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Orlando Night Club Massacre: LGBT

The Long Island Network of Community Services is in mourning for the dozens of lives lost in the horrific attack at the Pulse Night Club in Orlando. We extend our deepest condolences to the families of the dead and injured.

While the nation has made progress in ensuring the rights of LGBT persons, including the right to marriage just last year, continuing violence and discrimination against people based on their race, gender, sexual orientation, or religion must be condemned in the strongest terms. And because the perpetrator may have suffered from internal homophobia, a virulent form of self-hate, which clearly is as dangerous as societal homophobia, we call for the availability of mental health services for LGBT persons struggling with anger and violent behaviors.

LINGS, Inc, via its BiasHELP project, provides self-assessment and counseling services; as well as education, technical assistance and consultation to schools and community organizations to prevent and address discrimination, harassment and violence. Utilizing a team of skilled educators, BiasHELP conducts specially tailored trainings on bullying/techno bullying as well as trainings on racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia and other forms of discrimination.

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