

YOU AND CTAC...

If you are Trans-Identified, or an ally, and seeking services or information regarding Trans Issues or Advocacy contact CTAC by phone or email and we will work with you to address your issues or concerns.

CTAC depends upon grassroots advocacy and coalitions to accomplish its mission and goals. If you and/or your organization would like to be involved in CTAC activities, or expand our mission, please contact us.

CTAC is in the process of becoming a 501(c)3 to help fund its efforts. CTAC does not charge for its services or training and depends upon donations and the generosity of you to keep our mission alive and active.

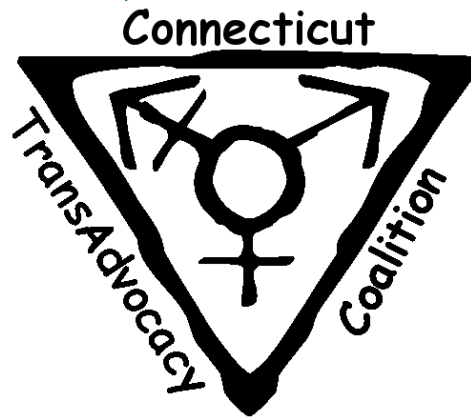
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THE CONNECTICUT
TRANSADVOCACY COALITION

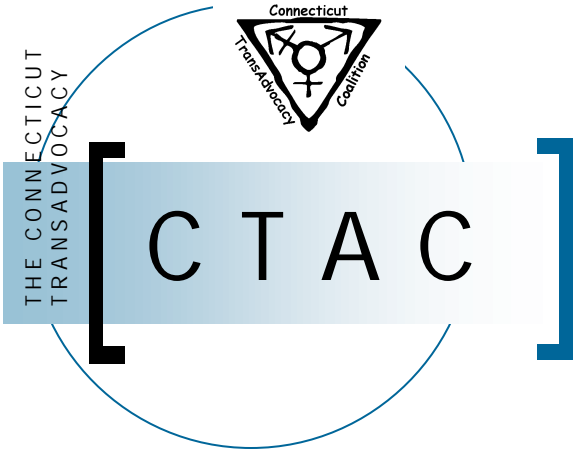
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To make
Connecticut a
safe and tolerant
place for the
trans-identified
individual and
community
through political
and social
advocacy

85% OF CONNECTICUT IS TRANSGENDER!!!

SAY WHAT???

Typically when one refers to Transgender they call up negative stereotypes and images, which are amplified by Media's negative sensationalism of the Trans-Identified person and community. In reality however, Gender is and has been fluid throughout civilization. We have only to look around us: at work, at home, on the street, at church and even at the mall to realize that the Gender Stereotypes of masculine and feminine are routinely challenged. Stereotypical gender conventions are: Women wear dresses, Men wear pants, Women have long hair, Men have short hair, Girls play with dolls, Boys play with toy guns, Women are sensitive, Men are tough, Women are weak, Men are strong. Yet reality is: Women can have short hair, Men can have long hair, Women can be tough, Men can be sensitive, Girls can play with toy guns, Boys can play with dolls, Women can wear pants, however, Men still cannot wear dresses without being ridiculed or worse!

So in reality maybe 15% of Connecticut residents exhibit the conventional gender stereotypes of Masculine and Feminine while many, including our youth, TRANSgress the GENDER Binaries and are by definition ...

TRANSGENDER!!!



WHAT IS CTAC?

CTAC grew out of two venues: It's Time, Connecticut [ITCT], a chapter of the major national state-wide grass roots Trans Civil Rights organization and Connecticut's 2002 Day of Remembrance. CTAC's mission is to improve - through Political and Social Advocacy - societal attitudes, social services and the law in order to achieve equal rights for the transgender and gender variant individuals and communities. It is a grassroots coalition of individuals and organizations dedicated to the advancement and attainment of full civil rights for all transgender and gender variant people in every aspect of society and actively opposes discriminatory acts.

EVERY 21 DAYS IN THE U.S. A PERSON IS MURDERED DUE TO TRANSPHOBIA

WHY TRANSADVOCACY?

Some say the "Gay Rights Movement" began in 1969, the night of the Stonewall riot. And as many trans-identified folks know, a "Trans" person was at the forefront of that fateful night - Sylvia Rivera! Sylvia and many others launched a major social, economic and cultural change in the homosexual community and within society as a whole. Since that day, homosexuality has been declassified as a mental illness, numerous and significant gay rights laws have passed, corporate non-discrimination policies updated to include sexual orientation and many other landmark successes have been realized. However, the rights of the trans-identified person and community were, and are still being, essentially ignored. In addition, prominent among those being "cast aside" during this period was Sylvia Rivera herself.

However, this did not stop Sylvia! She fought daily for the trans-identified person and community; as well as fighting the gay, lesbian and straight communities for recognition and equal rights of the trans-identified individual and community. And from such spirited Direct Actions and confrontations, a few,

then more, and then many more Trans Activists came to her aide, and to the forefront, in this struggle for Trans Activism and Advocacy. For many trans-identified people this struggle occurs in the midst of their worlds crumbling economically and socially around them as they "come out". However, more and more of us are learning to balance "coming out" socially and economically with our coming out as Activists and Advocates. And for this reason, the Connecticut TransAdvocacy Coalition exists.

CTAC'S TRANSADVOCACY EFFORTS— IN CONJUNCTION WITH COALITION PARTNERS

TRANS ACCESS TO SERVICES:

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Homelessness
- Employment
- Discrimination
- Needs Assessment

TRANS LEGAL

- Hate Crime Legislation
- Non-Discrimination Legislation
- Trans Legal Services Handbook
- Broader access to Legal Documentation in ones Inherent Sex

TRANS MEDICAL

- Trans Medical Provider Handbook
- Trans specific Health Needs

TRANS EDUCATION

- How to be a TransAdvocate
- Educational Forums
- InService Training

MEDIA WATCH

- Fair and Accurate Reporting
- Media guidelines for reporting Trans issues and people