

# the fight for LGBT equality.



## what is the ACLU?

The American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee (ACLU-TN) is a private non-profit, non-partisan membership organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the guarantees of the Bill of Rights. We focus on a range of Constitutional issues, including freedom of speech and expression, privacy, LGBT rights, police brutality, racial justice, discrimination, reproductive freedom and religious freedom.

ACLU-TN is very proud of its extensive advocacy on behalf of the LGBT community. Across the state, ACLU-TN seeks to secure equality, fair treatment, privacy and freedom of association and expression for the LGBT community.

ACLU-TN, joined by the National ACLU LGBT and AIDS Project, which was founded in 1986, is committed to eliminating barriers facing LGBT individuals in creating family relationships and supportive school settings, serving in the military, and working in the public and private sector. ACLU-TN enjoys the resources and expertise of the National ACLU Project.

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**LOBBIES** the TN General Assembly, Congress, school boards and local government for LGBT equality.

**RAISES AWARENESS** for LGBT issues through public awareness campaigns and events.

**FIGHTS FOR YOU** in the courts to root out discrimination.

# we fight, we win

- When a Tennessee Court of Appeals ruled that a gay dad could not "expose" his son to a "gay lifestyle," ACLU-TN successfully intervened and the Court ruled sexual orientation should not be a factor in determining custody.

- When Knox County and Metro Nashville public school systems blocked access to informational and political LGBT websites on school computers but allowed access to anti-gay websites, ACLU-TN successfully challenged the viewpoint discrimination and the filtering software was removed from the computers.

- When a lesbian mother in Gibson County was prevented from having her partner of nine years reside in their home under an antiquated "paramour clause," ACLU-TN successfully defended the mother's right to maintain her home "in the best interest of the child."

- When a gay high school student in Robertson County was punished for wearing a pro-gay t-shirt, ACLU-TN successfully protected his freedom of speech.

## fighting for your rights for over 25 years

