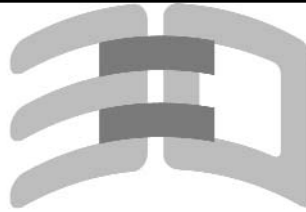


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Transgender Rights Project

Transgender people face the most basic and blatant discrimination every day - from being denied access to employment, housing, or healthcare, to being physically attacked because of the way they look or dress - but we still don't have the best legal tools to fight back.

In New England, only Rhode Island, Maine, and Vermont provide explicit laws that prohibit discrimination against transgender people, and only Vermont and Connecticut have hate crimes laws that protect them. At the federal level, there are no laws explicitly protecting transgender people in any context.

Through the Transgender Rights Project (TRP), GLAD is putting our legislative, litigation, and educational assets to work in a focused way to establish clear legal protections for the transgender community.

Initial TRP priorities include supporting efforts to write gender identity and expression into the anti-discrimination laws of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire; advocating for appropriate identity documents and standards for changing gender markers on them; ensuring access to health care; securing employment protections, and working with our allies to fight transphobia through public education.

Resources for the Trans Community

Although GLAD litigates only impact cases and does not provide legal services, the organization can assist trans people with legal problems in a variety of ways:

Legal InfoLine: GLAD's Legal InfoLine volunteers answer questions about the law, tell callers what their options are, provide resources, and make referrals. Call 1-800-455-GLAD Monday through Friday, from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Publications: GLAD's legal publications tell people what their rights are under law, and are available free of charge. Check out our publications on a variety of topics at www.glad.org

Referrals: When GLAD cannot take on a case, we refer callers to trans-friendly private attorneys, legal aid, a legal clinic run by the MTPC, and other legal and non-legal agencies that may be able to provide further resources and assistance.



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For more information, or to make a donation to support GLAD's work, visit www.glad.org.