



Protecting LGBTQ+ Seniors

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Overview

01

HISTORY OF
DVO STATUTES
& TREND
TOWARDS
INCLUSION

02

GAPS IN
CURRENT LAW
AFFECT LGBTQ+
SENIORS IN
PARTICULAR

03

RESOURCES
AND SERVICES
TO HELP FILL IN
GAPS FOR NOW

History of Protective Order Access in KY

- ◆ 1984: original statute applies to abuse “between family members or members of an unmarried couple” & required unmarried couples to have a child in common
- ◆ 1992: amended to include unmarried couple “who are living together or have formerly lived together.” Former KRS 403.702(3), now KRS 403.270(6).
- ◆ 1997: Court of Appeals clarifies that it doesn’t matter whether the members of the couple are of the same sex. *Ireland v. Davis*, 957 S.W.2d 310 (Ky. Ct. App. 1997)
- ◆ 2015: IPO statute created, extends to dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault



That was a lot of history!
Have some more coffee!

Gaps in Current Law

01

BILL & HIS
HELPER

02

RONNIE AND
HER “FRIEND
SHE LIVES
WITH”

03

SHOULD THESE
FOLKS BE
COVERED?
WHAT CHANGES
ARE NEEDED?

Meanwhile, service
agencies fill in the gaps...



Kentucky LGBTQ+ Senior Resources

- ◇ [Lgbtagingcenter.org](http://lgbtagingcenter.org) :
 - ◇ [SAGE of the Bluegrass](#)
 - ◇ [Legal Helpline for Older Kentuckians: 1-800-200-3633](#)
- ◇ VA Medical Center: LGBTQ+ Veteran care in Lexington and Louisville
- ◇ Lexington Fairness, Inc
- ◇ https://adsd.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/adsdnv.gov/content/Programs/Seniors/LTCOmbudsman/LGBT_Resources/LGBT%20AFFIRMING%20Resources%20November%202018.pdf
- ◇ <https://silverleafky.org/lgbtq-resources/>
- ◇ <https://libguides.uky.edu/c.php?g=555228&p=3818281>
- ◇ https://www.lgbtmap.org/equality-maps/profile_state/KY
- ◇ <https://www.womenslaw.org/laws/ky>

National LGBTQ+ Senior Resources

- ◇ <https://lgbtagingcenter.org/resources/resource.cfm?r=3>
- ◇ <https://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/resources/resources.cfm?s=18>
- ◇ <https://www.justiceinaging.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/How-Can-Legal-Services-Better-Meet-the-Needs-of-Low-Income-LGBT-Seniors.pdf>
- ◇ <https://www.sageusa.org/resource-posts/sagevets-newsletter-winter-2022/>
- ◇ <https://www.sageusa.org/resource-category/lgbtq-aging/>
- ◇ https://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/resources/pdfs/NSCLC_LGBT_report.pdf
- ◇ <https://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/resources/resource.cfm?r=423>

Equality Act

- ◆ “The Equality Act is a critical piece of legislation that would protect LGBTQ+ elders and ALL people from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.”
- ◆ <https://www.sageusa.org/resource-posts/what-is-the-equality-act-and-why-does-it-matter/>
- ◆ <https://www.lgbtmap.org/file/2021-brief-equality-act-sage-map.pdf>

Other LGBTQ+ and Domestic Violence Resources

- ◇ <https://www.womenslaw.org/>
- ◇ <https://www.lgbtmap.org/policy-and-issue-analysis/lgbtq-older-adults>
- ◇ <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/sites/default/files/organization-page/2022-05/2021%20Annual%20Report.pdf>
- ◇ <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/homeless-services-division/lgbtq-resources>
- ◇ <https://www.lgbtcenters.org/LGBTCenters/State/56/Kentucky>
- ◇ <https://www.pflagcentralky.org/>
- ◇ <https://www.transkentucky.com/other-resources/>
- ◇ <https://tsagl.org/resources.html>
- ◇ <https://www.aclu-ky.org/en/issues/lgbtq-equality>
- ◇ The Nest: Center for Women, Children, and Family
- ◇ Local Domestic Violence Shelters



Questions?