Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)

“The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.”

The site addresses research and policy, as well as presenting a media center, plus tools and tips.

<http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/home/index.html>

Human Rights Campaign (HRC)

“The Human Rights Campaign is America’s largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against LGBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.”

<http://www.hrc.org/>

The Victory Fund

“The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund identifies, train and elects LGBT leaders to all levels of office, in every corner of America. The Victory Fund and the courageous candidates we endorse have proven that with smart strategic support and the financial resources necessary - typically twice what straight candidates need to raise - LGBT candidates can run and win anywhere.”

<http://www.victoryfund.org/home>

National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)

“The National Center for Lesbian Rights is a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education.”

<http://www.nclrights.org>

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)

“The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.”

<http://www.glaad.org/>

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

“PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.”

<http://community.pflag.org>

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

“The mission of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is to build the grassroots power of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. We do this by training activists, equipping state and local organizations with the skills needed to organize broad-based campaigns to defeat anti-LGBT referenda and advance pro-LGBT legislation, and building the organizational capacity of our movement. Our Policy Institute, the movement’s premier think tank, provides research and policy analysis to support the struggle for complete equality and to counter right-wing lies. As part of a broader social justice movement, we work to create a nation that respects the diversity of human expression and identity and creates opportunity for all.”

<http://www.thetaskforce.org/>

Lambda Legal

“Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.”

<http://www.lambdalegal.org/>

Teaching Tolerance: A Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center

“Founded in 1991 by the Southern Poverty Law Center, Teaching Tolerance is dedicated to reducing prejudice, improving intergroup relations and supporting equitable school experiences for our nation's children. To us, tolerance is an ethic.

We provide free educational materials to teachers and other school practitioners in the U.S. and abroad.”

<http://www.tolerance.org>

Point Foundation: The National GLBT Scholarship Fund

“Point Foundation provides financial support, mentoring, leadership training and hope to meritorious students who are marginalized due to sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.”

<http://www.pointfoundation.org/>