

TransActive is Expanding Services

When TransActive was founded in 2007, one of our primary goals was to increase visibility of transgender and gender diverse children, youth and their parents. At that time, recognition that children and youth might authentically experience non-traditional forms of gender identity and expression was still in its infancy. The primary guidance provided to parents, caregivers, social service agencies, mental health providers and physicians was “*wait and see*” and “*postpone affirming forms of treatment until they are adults*”.

Nine-years later **TransActive Gender Center is a leading national provider of education and training** to schools, healthcare providers and virtually every other professional or community resource that engages with families and children. TransActive’s training and collaboration with school districts has resulted in expanded implementation of trans-positive polices and equality for students from pre-K to high school and undergraduate university programs.

Through our Education Program, TransActive’s “In A Bind” project has distributed nearly 2,000 chest binders to trans guys since 2012, providing them with a safer way to create a male-contoured appearance.

In addition to education, TransActive created a model framework for a community-based counseling, assessment and medical referral program focused on the needs of gender diverse and transgender children, youth, their families and allies. Since 2010, this framework has:

-  Served more than 1,000 clients
-  Established successful and growing child, youth and family support groups
-  Trained nearly 40 mental health graduate-level interns
-  Established successful collaboration with leading Portland-area hospitals and clinics
-  Been a driving force in securing Oregon Health Plan coverage of pubertal suppression treatment; a first-in-the-nation achievement that has and will continue to benefit the lives of countless future transgender youth in Oregon



What Does The Expansion Look Like?

Overall:

-  **TransActive Gender Center will be seeking (and adding) additional volunteer staff**
-  **We've expanded our street-level/ADA accessible space for reception & consultation**

These changes will enhance **TransActive Gender Center's programs** through:

-  Maintaining responsiveness to the increased demand for Education programming
-  Delivery of training to more schools, organizations, businesses and community groups
-  Expanded Advocacy program staff to quickly and effectively respond to situations involving denial of rights, access to care, individual discrimination and anti-transgender policies and legislation at the local, state and national level
-  Enhanced procedures for screening outside service providers for transgender expertise
-  Increased presence at national and international conferences on gender
-  Opportunities for youth, parents & caregivers to get involved in education and advocacy
-  Development of curriculum

These changes will impact **TransActive Gender Center Counseling, Medical Referral & Support Group** services in the following ways:

-  Counseling, medical referral and support group services will be offered through referrals to independent providers with experience in serving gender diverse and transgender children, youth and adults.

What Is The Expansion Timeline?

-  Through March and April 2016, TransActive will be painting, decorating and moving into our new street-level offices at our current location. **There will be minimal interruption in delivery of TransActive services**
-  TransActive will begin referring some specialized healthcare-related services to other area providers, though current clients will continue to receive counseling services at TransActive Gender Center throughout March and April
-  Clients receiving Counseling, Medical Assessments & Referrals will have the opportunity to continue those services through other providers beginning Monday, May 2, 2016





FAQ'S

How does the expansion impact TransActive's Education program?

TransActive Gender Center will be expanding our school, community and professional training and education services to accommodate increasing demand and evolving needs. We will continue to be a national leader in these areas, providing leadership, guidance and support to children, youth and their families.

How will the expansion impact Advocacy services?

Advocacy services will continue and expand at TransActive Gender Center.

We will be adding staff to our Advocacy program in order to meet increased demand in areas involving anti-trans discrimination, Title IX violations, insurance coverage denial and more.

Please contact us at advocacy@transactiveonline.org for more information.

FreeZone & Youth, Family Engagement

TransActive Gender Center will continue to offer quarterly FreeZone family events that are open to youth, families and allies. We will expand family involvement in coordinating and planning these events and actively pursue other opportunities for child, youth and family engagement.

What if clients want to see a new counselor/clinician?

Clients seeing new counselors/clinicians will need to complete a new intake and sign new paperwork with that clinician. They may request that TransActive transfer their files to the new clinician by signing a Release of Information form.

What happens with client health records?

All files will be held by TransActive Gender Center for 7 years after the last date of service, or for 7 years after a youth reaches the age of majority.

What if a client needs a copy of an existing referral letter or documentation?

Contact TransActive to request a copy of any referral letters. TransActive may only release such documents to the client, a legal guardian, or to an institution for which we have a Release of Information on file. Client (or their family members) may request copies of other documentation by contacting TransActive at: info@transactiveonline.org.

The world is changing fast when it comes to transgender visibility and TransActive Gender Center remains committed to providing flexible, dynamic, responsive, revolutionary and



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evolutionary services and solutions that meet the needs of kids, youth, families, communities and our world.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Bring on tomorrow!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenn Burleton".

Jenn Burleton
Founder & Executive Director

