



NEW YORK TRANSGENDER HEALTH COALITION JOINS FORCES WITH NATIONAL TRANSGENDER VISIBILITY MARCH TO ILLUMINATE, EDUCATE, AND ADVOCATE

National Transgender Visibility March is August 22-24 in Washington, DC

July 18, 2024 – New York, NY – The New York Transgender Health Coalition, consisting of Amida Care, Colectivo Intercultural TRANSgrediendo, Community Healthcare Network (CHN), Destination Tomorrow, NEW Pride Agenda, and TransLatinx Network, announced that it would join forces with the Transgender Visibility March to help elevate the 2024 goals of the organization.

The National Transgender Visibility March (NTVM), which will take place from August 22 to 24, 2024, in Washington, DC, is a pivotal event that highlights the importance of political visibility, HIV prevention, social justice, and civil rights advocacy. The theme for this year's march, "Illuminate, Educate, Advocate – A Future We Can Be Proud Of!" underscores the urgent need for increased awareness and action on these critical issues.

"In the last few years, the country has been poisoned by a rhetoric of hatred, transphobia and bigotry. That is why it is so important that the transgender community and its allies come together to be visible and advocate for our lives and our rights. We are thrilled that this innovative transgender health coalition from New York will be joining us in partnership at the 2024 March to help advance our message of equity and justice," said Hope Giselle, Executive Director, President, and CEO of NTVM. "We are grateful for the Coalition's support and invite all transgender and gender-expansive New Yorkers to join us in DC!"

The National Transgender Visibility March (NTVM) is an organization dedicated to advocating for and bringing visibility, equality, and protection to the Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, and Non-Binary (TGNCNB) communities. Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to join the March in person and online for a series of workshops, panels, social events, awards ceremonies, prayer services, and rallies over the three-day period. The actual march is scheduled on Saturday, August 24, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm, starting at the Human Rights Campaign headquarters to Dupont Circle.

"The National Transgender Visibility March is an important opportunity to display the gravity of our opposition to the rise of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation across the country," said Carey Hanlin, Assistant Director, Transgender Health & HIV Prevention Program at Amida Care. "In the last two years we have seen an unprecedented number of bills introduced to target the LGBTQ+ community – bills that aren't based on medical consensus, genuine data, or a legitimate attempt at problem solving – but which instead are intended to demonstrate opposition to the mere existence of LGBTQ+ people, and to transgender people in particular. This March is our opportunity to counter that demonstration and show that the transgender community isn't going anywhere."

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Despite advances in health care, transgender individuals continue to face significant barriers when seeking inclusive and affirming care, often experiencing discrimination and harassment in health care settings. A lack of awareness among health care providers can become an obstacle to accessing life-saving services without fear of discrimination or stigma. NTVM plays a pivotal role in educating the public about the needs of the transgender and gender-expansive community by emphasizing the need for comprehensive and culturally competent sexual health services that include information on HIV prevention, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a game-changing medication that is 99% effective in preventing HIV transmission.

The New York-based coalition of trans health organizations was formed in 2023 to develop a bilingual English/Spanish PrEP education campaign, which ultimately became [My Body. My Life. My PrEP](#) (#PrEPforYourLife), a series of videos featuring members of the community as spokesmodels. While PrEP usage overall has increased in recent years, progress has been uneven, particularly among communities of color and among trans individuals. The Coalition and its member organizations are committed to raising awareness, providing support, and fostering a dialogue surrounding trans health. Together, they aim to amplify voices, break down stigmas, discuss solutions, and promote a future where everyone has access to comprehensive, quality care.

Liaam Winslet, Executive Director of Colectivo Intercultural TRANSgrediendo, noted the diversity of New York's health coalition members and the importance of representing a broad network of supporters for the March.

"We are a diverse community of transgender leaders advocating for access to health care and the rights of marginalized groups in our society who deserve to lead their lives with dignity. We have built an impactful network in New York and we welcome the opportunity to spread our wings onto the national stage with NTVM to learn from, and perhaps inspire, other partners. Ultimately, we are all fighting for gender rights and inclusion."

The work of the Coalition resonates with the goals of the NTVM and it aims to maximize the reach of the HIV prevention campaign through its participation with NTVM. For more information on NTVM, visit www.nationaltransvisibilitymarch.org. For more information about the Coalition and its PrEP campaign, visit [My Body. My Life. My PrEP](#).

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