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>> Resources and Information For LGBTQ/Questioning Students

If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or are uncertain about your sexuality or gender identity, there are many resources available to you through Michigan State University. All of these resources are **free** for you to use, and **CONFIDENTIAL**.

- **The LGBT Resource Center** provides information and support services for all students, and can help you connect to events and organizations. You can walk in to the center (in 302 Student Services) at any time and speak to a staff member, or call at (517) 353-9520.
- **The MSU Counseling Center** offers free or low-cost counseling services to students. These services are confidential, and may include individual counseling or support groups.
<http://counseling.msu.edu>
- **OurSpace** is a group for students who want to talk and learn about their own sexuality or gender identity with other students. This group is facilitated by a professional counselor. Email jeng@cc.msu.edu for more information.

FORMSPRING is a web application that lets students ask questions to LBGTRC staff **anonymously**. You can ask any questions about sexual orientation or gender identity here!



<http://www.formspring.me/lbgtrc>

>> You Have a Right to Feel Safe!

Michigan State University does not permit discrimination or harassment on the basis of gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation. If you feel that you have been treated unfairly because of your sexual orientation or gender identity, you can contact any of these offices:

- **The Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives** has much more information about anti-discrimination policies and procedures, as well as staff you can speak with.
<http://inclusion.msu.edu/Equity/>
- **The LGBT Resource Center**
<http://lbgtrc.msu.edu>
- **The Office for International Students and Scholars** provides resources and support to international students at MSU.
<http://oiss.isp.msu.edu>

LGBTQ people have the same rights to safety as heterosexual people. If you or someone else needs emergency police or medical assistance, call 911. If you have been sexually assaulted or raped, you may call MSU's 24-hour Sexual Assault Crisis Line at (517) 372-6666. To report or ask questions about any incident, call the Bias Incident Reporting Line at (517) 432-3650.

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>> What does it mean to be LGBTQ?

LGBTQ is an acronym that stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer.

- >> **Lesbian:** women who are attracted to and love other women
- >> **Gay:** men who are attracted to and love other men
- >> **Bisexual:** a person who feels attraction to and can love men or women
- >> **Transgender:** a person whose gender identity does not match their biological sex
- >> **Queer:** a person who may not define themselves by gender in who they love or how they present themselves.
- >> **Heterosexual:** a person who feels attraction to and engages in relationships with people of a sex other than their own

This set of letters, LGBTQ, is often used to describe the diverse community of people who are not heterosexual.

There are more resources about sexuality and gender, as well as organizations and events for LGBTQ people and the heterosexual people who support them (“allies”), available at the LBGT Resource Center website:

lbgtrc.msu.edu



If you are LGBTQ, or are uncertain about your sexuality or gender, you are not alone, and your feelings are completely natural. There is nothing wrong with being LGBTQ!

There is a community of individuals of all different sexual orientations and gender identities here at Michigan State. You are welcome here!

To learn more about the resources available to LGBTQ students and the allies who support them, as well as important rights students have, please flip this sheet over.