

OUR HISTORY.

Since 2005, TransOhio has been advocating, providing workshops, events and education to the Ohio GLBTQI and ally community.

TransOhio:

- provides numerous referrals and support for transgender and gender questioning Ohio individuals and their families
- hosts a yearly Unity Picnic in June to coincide with Pride month
- hosts a yearly Transgender and Ally Symposium
- provides speakers to universities, colleges, junior and senior high schools, religious organizations and large and small businesses across the state
- publishes educational materials such as Transgender 101 and How to Change Your Name in Ohio

TransOhio was formed from the experiences of Shane Morgan, a transgender Central Ohio resident. He wanted to share with others his passion for education, community, mentoring and leadership. In 2005, he began to share his vision with local, statewide and national GLBT leaders about the formation of an organization whose primary focus would allow Ohio transgender people to have a better life by providing easy access to services, programs, education and information. From his experience and vision, TransOhio was born.

OUR VISION.

- to provide a focus for matters of concern to the Ohio transgender community and their allies by providing open, affirming, visible and tangible support
- to promote opportunities and networking that increase awareness of the Transgender community's needs and concerns such as discrimination and violence
- to increase lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual and ally understanding and cultural awareness of the Ohio Transgender community
- to ensure that Ohio educational programs, services, local and state laws are inclusive and supportive of Ohio Transgender issues, perspectives, and concerns
- to provide social activities that are inclusive of all GLBTQIA communities, access to safe-spaces, people, forums for confidential discussion, support, and local and national resource information
- to foster Ohio Transgender community pride

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"I ask myself, in mercy, or in common sense, if we cannot alter the conviction to fit the body, should we not in certain circumstances, alter the body to fit the conviction?" -- Dr. Harry Benjamin, M.D.

OUR MISSION.

TransOhio serves the Ohio transgender and ally communities by providing services, education, support and advocacy which promotes and improves the health, safety and life experience of the Ohio transgender individual and community.

EDUCATE.

TransOhio provides educational opportunities for fellow Ohioans on the legal, social, and economic hardships transgender individuals face. We speak to small businesses and large corporations, schools, colleges, universities, religious institutions, diversity trainings and more.

Additionally, TransOhio strives to provide educational opportunities for the transgender and ally community (i.e. personal development seminars and workshops, career and networking resources, medical and legal informational seminars, etc.)

**All events and programs that TransOhio hosts is open and welcoming to ALL aspects of diversity, and all regardless of where on the gender spectrum an individual is.

***TransOhio embraces collaboration with non-GLBTQIA organizations and programs.

ADVOCATE.

TransOhio works closely with other local, state and national GLBTQIA organizations to ensure that changes to policies and Ohio legislative changes are inclusive of gender identity and expression.

Non-discrimination with regards to employment, housing, and legal status, the need for medical and mental health providers who are familiar with the treatment needs of transgender individuals, the inclusion of partners, family members, and allies within the community, the development of resources to assist companies with including gender identity and expression in their human resource policies and procedures, and assistance to companies who have employees transitioning on the job.***

SUPPORT.

TransOhio hosts monthly meetings for people to connect with others who share similar experiences or who are just interested in getting involved with TransOhio or the Ohio transgender community.

TransOhio also publishes listings of resources of transgender friendly businesses, establishments and professional services, including medical and legal providers.

COMMUNITY.

TransOhio works to create safe spaces for community to engage with one another, organize activities for individuals to come together for some lighthearted fun and extend a friendly hand to the spectrum of transgender identities and organizations within Ohio and its surrounding states. All of our events and groups are open to everybody, regardless of one's sexual orientation, or how one self-identifies their gender.

Monthly General Meetings

Topics range from general support to special guest presenters, field trips and socials. All general meetings are open to the entire GLBTQI and Ally community.**

Peer Support Groups

Monthly peer support group for TGQI people**

Youth Support Groups

Monthly/weekly peer support group for TGQI youth**

Partners' Discussion Groups

The Partners' Discussion Group is an opportunity for people to talk about common issues, to receive support, to exchange resources and to openly share personal experiences (personal frustrations and fears, the high's and the low's, dealing with children, friends, family, managing social situations and addressing issues of sexuality, personal identity, and social perceptions). This group is for Non-Trans partners (dating, married, co-habitation, etc) only.**