



#BlackTransLivesMatter

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MISSION

Black Trans Lives Matter is an involvement project that focuses on addressing and eradicate the low mortality rates of the black transgender community.

In the use of transformative justice, Black Trans Lives Matter will not only raise consciousness about the lives that have been lost to us, but will also bring about visible shifts in our neighborhoods that revolve around protection and inclusivity.



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The death of a black trans woman (#23) in Virginia has now been confirmed - making 2016 the deadliest year for trans people.

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A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, a lone tree on the left, and a range of mountains in the background under a soft, purple and blue sky at sunset or sunrise. The entire scene is framed by a white border.

What could you take from this presentation? how can you offer your support?

- ★ Hopefully, after this presentation, you will be presented with a variety of ways on how to approach the topic of black trans live, (social media, podcasts, fundraisers)

- ★ Enthusiasm from the community will allow others to garner support for the movement
- ★ We can draw greater participation and identify more opportunities for improvement in the black trans community

What does it mean to be transgender?

"A transgender person is someone who was born a certain sex, but whose brain is physically more similar to the other sex's brain...As a result, after birth, they feel what's called Gender Dysphoria (previously called Gender Identity Disorder) or when they feel that their gender identity doesn't match their physical body. Medically transitioning with surgeries and hormones alleviates this distress." - Alex M

A trans person is anyone who isn't their birth sex. For example, a trans woman is someone who was born with male genitalia (a penis), but is actually a female. This trans woman would probably change her name to that of a female, take estrogen (meds that would help her transition into a female), and go by she/her pronouns. A cis person is anyone who isn't trans, and identifies with their sex. Mtf stands for male-to-female, and ftm stands for female-to-male. Mtf is used for trans women, and ftm for trans men.

A transgender person is someone who does not identify with the gender they were born with at birth. They can be transitioning from female to male, male to female, or something in between. You do not have to transition to be trans. People can transition to where the point they are comfortable, whether that is just top surgery, bottom surgery or neither. ALL are valid :) - Artimeis Di A

More Into Depth

The LGBTQ+ community faces violence disproportionately more than their straight/cis counterparts and none more than trans or genderfluid people of color.

In the past year, At least 44 transgender or gender non-conforming people have been fatally shot or killed by other violent people, with the majority of them being Black and Latinx transgender women.

The work force, hospitals, medical centers, etc are not required to admit a transgender if it is against their beliefs or makes them uncomfortable.

There is a moral imperative to recognize that the Black trans community is subjected to more abuse than any other group of people, and that current societal violence reduction approaches do not sufficiently protect trans women of color.

"Usually what we see is homicides of low income trans women of color are the ones where police don't respond as fast as they should with the forcefulness that they should. It's not just a trans issue, then, but an issue of income and color," Osman Ahmed, research and education coordinator for the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP)

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- ★ **Queer and Trans youth homelessness**
 - 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ, 68% of which were kicked out of their homes because their families did not accept them, and 54% of which were survivors of abuse
- ★ **Violence against Queer and Trans people**
 - 87% of LGBTQ(H) murder victims in 2011 were people of color, and 45% of hate murders were against transgender women
- ★ **5. Health**
 - 82% of heterosexual adults had health insurance, while only 77% of LGB adults, and 57% of transgender adults, had health insurance. Similarly, 83% of heterosexual adults reported excellent or very good health, compared to only 77% of LGB adults and 67% of transgender adults.
- ★ **7. Trans Justice**
 - 50% of trans people reported they have been raped or assaulted by a romantic partner, 30% have been incarcerated, 1 in 12 trans women will possibly be murdered, and 1 in 8 trans women of color will possibly be murdered

#Justice4...

Aniya Parker, 37, was shot October 3rd in Los Angeles by a group of men during a "robbery gone wrong" in which they tried to take her purse. However, the bag was left at the scene, causing speculation that her murder was due to her gender identity. She was left on Santa Monica Boulevard where no one stopped to help.

Ashley (Michelle) Sherman, 25, was found October 27th with a gunshot wound to the head, lying underneath a light pole in Indianapolis. Officials are still unsure whether she died where she was found or had been moved there.

Tyianna Alexander, a Black trans woman, was 28 years old. Tyianna was fatally shot on January 6 in Chicago. Friends of Tyianna said she had "positive energy" and "a beautiful aura" on social media, with one friend saying, "I loved everything about her." "This lady was nothing but life, encouragement, inspiration, and fun," said another friend.

Cece Mcdonald

Was a young & black transgender woman who had a passion for fashion designing, as she was a student with this major. She is currently jailed for manslaughter.

While in the middle of being attacked by a homophobic man that was high on meth in Minneapolis, Cece took a pair of scissors out of her purse and held them in front of her. Her attacker ran at her and died from a stab wound.

She was sentenced to 41 months.

Eisha Love

Is currently incarcerated and was charged with first degree murder. Eisha and her friend, Tiffany, stopped to get gas in Chicago when men began yelling derogatory slurs at the two black transgender women. One of the men punched Eisha in the face. The two women attempted to drive away but the men continued to fight. Eisha hit one of the attackers.

Her friend was found dead in the neighborhood weeks later.

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