



HELLO BEAUTIFUL!

WE FIND BEAUTY IN YOUR SOUL, JUST AS WE FIND BEAUTY IN THE PRIDE OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO MANIFEST AND UPHOLD. AS WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE BIGOTRY AND IGNORANCE THAT PLAGUES OUR SOCIETY AND OUR GOVERNMENT, WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU MATTER. NO MATTER WHAT OUR WORLD TRIES TO SAY OR DO TO HURT YOU, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE IMPORTANT, AND OUR PLANET IS SO MUCH BETTER WITH YOU IN IT.

OUR 2024 ZINE WILL REMIND YOU THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE. MANY TRANS AND QUEER YOUTH AROUND THE NATION HAVE BEEN IMPACTED SIMILARLY. WE WILL EXPLORE VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES ON THE CHALLENGES TRANS YOUTH HAVE FACED. BUT WE WILL ALSO GIVE YOU THE POWER TO FIGHT BACK. BECAUSE YOU CAN FIGHT BACK, AND YOU ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU MAY THINK. WE WILL GIVE YOU THE RESOURCES YOU NEED TO STAY STRONG AND PERSEVERE IN THIS HARSH WORLD. BECAUSE YOU CAN PERSEVERE, AND YOU WILL.











What are my most important legal protections and rights as a transgender American?

Title VII prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin.

Title IX prohibits students from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. This includes protections from bullying and being outed as well as freedom of gender expression.

A **bill** is a draft of a proposed law. A bill does not become **law** until it has been voted on and passed by the state legislature. Then, the Governor can sign the bill into law or issue a veto which the House and Senate can overrule.





What do I do if my state makes gender-affirming care illegal?

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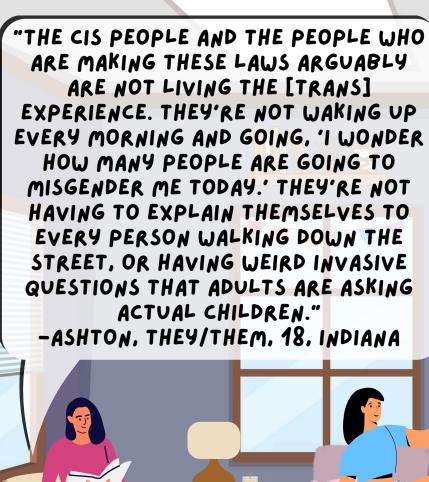
Activists, doctors, and lawyers are working together to make sure this care is legal and accessible. You can **join the fight** by testifying at state hearings, attending protests, and engaging in community/ self-care.

As a legal professional, what message do you have for trans youth?

"I think it's important to highlight the power trans youth have had in pushing back against and defeating bad laws across the country. While so much of the news coverage has focused on the high numbers of bad bills being introduced, the reality is that the vast majority of those bills have not and will not become law. Trans youth have the power and vision to create the world we all deserve, the rest of us need to be courageous enough to embrace and support their leadership."

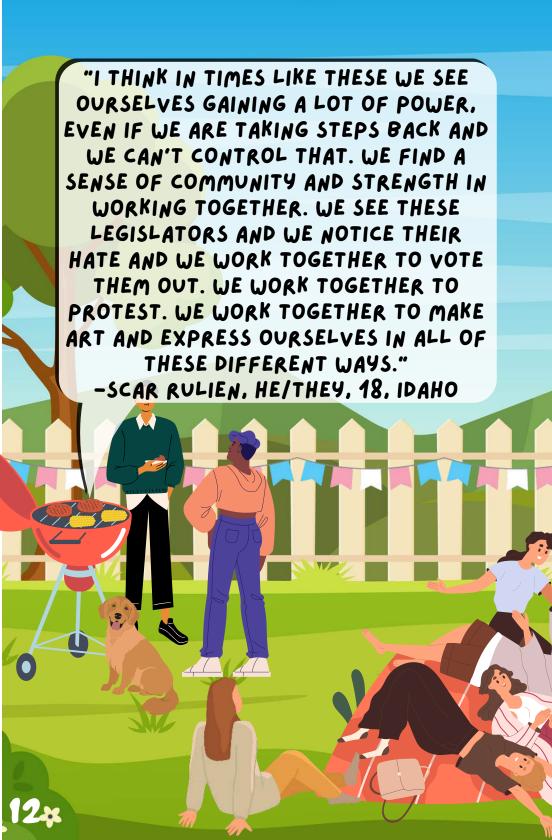
-Andrew Ortiz, Senior Policy Attorney







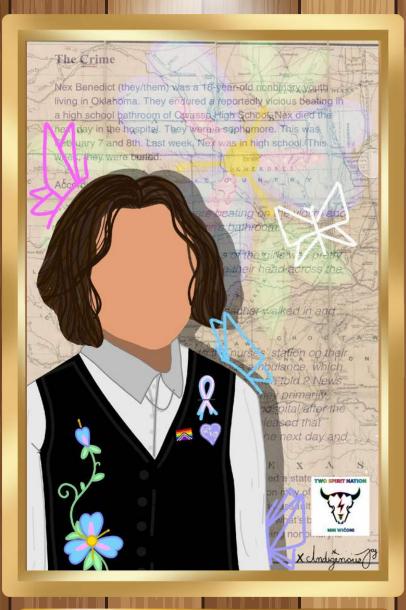




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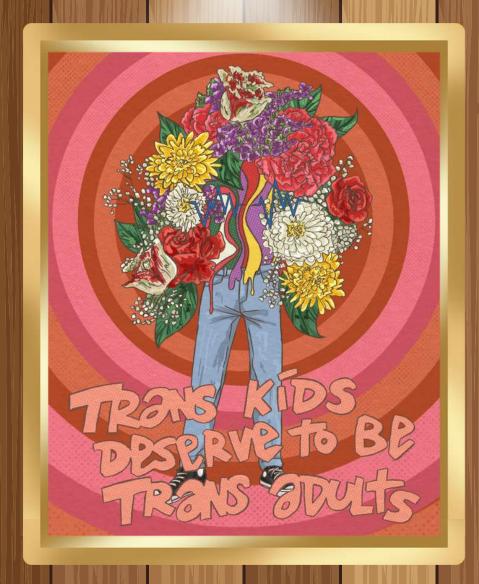
-BLUEBIRD, HE/HIM, 13, SOUTH CAROLINA





Nex Benedict, a 16-year-old nonbinary and Indigenous member of the Choctaw Nation, died on February 8, 2024 following a physical altercation at school.

Breana, She/Her, South Dakota



Ben, He/Him 19, Illinois







Love Letters to TQ2S+ Youth



Pride is Protest

More Resources



