Welcome to the TRT Community mobilization for the health and wellness of transgender and nonbinary Marylanders
Our Vision

We envision a Maryland where new HIV infections are rare, and where transgender and nonbinary children, adolescents, adults, and their families, participate fully as equal citizens in safe, supportive communities where culturally and linguistically responsive services and supports are available, accessible, and appropriate.
Our Purpose

Ensure the availability of culturally competent, evidence-based HIV, health and human services for transgender communities and individuals in the state of Maryland.

We engage transgender and nonbinary people, health and human service providers, and members of local and state government. We focus on efforts to:

- Reduce the stigma and oppression that fuel health risk and risk-taking behavior.
- Facilitate power-sharing between consumers and providers.
- Promote solution-based dialogues and actions.
Our Membership

Membership in the Transgender Response Team is open to local members of transgender and nonbinary communities, their allies, service providers, policymakers, and others interested in improving the health and wellness of transgender Marylanders.

Members currently include:

• Baltimore City Council, Office of the President
• Baltimore City Mayor’s Office, LGBTQ Commission
• Baltimore Safe Haven
• Behavioral Health System Baltimore
• Chase Brexton Health Care
• FreeState Justice
• Greater Baltimore HIV Health Services Planning Council
• Hawn Therapy & Counseling
• Health Care for the Homeless
• Johns Hopkins – Research Projects
  • CLEAR Project, LITE Study, School of Nursing, BTC Study
• Office of the State Attorney for Baltimore City
• Sean Lare Counseling & Consulting
• SWOP Baltimore
• Trans Maryland* (Community Co-chair)
• Unaffiliated community members
Our History

Transgender Health Forums in July & August, 2007

First project: Provide gender-affirming edits to Comprehensive HIV Plan, Standards of Care to GBHHSPC, Dec 2007 – Jan 2008

TRT has been meeting continuously since 2007

Administrative support (Jean-Michel), internship opportunities, and sponsored lunch
Our Work Process

2020-2022 Priorities

- Establish an Anti-Violence project centered in LGBTQ+ experience in Maryland.
- Improve sex ed for trans and nonbinary students in Maryland.
- Improve and expand employment linkages and relationships with employment programs and employers for trans and nonbinary Marylanders.
Some past work examples

Maryland Leningrad Sister States Exchange
LGBT Delegation, 2015
Aleksandr, Anastasia, Denis, Olga, Anton, Kiril
Jean-Michel Brevelle
Sexual Minorities Program Manager

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FROM SURVIVAL TO ACTIVISM
Iya Dammons is honoring trans lives in Baltimore
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Getting our new team members ready for night time outreach. MSM, YTGC Harm Reduction safer sex kits, condoms, lubricant, safe consumption kits, syringes, Narcan, fentanyl testing strips, hygiene kits, hand sanitizer, community literature, outreach 🤝.
Responding to the recent updates of the COVID-19 for safety and well-being of our community

If you are hungry and elderly or are suffering from a compromised immune system were here for you

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If you are in need of this service, would like to volunteer for this service or would like to call the number located above!
Black Trans Lives Matter mural painted on 2000-2200 blocks of N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD – July 17, 2020
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