Thank you for supporting trans & non-binary survivors!

Having trans-specific materials in your waiting area and as a resource to give to your trans and non-binary survivors and loved ones is essential to letting your clients know they are seen, heard, valued, and respected by your agency.

We are glad to send you materials at no cost so you can better serve your trans and non-binary clients.
Healing From Trauma Info Card

The vast majority of trans and non-binary individuals have experienced violence, abuse, or crime in their lifetime. These kinds of traumas can leave scars that may last a long time. It is never too late to begin or continue healing.

Remember:
• It wasn’t your fault
• You deserve to be treated with respect
• All of your emotions are valid
• Support is available
• You matter

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Healing from trauma -- trans-specific resources:
• Trans Sexual Violence Survivors: A Self-Help Guide to Healing and Understanding
• Let’s Talk About It: A Transgender Survivor’s Guide to Accessing Therapy
• Therapist directory
• Know Your Rights!

Learn more @ forge-forward.org/healing-trauma
Supporting Trans Victims of Crime Info Card

Trans and non-binary people experience high rates of violence and victimization (including bullying, sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and hate-motivated bias). We all lean on loved ones, friends, colleagues, and professionals, especially during difficult times. Knowing how to best support trans and non-binary loved ones and friends after a crime can help reduce the long-term effects of trauma and strengthen your relationship.

Here are some things you can do:
- Listen
- Empower
- Be patient
- Reassure
- Recruit your own support
- Gently help the survivor stay connected

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Resources for loved ones and community members:
- Supporting Someone Who has Been Victimized
- A Guide for Partners and Friends of Trans Survivors
- A Guide for Facilitators of Transgender Community Groups: Supporting Sexual Violence Survivors
- Know Your Rights!
- Trans-specific Power and Control Tactics
- Safety Planning: A Guide for Trans and Non-binary Individuals

Resources for victim service providers:
- Online training webinars for victim service providers
- Sheltering trans and non-binary individuals
- Part of the Solution: Gender-Integrated Sexual Assault Support Groups

Learn more @ forge-forward.org/supporting-trans-victims

This palm card is designed to help trans and non-binary victims of crime, their loved ones, and victim service providers locate FORGE resources that can support them. Also includes simple reminders of what kinds of help victims of crime find most helpful.

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Available in packs of 25
Transgender and non-binary people experience high rates of sexual assault, coercion, threats, and other forms of sexual violence. **You are not alone.** Over 50% of transgender and non-binary people have experienced some form of sexual violence. There are many people who care about and support you, and want to see you **survive, heal, and thrive.**

Believe that you are **strong, resilient,** and that **healing is possible.** Please use this card any time you need some extra support.

I’m here for you!

I will believe you. I will listen. I will be patient.

I’d be happy to...

- Go for a walk with you
- Get some coffee/tea
- Make art/get crafty together
- Listen to music with you
- Run an errand for you
- Hang out/watch a movie
- Just check in
- Make a meal together

Oftentimes people want to support survivors, but feel uncertain about how best to do so. FORGE’s “I’m Here For You” Survivor Support Card makes it easy to let trans and non-binary survivors know that you are available to listen, affirm and believe them. The front side of the card features a positive message for trans and non-binary survivors. The back offers a list of simple activities individuals can do to be there for survivors. There’s even blank spots to write in your own suggestion or a message of support.

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Bathroom Basics Info Card

What’s the big deal about trans and non-binary people and public restrooms? This palm card answers that question. It reviews some documented health problems trans people report from having their bathroom use curtailed, and provides practical ways people can help ensure the safety and well-being of trans & non-binary individuals.

Did you know...
- 54% of trans/non-binary people have had physical problems like dehydration, kidney and bladder infections from avoiding public restrooms.
- 60% of trans students were required to use a bathroom/locker room that did not match the gender they live in every day.
- 70% of trans people have experienced verbal harassment, assault, or have been denied access to a public restroom.

What you can do:
- **Say something.** When you hear anti-trans comments, slurs, or untruths -- speak up.
- **Buddy up.** Offer to go with trans people to public restrooms to increase their safety.
- **Listen and validate.** Offer an ear to trans/non-binary folks who want to share how hard it is facing anti-trans discrimination and bias.
- **Remember and remind.** Tell others that trans people (and non-discrimination laws) don’t compromise public safety or violate anyone’s religious freedom.
- **Work towards a more just world.** Engage in social justice movements, sign petitions, show up at rallies, be active at school board meetings, write letters to the editor, vote.

Learn more @ forge-forward.org/bathroom-resources

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Healing from sexual assault and other traumas can take a long time. FORGE understands this process, and how it can be complicated by being trans or non-binary. Our trans survivors blog (Trans-Survivors.com) offers content covering a wide variety of survivor experiences, including: tools for coping with post-traumatic feelings, thoughts and behaviors; resources; safety tips and much more. These info cards direct survivors and their loved ones to our websites as well as our trans and non-binary survivor social media sites.
Sometimes survivors need a daily reminder that they are believed, empowered and resilient. Our Trans Survivors Facebook info card helps direct trans and non-binary survivors, their loved ones, as well as service providers to positive images, messages, resources, and more.

Resources for Trans/Non-Binary Survivors:
Are you trans or non-binary? A loved one? Are you a survivor of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, or other forms of harm? FORGE provides many healing options created specifically for our community.

1. #TransToo is a discussion-focused, supportive space housed in a closed Facebook group. (groups/TransToo)
2. TransSurvivors is a daily dose of positive images, resources, and messages for trans/non-binary survivors, loved ones, and service providers on Facebook (/transsurvivors)
3. Trans-Survivors.com is a blog for trans/non-binary survivors and loved ones featuring reflective blog posts, videos, resource reviews, and self-help tools.

More resources @ forge-forward.org

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FORGE’s #TransToo Facebook group is a closed discussion-focused, supportive space online for trans and non-binary survivors and their loved ones to connect with resources, information, and each other.

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Cardstock
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This rack card provides information on FORGE’s free trans-specific trauma-informed .pdf guides for survivors, and their loved ones; as well as the website addresses where the guides may be downloaded, and where survivors can connect with FORGE on social media.

4”x 9” Cardstock
Available in packs of 25
FORGE’s “Training for Providers Rack Card” highlights some of the 70+ hours of pre-recorded free webinars available on our website, as well as technical assistance, publications, and various trainings that FORGE is pleased to offer providers.

4”x 9” Cardstock
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In 2016 FORGE partnered with Futures Without Violence to create these informative and convenient palm cards. Each card features a checklist of questions for Trans and Gender Non-Conforming individuals to assess their relationships, offers a message of support, and provides information & resources for dealing with intimate partner violence. Available in both English and Spanish!

3.5” x 2” Folded
3.5” x 10” Open
Glossy Print
Available in any amount
In 2016 FORGE partnered with Futures Without Violence to create these informative and convenient palm cards. Each card features a checklist of questions for LGBTQ identified individuals to assess their relationships, offers a message of support, and provides information & resources for dealing with intimate partner violence. Available in both English and Spanish!

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Transgender victims of sexual assault, like all crime victims, want and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, heard, believed, served, and supported. This user-friendly guide offers practical tools to promote understanding and support of transgender victims, whether you are a sexual assault advocate, emergency medical personnel, law enforcement officer, medical or mental health care provider, or support group facilitator.

People who are transgender or gender non-conforming often have to describe what it means to identify as transgender to receive sensitive care and services. Read “Transgender 101” first for a basic understanding of what it means to be transgender.

Visit www.ovc.gov/pubs/forge/index.html to learn how you can be a source of support and care for individuals in this high-risk population.

This rack card directs providers to FORGE and the Office for Victims of Crime’s online toolkit for assisting transgender victims of sexual assault. The guide includes a “Transgender 101” for a basic understanding of what it means to be transgender. Also includes profession-specific advice for service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, medical and mental health providers, and support group facilitators.

5”x 7”
Cardstock
Available in any amount
“It’s Never Too Late” Brochure

It’s never too late

to heal from abuse or assault.

This tri-folded brochure is a wonderful resource that includes statistics from FORGE’s 2005 survey of transgender sexual violence survivors, a trauma self-checklist, information about our Espavo photographic narrative project for survivors, FORGE publications, listservs, and referrals.

3.75” x 8.5” Folded
8.5” x 11” Open
Glossy Print

Available in any amount
YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO VAWA-FUNDED SERVICES.

Any agency (police, prosecutors, rape crisis centers, domestic violence shelters, legal aid offices, support groups, etc.) that receives VAWA money has to treat transgender people respectfully and provide equal or similar services by law.

What does that mean?

Trans, gender non-conforming, and gender non-binary people CANNOT be turned away from or be discriminated against by these agencies because of their sex, gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation.

Here are a few examples of how this new law helps transgender survivors of violence:

- The agency cannot say it only serves women: it must serve people of all sexes and gender identities.
- You have the right to have your gender identity respected. You cannot be asked about your body or medical or surgical history in order to gain access to services.
- Your legal documents don’t have to match how you identify. If the name or gender markers on your documents (like your driver’s license) don’t match with how you identify, that’s ok. The agency is NOT allowed to demand that your documents match in order to help you.
- The agency may not demand that trans or gender non-binary individuals produce more identity documents than they require from others.
- Agencies may not isolate or segregate clients based on actual or perceived gender identity or sexual orientation.
- Agencies may not discriminate against you because another client objects to the presence of a trans or LGB person.
- If the agency has separate services for men and women, YOU get to choose which service will be more comfortable and safe for you.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO COMPARABLE SERVICES.

Under VAWA’s nondiscrimination conditions, agencies can have sex-segregated or sex-specific services only if that segregation is “necessary to the essential operation of a program.” If an agency that only provides sex-segregated services cannot serve you in the same way it serves others (for example, you are a trans man and they only have a female-only support group), the agency MUST provide you comparable services.” Simply referring you to another agency that serves people of your sex, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation is NOT enough if they accept VAWA funds.

Here is an example of comparable services for trans survivors:

Recent practice has been for domestic violence shelters that admitted only women to give non-trans male and/or trans victims a voucher for a few nights’ hotel stay. This is no longer allowed. The services you are entitled to need to be roughly the same quality and duration. For example, if you are housed separately, you must be housed for the same length of time and provided with transportation and access to the same support services provided to those housed in the main shelter. Note that this should only be an issue for male-identified and non-binary individuals; a trans woman should be served in the same way as other non-trans women, unless she feels it would compromise her health or safety.

Some agencies have limited capacity and/or wait lists. You can be turned down for services if the agency is not accepting any new clients, but they cannot turn you away because of your sex, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

Know Your Rights!

If you have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking, you are entitled to many free services from an extensive set of federally-funded programs (emergency shelters, rape crisis centers, support groups, legal advocacy, etc.) under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). VAWA now explicitly protects transgender and lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) survivors and provides ways to get help if you are discriminated against.

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Our VAWA Know Your Rights! Fact Sheet is packed full of important information regarding your rights when it comes to VAWA funded services. The sheet explains the ways in which Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funded providers must offer services regardless of your gender identity or sex, what is meant by comparable services, how to access help, and even how to file a complaint if you feel you have been denied services.

8.5” x 11” Paper
Available in any amount
An overview of FORGE including: our history, what we can do for you and your organization including: trainings, and technical assistance, links to our online toolkit, our other publications, Espavo Project, survivor guides, and social media sites.

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Available in any amount
You can order any of our informational materials by:
2. Emailing us at: askforge@forge-forward.org. Be sure to include your and your organization’s name, address, shipping address if different, phone number, email address, which items, and the amount you would like us to send.
3. Printing and completing this order form and mailing to the address above.

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