

Lesbian /Gay Health

VT Offers Variety of Gay Sensitive Services

The following is a directory of some of the area's gay-, lesbian- and bisexual-sensitive health practitioners. Those listed have been recommended by one of their gay clients or by another professional. They were contacted and wished to participate as a resource service to the community. This only a partial list of the sensitive practitioners in the area. More than one-third that were recommended and contacted declined to be listed, for various reasons. Many others, certainly, were overlooked or not known.

Health Centers

Community Health Center
79 N. Winooski Ave.
Burlington 864-6309

Vermont Women's Health Center
336 North Ave.
Burlington 863-1386

Planned Parenthood
23 Mansfield Ave.
Burlington 863-6326

Mental Health Counselors

Karen Kreda
The Creamery
RT 7, Shelburne
985-3315

Walter Zeichner
323 Pearl St.
Burlington 863-5510

Erica Marks
182 Main St
Burlington 865-2403

Chiropractors

Dr. Patricia J Schricker
PO Box 949 Main St
Morrisville 888-7979

Physicians

Dr. Al Rubin, MD
231 Maple St
Burlington 864-0383

Dr. Susan Safferstein, MD, Anne Standish, Family Nurse Practitioner and Audrey von Lepel, Internist
Corner of Rts 7 and 104A
Georgia 524-9595

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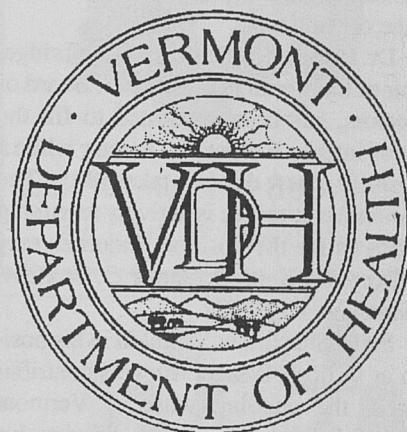
and hatred that spawns anti-gay violence. Fifteen percent of the 7008 incidents of anti-gay harassment and violence reported to NGLTF in 1987 were known to have involved verbal reference to AIDS by the perpetrators or were directed against persons with AIDS. While the actual extent of AIDS-related attacks is unknown, there is little doubt that the increased visibility of gay people as a result of AIDS has made them more vulnerable to discrimination and violence.

Community violence surveys suggest that more than 80% of anti-gay attacks go unreported to the police. Among the reasons given by the victims for not reporting are fear of exposure and discrimination, reprisals, and indifference or hostility by the criminal justice system. Victims who do step forward often confront prejudice from police, prosecutors, judges and juries.

In order to combat anti-gay violence, NGLTF recommends 1) increased research into the causes, nature, extent and consequences of the problem; 2) legislation to combat crimes motivated by bigotry; 3) official monitoring of anti-gay violence and other hate crimes; 4) improved police/gay community relations and the establishment of police programs to curb anti-gay crimes; 5) improved services for lesbian and gay crime victims; 6) repeal of laws that proscribe lesbian and gay sex ("sodomy" laws); and 7) educational programs in the schools, churches and general community to combat homophobia and other forms of prejudice.

For more information about anti-gay violence and its aftermath, contact NGLTF, 1517 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 or call (202)332-6483. *Excerpt from a report printed by the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force.*

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