

The Home helps to ensure the healthy development of all children at risk, without regard to race, religion, gender identity/ expression or sexual orientation.

Primary goals of Waltham House:

- ◆ To offer LGBTQ youth a safe and supportive environment in which to live and grow
- ◆ To offer families the support they need in order to become reunified with a LGBTQ youth
- ◆ To offer LGBTQ youth an opportunity to develop essential life skills that will prepare them for the eventuality of independent living
- ◆ To offer LGBTQ youth opportunities to develop strong connections to LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ communities
- ◆ To help LGBTQ youth reach their potential

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BACK,
♥ LOVING,
FORWARD**



Strong families. Strong life.

The Home for Little Wanderers provides a seamless continuum of vital programs and services for every stage of child and family

development. For more than 215 years, we've earned a reputation for doing whatever it takes to strengthen vulnerable families and keep children safe in their own communities, even when they don't have family support.

Serving children and youth from birth to 22, The Home makes a positive impact on over 12,000 lives each year through a network of services including behavioral health, therapeutic residential and special education, adoption and foster care. In addition, a number of innovative programs provide specialized assistance to youth transitioning to adulthood from state systems of care.

We continuously measure the impact of our work to develop and enhance our programs. We never give up on children. And we don't let children give up on themselves. By advocating on behalf of each and every one of them, we strengthen our families, our communities and our Commonwealth.

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Waltham House

A group home for
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,
and Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth





Waltham House is a community based 1:4 group home program designed to provide a safe and supportive living environment for up to 12 youth identifying themselves as part of the LGBTQIA community. Our youth range from ages 14-18, and are free to explore and develop their identities in a safe, open, and conscientious and inclusive environment while at Waltham House.

Many young people have previously experienced difficulty and/or discrimination (at home or in placement) due to their gender expression or sexuality identities. Waltham House offers residents a safe environment to live while they prepare for family reunification, independent living, secondary education paths, and future self-sufficiency.

Waltham House is located in Waltham, Massachusetts. The program offers 24-hour staffing and is housed in a large, comfortable, federal-style home with an expansive tree-lined backyard in a suburban Boston neighborhood.



The Services We Offer:

- ◆ Multi-disciplinary team approach to treatment plan development and implementation
- ◆ Individual and creative stabilization services and interventions
- ◆ Individual, group and family therapy and case management by Masters level clinicians
- ◆ Family outreach and support services
- ◆ Life skills development
- ◆ Opportunities to attend community-based activities such as sports, after-school programs including peer education programs and Gay/Straight Alliances, social/support groups, and community service projects
- ◆ Mentoring relationships, tutoring and vocational training with LGBTQ adults
- ◆ Integrative Treatment for Complex Trauma (ITCT)
- ◆ Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- ◆ Restorative practice



Waltham House is the first residential group home that is designed specifically for GLBTQ youth in New England, and one of only two of its kind in the nation.

The agency is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and the program is licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care.

Waltham House opened in October 2002 and was founded on the principles of responsibility, respect and pride, with the belief that all youth deserve to live in an environment in which they feel safe, respected, supported and cared for.



For more information about Waltham House:

Visit www.thehome.org/waltham or call 617-267-3700