

LGBT LEGAL SERVICES IN CANADA

1. **Egale Canada**, 120 Carlton Street, Suite 217
Toronto ON, M5A 4K2, Web Site <https://egale.ca/>

2. **LAMBDA Foundation**,
[https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/lamb
da-foundation/](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/lamb
da-foundation/)

3. **Welcome Friend Association**, 76 Dawson st.,
PO BOX 242, Thessalon, ON, P0R 1L0, phone
888-909-2234

4. **QMUNITY**. (604) 684-5307 ext. 100 or email
reception@qmunity.ca, phone 610-1033 Davie
Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 1M7

5. **Trans, Gender Diverse, and Two-Spirit
Community Advisory Committee (TGD2S)** works
to create a safe, inclusive, and welcoming spaces
for trans, gender diverse and two-spirit
individuals. It does this by giving important advice
and helping implement recommendations from
the 2014 report “Building a Path to Parks and
Recreation for All”

6. **Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA)
Trans Care BC Two-Spirit**: “Two-Spirit” is a term
used within some Indigenous communities,
encompassing cultural, spiritual, sexual and
gender identity.

7. **Dancing to Eagle Spirit Society** 4420 Slocan St,
Vancouver, BC V5R 1Z7
604 291 2202
Trans positive and inclusive ceremonies led by
TsleilWaututh, Two-Spirit and trans elder on
Tsleil-Waututh Territory. Contact Sandy Leo
Laframboise at dancingtoeaglespirit@gmail.com
or 778-319-3965.
www.dancingtoeaglespiritsociety.org

8. **Two-Spirit Sweat Lodge**, Sweat lodge held on
Squamish Territory (North Vancouver) for
Two-Spirit folks and allies. Contact Bon Fabian at
bonsfab@gmail.com or 604-700-67510.

9. **Indian Residential School Survivors Society**
A provincial organization that provides essential
services to Residential School Survivors, their
families, and those dealing with Intergenerational
traumas. Indigenous trans, two-spirit and other
LGBTQ+ Indigenous people are able to connect
with their Resolution Health Support Worker and
LGBTQ+ Liaison for support, interim counselling,
and cultural connection and ceremony. To access
this program ask to be connected with the
LGBTQ+
Drop-in at 44 E Cordova in Vancouver
Call: 1-800-721-0066
Email: reception@irsss.ca
10. **Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society (GVNCS)**
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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE **THRIVE PROJECT**

A community-driven
investigation of the home and
community care needs of older
adults living with HIV.

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There is no accurate number for gay community in Canada. Canada 2011 Census does not include a question about sexual orientation. Moreover, Statistics Canada includes same sex marriages and civil unions only in big cities (Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal), consequently total civil unions are not accurate.

A Longitudinal Canadian Research study (Health Impacts on LGBT older adults), which surveyed 1,057 older LGB adults, reports the following concerns expressed by participants:

- ⊙ Viewing their identities as a factor impacting their health and social services systems
- ⊙ Anticipated fear of stigma and discrimination from health care providers
- ⊙ Identifying long-term care and home care as critical services from which they expect nuanced and inclusive care, yet fearing they will not have these needs met.

LGBT inclusivity strategies are beginning to emerge in the Canadian long-term care home sector. These strategies focus on raising staff awareness about LGBT residents' fears of disclosure or discomfort in an environment that presumes heterosexuality or gender-oriented rules. Raising such awareness takes place through ongoing or one-time training. However, comprehensive initiatives that create infrastructures to engage residents and families better support the movement from an environment of tolerance to one of solidarity and inclusion.

Training topics focus on:

- ⊙ LGBT theme programming
- ⊙ LGBT advisory committee
- ⊙ Participation in LGBT events/networks
- ⊙ LGBT symbols in home environment
- ⊙ Attention to language
- ⊙ Outreach to LGBT community
- ⊙ Official partnership with LGBT organization



LGBT-FRIENDLY LONG-TERM CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

According to the Vancouver Coastal Health authority website, this is a list of LGBT-friendly long-term care and assisted living facilities in Vancouver and Burnaby, BC

- ⊙ Haro Park Centre, Vancouver
- ⊙ Fair Haven Homes Society, Vancouver/Burnaby, BC
- ⊙ SUCCESS Simon K.Y. Lee Seniors Care Home, Vancouver
- ⊙ George Pearson Centre, Vancouver

