"LGBT Older Adults"
Conversations, Community and Care among
Program Project "Positively End-of-Life"
Prepared as part of the TVN Catalyst Grant

Inventory
End-of-Life Resource
The Toronto LGBT
About the Inventory

The focus of this inventory is later-end-of-life care services and resource pertinent to those living in or accessing services in Toronto. This guide is intended as a starting point for those seeking support and services, and should be consulted along document.

Internet searches were conducted between October 2014 and February 2015 combining terms to describe the areas of interest (end-of-life planning, advanced care planning, independent living, seniors housing, retirement community, home health care, hospice, funereal). Our goal was to compile a list of LGBT-friendly (organizational-level) end-of-life resource for older adults. The acronym for the communities addressed was LG (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer). This inventory is an organizational that openly advertises LGBT friendliness on their websites by way of mission statements, codes of conduct, or other LGBT inclusive statements. We felt the term LGBT-friendly (formal) organization is more appropriate for those organizations that explicitly state their friendly orientation. While LGBT organization is an organization that is developed by and/or for LGBT persons.

Toronto was chosen as the area of focus given the critical mass of resources available, and in response to a call for a locally-based inventory. The result is a 25-item end-of-life planning resource inventory for LGBT residents in and around Toronto, Ontario. Organizations however did not openly advertise LGBT friendliness on their websites,Shiftily, we did not alter any language used by individual organizations. For example, if services were described on a website as directed toward the trans community we did not substitute terminology such as transgender for LGBT. Similarly, we did not alter any language used by individual organizations. For example, if services were described on a website as directed toward the trans community we did not substitute terminology such as transgender.
The key finding using this approach was that very little intersection was found among the search parameters. In short, websites that have been designed by and for the LGBT community possess some general resources for older adults; however, they possess little information in regard to end-of-life care planning. Similarly, websites with information pertinent to end-of-life care planning lose in regard to LGBT community. We considered this finding to be somewhat alarming in light of a growing body of research that highlights the importance of making services and programs relevant to LGBT clients.
The Older LGBT Program provides opportunities to make deeper connections with people by socializing, promoting related community resources, hosting events, and engaging in special events and discussions. A province-wide program working to improve access to resources related to LGBTQ+ health.

Rainbow Health Ontario

519 Church Street

416 392-6874
info@the519.org

http://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca
http://www.the519.org

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info@the519.org

http://www.the519.org/programservices/olderlgbt
Senior Pride Network (SPN)

Advocacy

www.seniorpridenetwork.com

To become a member:

http://www.seniorpridenetwork.com/contact-us.htm

Community-based group

LGBT organization

HEALTH AND

WELLNESS
David Kelley Services, Family Services Toronto Counseling

http://www.familyservicetoronto.org/programs/davidkelley.html

355 Church Street
To arrange for counseling call the Services Access Unit at: 416 595-9618

For individuals, couples and family counseling. Offers individual, couples

http://www.familyservicetoronto.org/pr

LGBT

Of formal programs and services. Offers a wide range of counseling services.

LGBT

LGBT friendly

Trans Lifeline Help and crisis line

4103

Bisexual and Trans people: 16 324.

To call: Line: 1 877-330-6366

http://www.translifeline.org

A hotline "staffed by transgender people. This line is primarily for transgender people. This hotline "staffed by transgender people."

LGBT friendly

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Sherbourne Health Centre LGBT Health Care

"LGBT services" include: treatment and monitoring of temporary and chronic illness; counselling.

http://sherbourne.on.ca/counselling-services/

333 Sherbourne Street
torontoinfo@sherbourne.on.ca

To reach "Services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans people": 416 324-

Offers a wide range of primary healthcare programs and services.

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LGBT organization

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SPRINT Senior Care  Home care  www.sprintseniorcare.org
Health and Wellness Programs  140 Merton Street, 2nd Floor
Day Programs  416 481-6411

Offers a variety of services and programs, including an LGBT Seniors Bi-weekly Drop-in
LGBT friendly (formal)
Fudger House

Long-term care

439 Sherbourne Street


http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/cont?vgnextoid=3a0e3293dc3ef310VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD
Kipling Acres
Long-term care home
http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=942e3293dc3ef310VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD2233 Kipling Avenue
ltc-ka@toronto.ca
416 392-2300
LGBT friendly
Promoted as having a "gay-friendly environment"

Try Davidson Acres
Long-term care
200 Dawes Road
ltc-tda@toronto.ca
416 397-0400
Promoted as having a "gay-positive" environment
LGBT friendly

RELIGIOUS/Faith-Based

416 397-0400
Try Davidson Acres
200 Dawes Road
Promoted as having a "gay-positive" environment
LGBT friendly

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Church of the Redeemer
Anglican
http://www.theredeemer.ca/
162 Bloor Street West
office@TheRedeemer.ca
416 922-4948; 1 866-329-2365

LGBT friendly

Danforth Jewish Circle
Described as „an unaffiliated egalitarian community that is part of a larger Canadian egalitarian movement”
http://djctoronto.com/
310 Danforth Avenue
info@djctoronto.com
416 580-6303

LGBT friendly (formal)

Church of the Redeemer
Anglican
http://www.theredeemer.ca/
162 Bloor Street West
416 922-4948; 1 866-329-2365

LGBT friendly (informal)
Dharma Friends
Buddhist meditation practice
http://www.dharmafriends.ca/
177 Mutual Street, 2nd floor
dharmafriendscanada@gmail.com
416 929-5205; 416 423-0206
Hosts regular meditation sessions
LGBT friendly

El-Tawhid Juma Circle Mosques
http://jumacircle.com/
jumacircle@gmail.com
Email for more information, including meeting locations
LGBT friendly

Holy Blossom Temple
Jewish synagogue
http://www.holyblossom.org/
templemail@holyblossom.org
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SERVICES SPECIFIC TO THOSE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

Aids Committee of Toronto (ACT)

399 Church Street
416 340-2437

LGBT friendly

http://www.actoronto.org/home/aboutact

Advocacy
Casey House
Home care
Palliative care
Outreach
http://www.caseyhouse.com/
9 Huntley Street
heart@caseyhouse.on.ca
416 962-7600

LGBT-friendly (informal)

Fife House
Housing and services
http://www.fifehouse.org/
490 Sherbourne Street, 2nd floor
416 205-9888
Provider of secure and supportive affordable housing and services to people living with HIV/AIDS in the Greater Toronto Area.

LGBT-friendly (informal)

HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO)
Legal services
http://www.halco.org/
65 Wellesley Street East, Suite 400
416 340-7799 or toll-free in Ontario 1 888-705-8889
Free legal services for people who are living with HIV in Ontario, Canada.

LGBT-friendly (informal)
The Rekai Centre at Sherbourne Place

Long-term care

http://www.rekaicentre.com/

345 Sherbourne Street
rekaireception@rekaicentre.com
416 964-1599

Home to a number of residents living with HIV/AIDS; stated commitment to educate long-term care staff about the progression of the illness.

LGBT-friendly

The Rekai Centre at Wellesley Central Place

Long-term care

http://www.rekaicentre.com/

160 Wellesley Street East
wcp-recp@rekaicentre.com
416 929-9385

Home to a number of residents living with HIV/AIDS; stated commitment to educate long-term care staff about the progression of the illness.

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## Additional Provincial and National Planning Guides and Resources

- **"A Guide to Programs and Services for Seniors in Ontario"**
  - **Notes:** Booklet available in multiple languages; available for download and can be ordered as a hard copy by calling 1-800-668-9938.

- **Home, Community and Residential Care Services**
  - [Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/ltc/default.aspx)
  - **Notes:** Information on homecare and residential care; information available online and further information by calling ServiceOntario INFOline at 1 866-532-3161.

- **Ontario Long-Term Care Home Association**
  - [http://oltca.com/](http://oltca.com/)
  - **Notes:** Information about long-term care homes in Ontario, including a search tool for long-term care homes.

- **Health Quality Ontario: Long-Term Care and Home Care Public Reporting**
  - **Notes:** Public reports on quality of long-term care and home care services.

- **End of Life Planning and Care**
  - [Ontario Medical Association](http://www.ontariosdoctors.com/keeping-you-healthy/end-of-life-care/about-end-of-life-care/)
  - **Notes:** Information on end of life care, advance care planning and palliative care in Ontario.

- **Community Legal Education Ontario**
  - [http://www.cleo.on.ca/en](http://www.cleo.on.ca/en)
  - **Notes:** Resources and publications, including information on elder abuse.

- **ACE: Advocacy Center for the Elderly**
  - **Notes:** Available in multiple languages; available for download and can be ordered as a hard copy by calling 1-800-668-9938.

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- **Ontario Seniors’ Secretariat**
  - **Notes:** Booklet available in multiple languages; available for download and can be ordered as a hard copy by calling 1-800-668-9938.
Advocates and activists: Resources are not specific to a Canadian context

International Advocacy Organizations

• SAGE: Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Elders

National Resource Center on LGBT Aging

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http://www.advocacycentreelderly.org/