

The move to prevent transgender women from protection in homeless shelters..
Do we have a backup?
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Beginning with the basics

- Transgender: An umbrella word for individuals whose gender identity, speech or actions varies from those usually identified at birth with their assigned sex, including, though not limited to, transsexuals, crossdressers, androgynous individuals, gender queers, and non-conforming individuals.
- Gender Identity: The inner sense of a person being male, female, or something else. As gender identity is internal, the identity of one's gender is not inherently apparent to others.
- Gender Expression: How a person, often through actions, clothes, hairstyles, voice or body characteristics, reflects or communicates gender identity to others.
- Genderqueer: A word used by certain people who identify as neither fully male nor completely female. Genderqueer is an identity that among young people is more popular.
- Non-conforming gender: A term for individuals whose expression of gender varies from the norms of society based on their assigned sex at birth.
- FTM: An individual who has switched from "female-to-male," meaning an individual who has been assigned to be female at birth, but now identifies and lives as a male.
- MTF: An individual who has switched from "male-to-female," meaning an individual who has been assigned to be male at birth, but now identifies and lives as a female.

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Trump administration moves to repeal transgender protections in homeless shelters

A 2016 measure introduced under the Obama administration based on provisions passed four years earlier will be repealed by the HUD plan. The 2012 Equal Access Rule required that shelters be "open to all eligible individuals and families irrespective of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status," and further clarification was provided by the administration clarifying that the rule prevented shelters from denying trans individuals access in accordance with their gender identity.

Several studies have shown that when accessing supportive services, trans individuals face high rates of homelessness but often experience widespread prejudice. In April, a study from UCLA's pro-LGBTQ think tank, the Williams Institute, found that 1 in 5 homeless young people identify as LGBTQ. The study also found that at some stage, about a third of trans and non-binary individuals have lacked secure housing.

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Will this bill succeed?

- In addition to the apparent damage that the new rule would cause for homeless transgender people, its tenuous legal status might put the finances of shelters at risk. The gross misinterpretations of fundamental legal principles by the proposed rule suggest that its writers have either never participated in laws on sex discrimination or are purposely ignoring long-established legal precedent in order to enable discrimination. Either way, if shelters comply with the new regulation, because of the rule's conflicts with several other laws, their funding may be put at risk.



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How we can help

Homeless transgender youth have specific perspectives and journeys through homelessness that need equally open and equitable solutions. One of the ways this can be done is by enhancing cultural competence to meet their needs.

Many young transgender people are forced to leave their homes, and even their communities, because their families and support structures do not recognize them. In a time of crisis, transgender young people may have fewer individuals to turn to and therefore become homeless and at risk of exposure to exploitation on the streets.

If these disadvantaged young people are homeless, they face challenges if providers are not qualified and trained to provide them with non-discriminatory social services, or if they are put in unsafe and lonely shelter environments, or if they are not housed with peers who are compatible with their gender identity.



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Conclusion

- The fight for equality and happiness is a forever fight. We as the younger generation have power. Your voice might seem so small in a world full of powerful people but it is so big. If you want to help and support continue to vote, continue to support small businesses, continue to fight and never stop. Every person in this world deserves a right to love and be happy. Let your voice be heard.



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