



VISIBILITY TRANSFORMED

One week after Transgender Day of Visibility, this celebration stands for ongoing visibility beyond TDOV and will include a panel discussion on access to healthcare and wellness resources in TGI communities, a resource fair with HIV/STD testing, MPOX vaccinations, community partner services, and a performance by the Trans Chorus of Los Angeles.

EVENT INFORMATION

Friday, April 5, 2024
Los Angeles LGBT Center
1118 McCadden Pl.
Los Angeles, CA 90038
1pm-4pm

THE ISSUE

Transgender, gender expansive, gender diverse, and intersex (TGI) people are a vibrant part of communities throughout the world, including California, where nearly a quarter of a million adults identify as TGI, many of whom call LA County home. Many TGI people, particularly BIPOC TGI folks, experience violence and structural inequities in every facet of daily life, including legislature in many states to restrict access to gender-affirming healthcare for both youth and adults, along with an overall dearth of wellness resources.

HOW IT IMPACTS THE COMMUNITY

Gender-affirming care is a lifesaving treatment for many TGI people. Many TGI people are systematically oppressed due to structural discrimination and violence in the United States, resulting in inequities in every facet of daily life, including housing, health, employment, public safety, and food security, that in many cases, could be prevented with equitable and affirming care. Legislative attempts to codify discrimination against TGI people only exacerbate elevated mortality rates and significantly raise rates of behavioral health diagnoses, homelessness, poverty, and violence for these communities.

WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH IS DOING

1. The Trans Wellness Center (TWC) provides comprehensive resources and services for TGI people. This first-of-its-kind center was conceived and created by community leaders and allies, honoring their lifelong dedication to supporting and affirming TGI communities.
2. The Hollywood-Wilshire Wellness Community offers a variety of activities such as physical activity classes, nutrition and health resources, and other support. An on-site LCSW conducts a TGI-specific support group and can write letters of support for gender affirming surgeries. All activities are FREE and open to the community.
3. DPH participates in the Gender Health Coalition, a cross-county collective, working to increase access to gender affirming care for community members within the County's safety net system.

BY THE NUMBERS

- One in two TGI adults report having at least one negative experience because they were transgender.
- Nearly 500 pieces of anti-TGI legislation were introduced in 2023
- TGI people have much worse outcomes in both physical and mental health than cisgender peers, due to this pervasive discrimination from both structures and individuals.

RESOURCES & SUPPORT

Trans Wellness Center

- Phone: (323) 993-2900
- Website: <https://mytranswellness.org/>
- Additional Information: transwellness@lgbtcenter.org

Connie Norman Transgender Empowerment Center

- Phone: (323) 472-4000
- Website: <https://connienorman.org/>
- Additional Information: <https://connienorman.org/#contact>

Hollywood-Wilshire Wellness Community

- Phone: (213) 521-6112
- Website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/chs/hwwc.htm>
- Additional Information: HollywoodWilshireWC@ph.lacounty.gov