex community.

**Website:** <https://lgbtq.wa.gov/resources/county/Statewide>



## Gender Justice League

Elevating human rights for Two-Spirit, Trans, & Gender Diverse people across Washington and beyond.

**Email:** [info@genderjusticeleague.org](mailto:info@genderjusticeleague.org) **Phone:** (206)-538-0423

**Website:** <https://www.genderjusticeleague.org/>



## Additional Resources (not seeing what you need, visit these sites)

**Trans Lifeline (877) 565-8860** - You don't need to be in crisis to call.

**GLSEN Washington State:** <https://www.glsenwashington.org/>

**WWA:** <https://lgbtq.wvu.edu/resources/washington-state-resources>

**College Student Resources:** [www.purdueglobal.edu/blog/student-life/resources-lgbtq-college-students/](http://www.purdueglobal.edu/blog/student-life/resources-lgbtq-college-students/)



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## Rights in WA State for Transgender Communities

- The **Washington Law Against Discrimination** prohibits discriminating against any LGBTQ+ person based on their gender expression or identity when they're at work, attending public school, seeking housing, using a restroom that aligns with their gender identity, or accessing public services, among other areas. The law also aims to protect LGBTQ+ people from violence and harassment of students motivated by how someone identifies or expresses their gender.
- LGBTQ+ Washingtonians can also change the gender noted on their **driver's license or ID** and their **birth certificate** with a notarized and signed form. As of 2018, residents also have the option to use the **"X" nonbinary gender marker** instead of just "M" for male or "F" for female.
- **Senate Bill 5313, or the Gender Affirming Treatment Act** (2021) ensures that gender-affirming surgeries, some of which insurance companies often consider cosmetic procedures, are covered by health insurance. Previously, insurance companies denied coverage for some of these procedures, even doctor-prescribed treatments.
- **Senate Bill 5599** (2023) allows youth shelters to delay contacting a runaway or unsheltered child's parents if they are seeking protected health services such as reproductive care or gender-affirming treatment, which ranges from talk therapy to surgery.
- **Senate Bill 5028** (2023) allows individuals to change their name at the district court where they reside or the superior court (in Washington) and seal the records to protect their privacy.
- **House Bill 1155, or the My Health, My Data Act**, (2023) sets up safeguards for health information that consumers provide to companies – such as makers of period-tracking apps – and prohibits zeroing in on the location of health providers via geofencing to find and collect health data about consumers.
- **House Bill 1469, or the SHIELD Law**, (2023) protects patients from persecution and other legal action originating in other states for seeking gender-affirming care and reproductive health services, including abortions.
- **House Bill 1207** (2023) looks to prevent and respond to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools. Sen. Lisa Wellman, D-Mercer Island, added an amendment to the original bill that specifically protects transgender students from discrimination and harassment due to their gender identity.
- **Looking for Laws where you live?** [Visit Movement Advancement Project \(MAP\)](#)

