

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

## General Resources

**Asheville Area**  
**Asheville Gay Men's Community Chorus**  
 Stephen 696-9921

**CLOSER (Community Liaison Organization for Support, Education, and Reform, Inc.)**  
 Dan or Joan at 274-2681 (days)  
 or 669-2635 (weekends)  
 PO Box 2911, Asheville, NC 28802

A gay/lesbian support/educational/social group. Meets at All Souls Church, Biltmore, Tuesday evenings all year. Unless stated otherwise in calendar (centerfold), greeting, socializing and refreshments begin at 7:00 PM; program starts at 7:45. Programs are free of charge. "The basket" is passed to recover expenses for refreshments and hall use. CLOSER is not a religious organization.

**GALPAK (Gay and Lesbian Parents and their Kids)**  
 258-0660  
 Support/rap group for gay parents and their kids. Open discussion in an informal setting. Third Monday every month, 7 PM, All Souls Church Library, Biltmore.

**Gay/Lesbian Information Line** 253-2971  
 Information on Asheville area groups and activities. A service of the Asheville Gay and Lesbian Community Council.

**Live and Let Live AA** 254-8539  
 For anyone with a drinking problem, or friends/family members and members of other 12-step fellowships. Meets in the downstairs classroom of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Charlotte St. and Edwin Pl., Asheville, every Friday 8-9 PM.

**La LUCHA! (Lesbians of Color Strike Now!)**  
 Cindy or Angela 251-0475  
 PO Box 1246, Asheville, NC 28802  
 An organization for Lesbians of Color which meets the third Sunday of each month in the Asheville area to explore issues in a social environment.

**Parents-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)**  
 Dan or Joan at 274-2681 (days)  
 or 669-2635 (weekends)

A support group for parents who have gay and lesbian children. Gay men and lesbians are also welcome. Group led by Dan and Joan Marshall. Meets second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM, All Souls Church Library.

**Phoenix**  
 PO Box 18332, Asheville, NC 28814  
 Transgender support group for transgenerists, transsexuals, crossdressers, and anyone wishing to explore his/her androgyny. Counseling and referrals to professionals also provided. Meets bimonthly.

**SALGA (Southern Appalachian Lesbian and Gay Alliance)** 254-0292

PO Box 197, Asheville, NC 28802  
 A group working for full human rights for gay men and lesbians through education and promotion of supportive legislation. Sponsors numerous projects aimed at improving public attitudes and the legal status of gay men and lesbians.

**WNCC/NLC (Western NC Committee of the National Lesbian Conference)**  
 Cindy or Angela 251-0475

**WNCL/GPC (Western North Carolina Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee)**  
 Ron 258-3318

**Boone**  
**Parents-FLAG** Terry 264-4109

**Far West Counties**  
**MTN-GLO (Mountain Gay/Lesbian Organization)** Jess 586-2506

PO Box 205, Sylva NC 28779  
 A group for gay men and lesbians in the western part of WNC. Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month (except summer) at 7:30 PM. Call for locations.

**Western Piedmont**  
**NC Royal Court** 328-4451  
 PO Box 9402, Hickory, NC 28603  
 A general service organization for the gay/lesbian community.

**Other**  
**TOSF (Tarheel Outdoor Sports Fellowship)**  
 Send SASE to PO Box 10644, Greensboro, NC 27404.

A high adventure group for gay outdoorsmen. Hiking, backpacking, caving, boating, etc. Day and overnight trips.

## Reporting discrimination, harassment, violence

The SALGA Documentation Project documents cases of discrimination, harassment, violence, etc., against gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, HIV+, or PWA's (or anyone perceived to be one of these). We need incidents from Asheville or Buncombe County, whether or not they were reported to other authorities. We are especially interested in cases that happened in 1991, but will document any case, no matter how long ago it happened. You may do this anonymously, and all information is strictly confidential. To tell your story by phone, call 253-1656. (Phone line supported by a grant from Resist.)

## HIV Organizations

**Asheville**  
**M.A.C. (Mountain AIDS Coalition)** 299-1633  
 An advocacy group providing a unified voice and common channel for beneficial action for HIV+ individuals, MAC offers problem-solving assistance, regardless of the stage of HIV progression. Meets monthly.

**WNCAP (Western North Carolina AIDS Project)** 252-7489

PO Box 2411, Asheville, NC 28802  
 WNCAP offers the following programs for PWA's:

- Lunch Time Learning--Fridays, 11:30 - 1:00
- Therapeutic Counseling Group--a daytime therapy group
- Chi Kung--slow movement meditation exercises similar to Tai Chi.

WNCAP also offers the following support groups in the Asheville area:

**PWA's Support Group**  
 Led by Dan Marshall (274-2681 or 669-2635). Co-sponsored by All Souls Church. Meets first and third Thursday of each month.

**Family and Friends Support Group**  
 Led by Dan Marshall (274-2681 or 669-2635). Co-sponsored by All Souls Church. Meets every Friday at 6 PM.

**MAP (Mothers of AIDS People)**  
 For parents, friends, significant others. Meets second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 PM.

**Boone**  
**Hope Support Group** Terry 264-4109  
 Rt 5, Box 549A, Boone, NC 28607

**Drexel**  
**ALFA (AIDS Leadership Foothills Area)**  
 (Serves Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Rutherford, and McDowell Counties)  
 Greg Young 433-4219  
 PO Box 668, Drexel, NC 28619

**Haywood County**  
**Haywood County HIV Support Group**  
 WNCAP 252-7489

**Hendersonville**  
**HIV Support** WNCAP 252-7489  
**Family and Friends** WNCAP 252-7489

## Restaurant

**Cahoats**, 11 Grove Street, Asheville  
 252-2838

## Student Groups

**Appalachian State University**  
**SAGA (Sexual Awareness Group of Appalachian)** John Majors, (704)262-8327  
 ASU Box 8979, Boone, NC 28608  
 Meets Thursdays at 8:30 PM at the ASU Student Union.

**University of North Carolina at Asheville**  
 251-6515  
 A gay and lesbian support group. Meets weekly at the Counseling Center.

**Warren Wilson College**  
**The Gay Owls** Ben Harper 298-9893  
 Meets Sundays at 6:30 PM in front of Chapel. Pak-a-snack.

**Cullowhee**  
**Rap group** Michelle Mazzucco 227-7469

## Nightclubs

**Asheville**  
**O. Henry's**, 59 Haywood Street 254-1891  
**Scandals**, 11 Grove Street 252-2838  
**The Getaway**, 11 Grove Street 252-2838  
**Trax II**, 38 N. French Broad 258-TRAX

**Hickory**  
**Cabaret**, 101 N. Center Street 322-8103

## Houses of Worship

**Metropolitan Community Church**  
 (803)233-0919  
 37 E. Hillcrest Dr, Greenville, SC

**Unitarian Universalist Church** 254-6001  
 #1 Edwin Place, Asheville

**All Souls Parish in Biltmore** 274-2681  
 #1 Angle Street, Asheville

**Unity Center, Arden** 684-3798  
 Airport Road, Arden



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