

# AppalReD Legal Aid

Providing free legal services to the low-income and vulnerable in eastern and south central Kentucky



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## LGBT Legal Assistance: Appalachian Kentucky Justice Project

**Wyatt returned home with a protective order against his partner and breathed.**

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**

You deserve someone in your corner as you fight for court-ordered protection.

We have successfully won custody for survivors who are in same-sex relationships.

Some abusers will say that our area of Kentucky is too homophobic to help or that police won't help. The service providers we work with are welcoming and trained to meet the needs of the LGBTQ+ community. We have strong relationships with the police and courts. We care about YOU.

**WE BELIEVE YOU.**

Domestic violence can happen to anyone--no matter your gender, orientation, income, or education. Domestic violence is about power.

Domestic and dating violence in the LGBT+ community takes many forms--from threatening with violence or to out you to family and friends. It can involve physical violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

**YOU DECIDE.**

You decide whether to:

- File charges.
- Seek a protective order.
- Pursue custody

You decide if we can advocate for you by having conversations with an employer, landlord, or school officials.

You decide if you would like us to connect you with counseling.

You decide to disclose your sexual orientation. Our intake specialists ask every caller their sexual orientation.

Misty separated from her husband due to his violent rages in front of her and the children. However, he continued to threaten her. When she started to date a woman, it got even worse.

Unlike many survivors, Misty didn't have to go to court alone. Together we won an extended protective order and sole custody. She doesn't know what the future holds, but she is looking forward.

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## MOVE FORWARD

If you cannot return home, along with our partners, we can help you obtain housing.

We can help with financial difficulties:

- rental deposits,
- turning utilities on,
- repairing credit, or
- cost of changing locks.

We can help with getting copies of identification documents that were left behind so you can:

- enroll children in school,
- obtain public benefits, or
- seek health care.

We can assist with having your I.D. changed to reflect your gender identity.

We can provide gas cards if you need help getting to court or meeting with your attorney.

We can also help with:

- Expungement of criminal records
- Education discrimination or bullying of LGBT youth
- Consumer issues, bankruptcy, eviction
- Public Benefits and Health Issues

### APPALRED LEGAL AID INTAKE HOTLINE

1-866-277-5733

You may also use the "side door" to reach the below attorneys directly by phone. Dial 711, if you are hard of hearing. We can also connect with an interpreter, if needed.

#### Prestonsburg

##### AppalReD Legal Aid

Jo Ann Harvey, Attorney  
(606) 886-3876, Ext. 1612

##### Turning Point DV Services

1-800-649-6605

##### Mountain Comprehensive Care Center Healing Place Program

1-800-422-1060

#### Somerset

##### AppalReD Legal Aid

Michelle Fisher, Attorney  
(606) 679-7313 Ext. 7209

##### Bethany House Abuse Shelter

(606) 679-1553  
Crisis Line 1-800-755-2017

##### Adanta Sexual Assault Resource Center (ASARC)

(606) 679-4782  
Crisis Line 1-800-633-5599

LGBT+ inclusive services and services for survivors are offered at all AppalReD Legal Aid offices. These offices house the Appalachian Kentucky Justice Project.



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LGBTQ+ LEGAL ASSISTANCE

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