
ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE REPORT

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. (“Lambda”) is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those with HIV through impact litigation, education, and public policy work. Lambda’s Foster Care Initiative seeks to raise awareness about the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth in foster care and to work with government officials to develop model policies and programs that will help prevent and remedy neglect and harassment of LGBT youth in foster care.

Lawyers For Children (“LFC”) is dedicated to protecting the rights of individual children in foster care in New York City and compelling system wide reform of the foster care system. LFC provides free legal and social work services to children who are the subject of abuse, neglect, termination of parental rights, adoption, guardianship, paternity, custody, and visitation proceedings.

The National Center for Youth Law (“NCYL”) engages in litigation, legislative and administrative advocacy, and policy development on behalf of low-income children, adolescents, and their families. NCYL’s work includes advocacy to improve state foster care and child protection systems, and to ensure adequate access to health care for low-income children and youth.

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition (“NYAC”) advocates for and with young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender in an effort to end discrimination against these youth and to ensure their physical and emotional well-being.

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (“PFLAG”) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons, and 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.

The Youth Law Center (“YLC”) is a non-profit, public interest law office that advocates for the interests of children and youth in state custody. YLC staff have provided research, training, and technical assistance to legal professionals, public officials, and service providers in every state on legal issues relating to children in out-of-home care.