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Name changes can be intimidating and confusing on your own, but they are easily handled by legal experts.

A life-changing step toward matching legal identities with lived experiences.

A **monthly** name change clinic with The Legal Aid Society attorneys for clients of the Ali Forney Center, young LGBTQ+ New Yorkers experiencing homelessness

- General information on how to secure legal name changes
- Confidential consultations with attorneys
- Assistance completing name change petitions
- On-site notarization
- Financial assistance with associated fees
- Guidance on accessing identification following a successful name change

Why Name Changes Change Lives

TGNCNBI+ youth often don't have any identification documents – like an IDNYC card – because their legal name does not match their personal identity

Without a legal name change and a gender-affirming ID, a young person struggles to access life-saving benefits and is excluded from full participation in our city and community



- Housing
- Cash and food assistance
- Education
- Employment
- Bank account
- Library card
- Driver's license or passport

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The Legal Aid Society's LGBTQ+ Law and Policy Unit

Creating, supporting, and sustaining affirming and safer spaces, practices, and policies for LGBTQ+ clients.

The Ali Forney Center

Protecting homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning youths from the harms of homelessness and empowering them with the tools needed to be independent.