

## Transgender

An umbrella term for people whose gender identity, expression or behavior is different from those typically associated with their assigned sex at birth, including but not limited to transsexuals, cross-dressers, androgynous people, gender-queers, and gender non-conforming people. Transgender is a broad term and is good for non-transgender people to use. 'Trans' is shorthand for 'transgender.'"

(From: National Center for Transgender Equality)

## Today, 11/20

### *Transgender Day of Remembrance:*

"The Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose [1998] murder, [...] like most anti-transgender murder cases, has yet to be solved. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people, an action that current media doesn't perform. Day of Remembrance publicly mourns and honors the lives of our brothers and sisters who might otherwise be forgotten. "

(From: Remembering our Dead Web Project and The Transgender Day of Remembrance)

## Be Active

### *Ways to get involved:*

- Learn more: <http://www.transgenderdor.org/>
- Safe Zones @ SDSU: <http://go.sdsu.edu/lgbtq/safezones.aspx>
- Vigil and Memorial at the San Diego LGBT Center at 7pm (11/20)
- Speak out against transphobia everywhere you encounter it!



## Violence

*Those in the transgender community experience violence in disproportionately high numbers compared to other communities:*

- People who identify as transgender are **28% more likely to experience physical violence** than those who are gender normative.
- **19% have experienced domestic violence** at the hands of a family member because of their transgender identity or gender non-conformity
- **53.8% of anti-LGBTQ homicide victims in 2012 were transgender women.**
- **Transgender people of color are 2.46 times as likely to experience physical violence** by the police compared to white non-transgender people.
- **Trans people have also experienced violence at the hands of health care professionals:** 26% experiencing physical assault and 10% living through sexual assault.
- Multiple studies indicate that over **50% of transgender people have experienced sexual violence at some point in their lives.** This rate is nearly double (1 in 3 girls) or triple (1 in 6 boys) the commonly reported rates of sexual abuse.

(From: National Center for Transgender Equality, National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce, Forge Forward, and National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs)

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