

Seeking Safety and Belonging: Challenges in LGBTQ+ Immigrant Rights

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What can you do to support LGBTQ+ immigrants?

Assist, Donate & Advocate for LGBTQ+ individuals

Provide direct community assistance

- **Offer Practical Help:** Assist with everyday tasks like transportation, groceries, or navigating public transit.
- **Create Welcoming Spaces:** Invite immigrants to community events to help them build a social support network.
- **Provide Emotional Support:** Be a consistent, non-judgmental listener. Many LGBTQ+ immigrants face trauma and severe isolation in the U.S.

Donate to specialized legal funds & organizations supporting LGBTQ+ individuals

- Contact [GLAD Law Answers](#) for a referral to an immigration attorney sensitive to the needs of LGBTQ+ and HIV-positive people.
- [Immigration Equality](#) provides free legal services for LGBTQ+ and HIV-positive asylum seekers, binational couples, and detained individuals.
- [The National Immigrant Justice Center \(NIJC\)](#) offers similar initiatives to challenge discriminatory adjudication and prolonged detention.
- The [Immigrant Legal Resource Center \(ILRC\)](#) provides training and resources to ensure that legal services address these complex issues and are provided in a culturally competent manner. Our manual, *LGBTQ Immigration: Ensuring Equality for All*, provides practice tips and legal guidance for service providers of all levels of experience.

Advocate for systemic protections

- **Vote for policies that protect queer and trans individuals fleeing persecution.**
- **Volunteer for the Immigrant Justice Campaign**
<https://immigrationjustice.us/about/lgbtq-asylum-program/>
- **Support Immigration Equity** and **Take Action** with advocacy groups by signing petitions that protect Dreamers, DACA recipients, and LGBTQ+ people worldwide.
- **SIGN UP for MIRA's Weekly Bulletin** to receive immigration policy updates, learn about community events, find resources, and more! Visit bit.ly/MIRA_Weekly_Bulletin