

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

2026 RI Trans Health Conference: Community Track

Saturday, May 30th, 2026 · PROVIDENCE, RI · OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

The 9th annual RI Trans Health Conference will be held in person on Saturday, May 30, 2026, Providence, RI.

The 2026 conference includes 2 tracks: Provider and **Community**. The community track is intentionally designed *by and for trans, nonbinary, and gender diverse people*, offered at no cost to attendees.

The objectives of the **community track** are to:

- Identify legal, behavioral health, medical, and community needs of transgender, nonbinary, gender diverse, and intersex people, available resources, and ways to fill in the gaps.
- Explore intersections of gender with other identities and lived experiences, such as race, ethnicity, class, disability, and more.
- Create deliberate space for and with BIPOC and QTPOC to learn, connect, and grow community.
- Build affirming space for all community members at any stage in their journey to connect, learn, and embrace joy.
- Provide informative space for allies to learn and grow alongside members of our community while building intentional allyship and advocacy skills that support the wellness of our community.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

We are seeking a broad range of **60-minute** sessions from individuals and groups that meet the community track objectives. Sessions should center the lived experience of trans, nonbinary, gender diverse, and/or intersex people.

We value the lived experience of presenters who are trans, nonbinary, gender diverse, and intersex with any educational level. We especially welcome proposals from individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, are from the LGBTQIA+ community, have disabilities, and have other **historically, currently, or multiply marginalized backgrounds**. Proposals from allies are also welcome. Check out our ideas for session topics on page 3 of this document.

We encourage **creative and interactive sessions**, such as small group breakout sessions, workshops, panels, group discussions, presentations, group activities, facilitated social spaces, etc.

The conference values the expertise of our presenters and intends to offer compensation to speakers as we have in previous years. The ability to compensate speakers depends on conference revenue and cannot be guaranteed. The planning committee will provide details of speaker compensation as early as possible.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

The deadline to submit a proposal is **midnight on Monday, March 9th, 2026**. Late proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis until all session blocks are filled. Selections will be announced by **Monday, April 6th, 2026**.

Please submit proposals [here](#) (also found at www.QueerRI.com/RITHC)

To help plan your proposal, you may view a PDF of the Proposal Submission Form by [following this link](#). Proposals are submitted via Google Forms. Please contact us if you cannot submit your proposal using Google Forms.

If you have **questions**, an **idea**, or want to **discuss** the possible direction of a proposal, please contact Ryan Fontaine and Evan Jones at ryanfo@thundermisthealth.org and ejones@sojournerri.org — we'll be happy to speak with you!

With pride,

Ryan Fontaine (she/her)

Evan Jones (he/they)

Community Track Co-Leaders

Syd LaBonte, LICSW (they/them)

Conference Coordinator

Suggested topics on next page

IDEAS FOR SESSION TOPICS

Trans, Nonbinary, Gender Diverse, and Intersex Health

How to Access Care	Navigating Health Insurance	Hormone Therapy 101
Gender Affirming Surgeries	Navigating Health Systems as an Intersex Person	Pediatric & Adolescent Gender Affirming Care
Fertility & Family Building	Sexual Health, Navigating Consent, Kink	Body Image & Eating Disorders

Exploring Identity, Dimensions of Everyday Life, and Intersectionality

Financial Planning & Housing	Transness & Race	Aging While Trans
Being Trans At Work	Trans Joy & Trans Histories	Transness & Neurodiversity
Survivorship	Religion, Faith & Spirituality	Exploring Binary and Nonbinary Gender, Coming Out, Non-Medical Affirmation
Harm Reduction, Recovery & Substance Use	Art, Music, Writing & Creative Space	Resources For Community Members with Criminal Records
Power & Privilege	Transitioning as a Parent	Relationships, Intimacy & Sex

Engaging in Advocacy, Organizing, Community Building, and Personal Safety

Know Your Rights	Addressing Disinformation	State & Local Policy Advocacy
Supporting Community Members in the Criminal Justice System	Supporting Trans Immigrants, Refugees, & Asylum Seekers	Partnering with Allied Social Movements
Direct Action & Civil Disobedience	Community Care & Mutual Aid	Abolition & Restorative Justice
Homelessness & Housing Insecurity	Ending non-consensual surgeries on intersex infants	Fat Liberation
Anti-Racism	Disability Justice	Sex Workers' Rights
Strategies for Community Building	Traveling while Trans	

Intentional Allyship for Cisgender People

"Trans 101"	Advocacy as an Ally and Why It Matters	Supporting Trans Youth & Their Families
Allyship for Parents of Gender Diverse People	Relationships Between Trans & Cis People	Resources for Allies, Service Providers & Families

See previous presentation titles at queerri.com/previous-topics/.