



Resource Guide: Programs, Initiatives, and Organizations that Support and Advocate for Comprehensive Healthcare for Trans and Non-Binary People

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Achieving comprehensive, affirming healthcare for transgender and non-binary people in Georgia is an achievable goal that will bring us closer to securing reproductive justice for all. Champions, allies and affected folx who are looking to join the advocacy to achieve improved healthcare outcomes can and should engage with the local and national programs, initiatives and organizations working to improve healthcare navigation and access for TGNB people, including the following:

Local organizations:

- **TRANScending Barriers Atlanta, Inc (TRANScending)**. Founded in 2017, TRANScending is a Trans-led non-profit organization serving the transgender and gender-non-conforming community in Georgia. They do this through community organizing with leadership building, advocacy, and direct services so that lives can be changed and a community uplifted.
- **Feminist Women's Health Center (FWHC)**. Founded in 1977, FWHC is one of the leading non-profit reproductive health clinics in Atlanta that includes culturally competent care for folks who identify as TGNB. At the same time as providing health services, FWHC advocates for reproductive health, rights, and justice for women and the LGBTQ+ community.
- **Georgians for a Healthy Future** is a coalition of different organizations that advocate for better healthcare access, and aid individuals in accessing health insurance. They offer services which help connect TGNB individuals with licensed navigators who are there to help individuals pick out and enroll for a plan that best fits their needs, including finding.

Regional Organizations:

- **The Health Initiative**. The Health Initiative is the largest non-profit organization in the Southeast focused on improving health outcomes for the LGBTQ community. They work with LGBTQ individuals to connect them to healthcare facilities throughout Georgia that are inclusive, and they offer healthcare providers training on how to correctly address LGBTQ patients.

National Organizations

- **Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality**, formerly known as The Gay Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) is the world's largest and oldest association of LGBT healthcare professionals. The organization was founded in 1981 to ensure equality in healthcare for LGBT individuals, families and healthcare professionals through policy, advocacy, and education.
- **Center of Excellence For Transgender Health (CoE)** is a collaborative and multidisciplinary entity, the mission of which is to increase access to comprehensive, effective, and affirming healthcare services for trans communities. For more information, go to <http://transhealth.ucsf.edu/>.



- **The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG).** Founded in 1951, ACOG is the specialty's premier professional membership organization dedicated to the advancement of women's healthcare and the professional and socioeconomic interests of its members through continuing medical education, practice, research, and advocacy. ACOG provides recommendations and guidelines to help ob-gyns approach transgender adolescent patients' needs with sensitivity and sound medical guidance. Some materials include:
 - *Committee on Healthcare for Underserved Women Committee Opinion on Healthcare for Transgender Individuals released December 2011* For more information, visit <https://www.acog.org/-/media/Committee-Opinions/Committee-on-Health-Care-for-Underserved-Women/co512.pdf?dmc=1&ts=20180220T1528039134>.
 - *Committee of Adolescent Healthcare Committee Opinion on Care for Transgender Adolescents released January 2017.* For more information, visit <https://www.acog.org/-/media/Committee-Opinions/Committee-on-Adolescent-Health-Care/co685.pdf?dmc=1&ts=20180220T1527430572>.
- **The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).** AAP is an organization of 66,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults. In 2013, the AAP Committee on Adolescent issued a policy statement on Office-Based Care for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth. Visit <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/132/1/198.full.pdf> and visit www.aap.org for more information about the organization.
- **The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).** AAMC advocates for the standardization of high-quality care for LGBTQ people. AAMC is taking the initiative to incorporate LGBTQ related healthcare into medical school curricula and build a more comprehensive medical school curriculum that would include the healthcare needs of LGB, trans and gender nonconforming communities. Visit <https://www.aamc.org/initiatives/diversity/lgbthealthresources/> to learn more about AAMC's initiatives and resource library related to LGBT health.

We want your input! Is there a group that is not on this list but should be? Do you see an organization/institution on here that doesn't belong? Let us know! (Anonymously, if you wish!) Contact SPARK at info@sparkrj.org.