# **Q & A FOR COMMON GLBT QUESTIONS:**

# Q. Where can I get anonymous HIV testing?

A. Look under <u>Testing</u> on pg. 24 for the State of Illinois AIDS/HIV/STD hotline or Test Positive Aware Network. Test Positive Aware Network located at 5537 N. Broadway offers free anonymous testing on the following days and times:

Monday 2pm-8pm Tuesday 10am-4pm Wednesday 10am-4pm Thursday 2pm-8pm Friday 10am-3pm

# Q. Where can I find counseling for GLBT Domestic Violence?

A. The Center on Halsted and Howard Brown Health Services (pg. 19) serve the GLBT population and have licensed clinical social workers on staff. Domestic violence between same sex couples follow the same laws as cases involving couples of opposite sexes Please refer to pg. 11 for common domestic violence questions. You can also look at the domestic violence section in the resource guide (pg. 18) or contact Officer Rios (pg. 19) for further information.

Websites for GLBT services:

Howard Brown <a href="https://www.howardbrown.org">www.howardbrown.org</a>
Center on Halsted <a href="https://www.centeronhalsted.com">www.centeronhalsted.com</a>

Test Positive Aware Network <u>www.tpan.com</u>

## Q. Where are there GLBT youth groups?

A. The Center on Halsted and Howard Brown have youth programs (pg 19). The hours of operation are as follows:

Center on Halsted		<u>Howard Brow</u>	<u> Howard Brown</u>	
Monday	3pm-8pm	Monday	1pm-8pm	
Tuesday	3pm-8pm	Tuesday	1pm-8pm	
Wednesday	3pm-8pm	Wednesday	1pm-8pm	
Thursday	3pm-8pm	Thursday	1pm-8pm	
Friday	Closed	Friday	1pm-9pm	
Saturday	2pm-5pm	Saturday	1pm-3pm	

### Q. Is there victim assistance for GLBT crimes and persons of hate crimes?

A. Contact Anne Hoffman at the State's Attorney's Office, pg. 18. Ms. Hoffman is the State's Attorney's victim and GLBT hate crimes specialist. You can also contact the Chicago Police Department's Hate Crimes Unit (pg. 19) for further information or your GLBT Officer Rios. A hate crime exists when a person commits a crime against another person solely because of the actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, physical and/or mental disability without any other motivating factors. Please refer to Illinois Statue 720 ILCS 5/12-7.1.

### Q. General information about the Pride Parade?

A. Contact Pride Chicago on pg 19. The Chicago Pride Parade is held on the last Sunday in the month of June. The Parade Route is North on Halsted from Belmont to Grace, South from Grace on Broadway to Diversey and East on Diversey to Canon Dr. The Parade attendance in recent years has been approximately 450,000 people.