



Referral & Support for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth:

SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Rainbow Network: (03) 9285 5203

The Rainbow Network is the statewide network for those who facilitate groups or otherwise work with same-sex attracted and transgender youth. Their website includes information about social support groups operating for these young people around Victoria.

www.rainbownetwork.net.au

COUNSELLING / SUPPORT

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard: (03) 9827 8544 or 1800 184 527

Switchboard provides free & confidential telephone counseling, referral and information by trained gay, lesbian and bisexual volunteers. Operates between 6-10pm six days a week, & 2-10 Wednesdays

Victorian AIDS Council: (03) 9865 6700, 1800 134 840

Provides confidential counseling to individuals and couples and also provides various social support groups for young people 18-25. For people affected by HIV/AIDS as well as the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community.

www.vicaids.asn.au

POLICE:

State Coordinator, Police Gay and Lesbian Liaison: Sergeant Scott Davis: (03) 9247 6944, 0409 534 154

Your local police station may have a local Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officer, GLLO are being assigned to each region.

scott.davis@police.vic.gov.au

PARENTS:

PFLAG: Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays: (03) 9827 8408

Information and helpline: between 9.30-6.30pm, email: pflagvic@yahoo.com.au

website: www.pflag.org.au

GAY PARENTS

Children and young people with gay or lesbian parents: vivrobin@optusnet.com.au

For information regarding gay and lesbian parenting and support groups, view Rainbow Families at www.rainbowfamilies.org.au

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Minus 18:

Social events run for and by gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender young people, website: www.minus18.org/2004/

SEXUAL HEALTH:

Action Centre: Family Planning Victoria: (03) 9654 4766, 1800 013 952

Provides free and confidential counseling and sexual health services for young people
Also has fortnightly social and support group for same sex attracted and transgender youth

www.fpv.org.au

Melbourne Sexual Health Centre: (03) 9347 0244, 1800 032 017

580 Swanston St, Carlton

www.mshc.org.au

COMMUNITY:

ALSO Foundation: (03) 9510 5569, www.also.org.au

Victoria's primary gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community based organisation.

ALSORTS: A sexuality awareness resource

Information and resources to support people deal with issues of sexual orientation.

www.also.org.au/alsorts

RURAL AND REGIONAL

WayOut, Rural Victorian Youth and Sexual Diversity Project

Sue Hackney, Project Coordinator, (03) 5421 1619, 0428 347 407

Provides training, information, support and resources to communities to create safe and supportive environments for same-sex attracted young people.

www.wayout.org.au

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