

Section 7:

HUMAN RELATIONS

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) - A World of Difference® Institute

City of Santa Clarita Human Relations Forum

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Simon Wiesenthal Center - Museum of Tolerance

TREVOR Suicide Helpline for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (GLBTQ) Youth

AGENCY NAME: ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)

MISSION STATEMENT: The immediate object of the League is to stop, by appeals to reason and conscience and, if necessary, by appeals to law, the defamation of the Jewish people. Its ultimate purpose is to secure justice and fair treatment to all citizens alike and to put an end forever to unjust and unfair discrimination against and ridicule of any set or body of citizens.

SERVICES: ADL's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute is a leading provider of anti-bias education and diversity training programs and resources for students, educators, parents, and community members. The Institute seeks to help participants: recognize bias and the harm it inflicts on individuals and society; explore the value of diversity; improve intergroup relations; and combat racism, anti-Semitism and all forms of prejudice and bigotry. Please see packet for specific program details.

AGE GROUP SERVED: All

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): Phone: (310) 446-8000
Fax: (310) 470-8712

WEBSITE: www.adl.org/education

FEE FOR SERVICES: The Institute's programs are provided for in a variety of ways, including fee-for-service, corporate, individual, and foundation support. Please call for details.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Eva Vega-Olds, Project Director
A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English and Spanish

AGENCY NAME: CITY OF SANTA CLARITA HUMAN RELATIONS FORUM

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Santa Clarita Valley Human Relations Forum is to encourage, assist, and empower the people of the Santa Clarita Valley to eliminate all forms of discrimination, and to promote the benefit of human differences in our community.

SERVICES: Prevention and intervention programming include: Operation US programs, Kindness and Character Counts program, Support of Victims of Hate Crimes, Essay and Poster Contests, and others.

AGE GROUP SERVED: All

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): Phone: (661) 250-3716
Fax: (661) 250-3730
E-mail: jprado@santa-clarita.com

WEBSITE: www.santa-clarita.com/humanrelationsforum

FEE FOR SERVICES: None

HOURS OF OPERATION: Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, at 4:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Janine Prado, Community Services Administrator

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Special language accommodations are available upon request

AGENCY NAME: L.A. GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER JEFF GRIFFITH YOUTH CENTER

MISSION STATEMENT: The Youth Services Department is dedicated to supporting the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth by providing essential human services, and by increasing public understanding and awareness of the challenges facing LGBTQ youth.

SERVICES: Jeff Griffith offers a safe and affirming environment, and provides basic life sustaining and recreational services. Services include: breakfast, lunch, dinner, showers, laundry, clothing, computer lab, case management, counseling, support groups, art/music groups, GED preparation program, career development, HIV preparation program, recreational activities, and special events participation.

AGE GROUP SERVED: 18-24 years old

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): Phone: (323) 860-2280
Fax: (323) 308-4479

WEBSITE: www.laygaycenter.org

FEE FOR SERVICES: None

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Simon Costello, Program Manager

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English and Spanish

AGENCY NAME: L.A. GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER KRUKS/TILSNER
TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT: The Youth Services Department is dedicated to supporting the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth by providing essential human services, and by increasing public understanding and awareness of the challenges facing LGBTQ youth.

SERVICES: Operates a 24-bed, 18-month program designed to help at-risk lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth transition from street-life to independent living. A 4-bed, coed room that provides a safe and supportive overnight by night stay for LGBTQ youth, with an overall goal to move the client into a transitional living program (K/T house).

AGE GROUP SERVED: 18-24 years old

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): Phone: (323) 993-7450
Fax: (323) 308-4482

WEBSITE: www.lagaycenter.org

FEE FOR SERVICES: None

HOURS OF OPERATION: 24 hours a day / 7 days a week

CONTACT PERSON(S): Lisa Phillips

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English and Spanish

AGENCY NAME:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (3 pages)

MISSION STATEMENT:

As one of the oldest and largest human relations agencies of its kind in the United States, the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations serves one of the largest and most diverse populations in the country in addressing the human relations needs through its commitment to...fostering harmonious and equitable inter-group relations; empowering communities and institutions; and promoting an informed and inclusive multicultural society.

SERVICES:

PROGRAMS

zerohour: No Haters Here!

The zerohour: No Haters Here! youth initiative, now in its second year of a three year pilot program in five Los Angeles County high schools, works with students, teacher, parents and school administrators to embed human relations culture into the culture of a school-community and achieve a safe and culturally-appropriate learning environment.

Hate Crime Victim Assistance & Advocacy Initiative

The initiative works to educate specific underserved communities to recognize and report intolerance and hate crimes, to assist victims in accessing culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and to advocate on behalf of victims for institutional changes that can reduce hate crimes.

Human Relations Mutual Assistance Consortium

(HRMAC)

HRMAC is a partnership of city-based human relations organizations, city representatives, school officials and community members who come together to receive and share support and assistance in managing tensions between groups of different cultures, ethnicities, race and religion.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (cont'd)

Network Against Hate Crime

The Network Against Hate Crime brings together law enforcement agencies, human relations organizations, educators, faith communities, social service and advocacy groups to coordinate efforts to combat intolerance and hate crime.

Racialized Gang Violence Prevention Initiative

A multi-dimensional project for reducing inter-ethnic gang violence and its causes, and assisting Los Angeles County's regional plan to break the cycles of neighborhood violence through collaborative engagement and transformation of youth, families, and communities.

Corporate Advisory Committee

The committee works with employers to address workplace intolerance and discrimination and to encourage diversity initiatives and multicultural awareness programs

Media Image Coalition (MIC)

MIC is an alliance of media associations, civil rights work together to address racism in the media and to promote increased visibility of diverse people in the entertainment and news media, both in front of and behind the camera.

Teens Make A Difference Day

Teens and youth organizations throughout L.A. County are encouraged to plan and implement one-time or on-going self-initiated volunteer and community service projects in their community. Shared projects by teens from different communities or organizations are encouraged in order to strengthen intergroup relations and improve understanding among and between teens from different areas of the county, consistent with the Commission on Human Relations mission and it's zerohour: The Time to Act is Now! youth initiative.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS
COMMISSION (cont'd)**

Training Program

The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (LACCHR) has produced a training curriculum, "Working Effectively with Immigrant Newcomers." The goals of the program are to better equip the participants with:

- Skills, knowledge, and confidence to better address and better serve the needs of Southern California's rapidly changing public.
- Increased understanding of the nuances of cross-cultural communication, both verbal and non-verbal.
- Greater appreciation for the diverse cultures and communities of the Southland.

AGE GROUP SERVED:	N/A
PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S):	Phone: (213) 738-2788 3175 W. 6 th Street, Suite 401 Los Angeles, CA 90020
WEBSITE:	www.humanrelations.co.la.ca.us
FEE FOR SERVICES:	N/A
HOURS OF OPERATION:	N/A
CONTACT PERSON(S):	N/A
LANGUAGES SPOKEN:	English and Spanish

AGENCY NAME: LOS ANGELES COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS
MUTUAL ASSISTANCE CONSORTIUM (HRMAC)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Los Angeles County Human Relations Mutual Assistance Consortium works to foster harmonious and equitable inter-group relations, empower communities and institutions, engage in non-violent conflict resolution, and promote an informed and inclusive multicultural society.

SERVICES: Local support and assistance to manage tensions between different cultural, ethnic, racial, and religious groups. Resources and referrals to effectively manage tensions and maintain positive inter-group relations. Human relations training for City staff and community activists on a quarterly basis. Clearinghouse for information sharing about managing inter-group conflicts, hate crimes, victim assistance, and other human relations needs. Technical assistance in the development of proactive citywide inter-group relations plans. Information on human relations funding sources.

AGE GROUP SERVED: N/A

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): N/A

WEBSITE: www.lahumanrelations.org/programs/hrmac/maa.htm

FEE FOR SERVICES: N/A

HOURS OF OPERATION: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S): N/A

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English

AGENCY NAME: ROSANNA M. SANTOS, MA, MFT

MISSION STATEMENT: Let's face it... life happens! When done with sensitivity and genuineness in the contained and safe environment I provide, therapy can be a highly useful tool to pry yourself loose from those 'stuck' places, so you can begin making safe, healthy, and effective choices for yourself, your family, and your future.

SERVICES: Rosanna's specialties include extensive therapeutic work with Adolescents and their Families, Couples, Trauma and Abuse Survivors, LGBT challenges, Life Improvement, Grief and Loss, Depression, and Anxiety

AGE GROUP SERVED: Children, adolescents, adults, and elderly

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): (818) 515-2441
23822 Valencia Boulevard, #204
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

WEBSITE: www.SafeAndHealthyChoices.com

FEE FOR SERVICES: \$150 per clinical hour
Accept Anthem Blue Cross insurance

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Rosanna Santos, MFT

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English

AGENCY NAME: SHARE THE WORLD

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide students of the Santa Clarita Valley the opportunity to experience other cultures through the arts.

SERVICES: The City of Santa Clarita, Arts and Events Office, in partnership with the California Institute of the Arts, Community Arts Partnership program, provide multi-cultural performances and workshops to local schools.

AGE GROUP SERVED: K-12, with an emphasis on elementary school students

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): Phone: (661) 286-4018
Fax: (661) 255-1996

WEBSITE: www.santa-clarita.com/arts

FEE FOR SERVICES: The City will match 50% of the school's costs to bring this program to the students.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Donna Avila, Arts and Events Coordinator, from the City of Santa Clarita

LANGUAGE SPOKEN: English

AGENCY NAME: SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER - MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE

MISSION STATEMENT: The Museum of Tolerance is a high-tech, hands-on experiential museum that focuses on two central themes through unique interactive exhibits: the dynamics of racism and prejudice in America and the history of the Holocaust.

SERVICES: The Museum was founded to challenge visitors to confront bigotry and racism, and to understand the Holocaust in both historic and contemporary context. The Museum is designed for self-guided exploration after a brief orientation.

AGE GROUP SERVED: All

PHONE & FAX NUMBER(S): Phone: (310) 553-8403
Fax: (310) 553-4521
To schedule a foreign language tour, call: (310) 772-2510
Group reservations: (310) 772-7637/38/39
e-mail: groupreservations@wiesenthal.net

WEBSITE: www.museumoftolerance.com

FEE FOR SERVICES: Admission:
Adults: \$15 / Seniors (62+): \$12 / Students (5-18): \$11

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday (November-March): 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Saturday: CLOSED
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Receptionist

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Foreign Language Tours - Museum docents are able to conduct foreign language tours in Spanish, German, French, Japanese, Russian, Greek, Farsi, Hungarian, Hebrew, Yiddish, and Polish. Advanced noticed is required.

TREVOR SUICIDE HELPLINE FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUESTIONING (GLBTQ) YOUTH

(866) 4U-TREVOR or (866) 488-7386

(800) 850-8078

www.thetrevorproject.org

24-hour, toll-free national suicide prevention hotline aimed at GLBTQ youth. All calls are handled by trained counselors, and are free and confidential.

History of Trevor Project

The cornerstone of The Trevor Project is the 18-minute film *Trevor*, a comedy/drama about a gay 13-year-old boy named Trevor, who, when rejected by friends and peers because of his sexuality, makes an attempt to take his life. Heartfelt and moving, this bittersweet tale won the 1994 Academy Award® for Best Live Action Short Film.

The *Trevor* creators (James Lecesne, Peggy Rajski, and Randy Stone), established The Trevor Helpline in 1998 to coincide with the airing of *Trevor* on HBO®. The organization's seed funds were provided by The Colin Higgins Foundation and by HBO's license fee to broadcast *Trevor*. As a result, The Trevor Helpline became the first national, 24-hour, 7-days a week toll-free crisis and suicide prevention helpline for gay and questioning youth.

The Trevor Helpline has taken over 100,000 phone calls since its inception and provides various other services to youth. In 2004, The Trevor Project unveiled a program called The Trevor Survival Kit. Since then, almost 3,000 educators and youth service providers have enjoyed the Kit's educational information. The Kit contains a copy of the short film *Trevor*, The Trevor Teaching Guide (to be used in conjunction with the short film), wallet-sized cards with The Trevor Helpline's toll-free number, and posters that reach out to young people in need of someone to talk to. In 2005, The Trevor Project launched Dear Trevor, an anonymous online Question & Answer forum where young people can ask non-urgent questions about issues related to sexual orientation and identity. Since then, we have received hundreds of letters from young people all around the world.

The Trevor Project continues to extend its outreach efforts annually. We strive to educate educators, reach out to schools around the country, develop strategic relationships with organizations nationwide to better serve our youth, and, as always, to continue to save young lives and curb gay teen suicide.