



# Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition Summer 2006 Newsletter

[www.masstpc.org](http://www.masstpc.org)

## MTPC website gets an overhaul!

This past spring [www.masstpc.org](http://www.masstpc.org) got a much needed overhaul. The new site is easier to navigate and includes many new features and information.

## Got a transgender event coming up?

Add it to our new calendar. The calendar lists MTPC meetings being held across the state, events put on by MTPC and other transgender groups in the state.

## Online Resource Database - The MTPC Wiki

Where can I find a good doctor, therapist, support group, employer...etc? We all have either had these questions or have helped to answer them for someone new to the community.

MTPC has created an online database that any community member can add to at any time. MTPC wiki is meant to evolve as the community evolves and services expand and change. You can even add comments about your experience with any of the listings. This is a statewide database so if you have found a great chiropractor in Western, MA or doctor on the south shore, or have had a bad experience, please add it.

Need to know the law or policy on changing identity documents? How to start organizing at your high school or college? It is all right on our website. You can also sign up for our e-list and get the latest information on statewide organizing, action alerts and information.

## Building coalition!

### Transgender Rights Coalition

MTPC has partnered with GLAD—Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, MLGBA—Mass Lesbian and Gay Bar Association, MassEquality and IFGE to work on state-wide protections for transgender people and support LGB causes. Over the next year we plan on reaching out, cross training, and building relationships with allied GLBT organizations and civil rights groups across the state. If know of a group we should ally with email [gscott@masstpc.org](mailto:gscott@masstpc.org).

### *Send House Rep. Barney Frank a Thank You Card for his commitment and work for*

*transgender community.* Rep. Barney Frank introduced a House version of the Local Law Enforcement Act with sexual orientation and gender identity inclusion that passed the house in Sept 2005!

### **Sunday June 11th: Trans Pride !**

**5p-8p at the Community Church in Boston 565 Boylston Street, Boston (Copley Square)**

**Come relax and socialize at this first ever Boston Trans Pride event. Includes refreshments and entertainment. For members of the Transgender community only including partners, friends, and family. Event space is all-ages and wheelchair accessible. Co-sponsored by TransCEND and Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition.**

The Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC) is dedicated to ending discrimination on the basis of gender identity and gender expression. We educate the public, lobby state and local government, encourage political activism, and empower community members through collective action.

The MTPC's work is guided by the following values: equal rights and institutional responsibility; working against all forms of oppression; building broad-based participation and community power; developing leaders and building coalitions; drawing strength from diverse experiences and identities; being informed by our history and elders; growing through challenge and critique; being inclusive of those who cannot be fully visible; and accountability to the communities for which we work.



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**MTPC works for the whole community.**

Whether you're stealth or out, transsexual, crossdresser, genderqueer, transgender, family, friend or partner of a trans person we work to improve the lives of all, across race, class, age, sexual orientation, and all the many gender identities and gender expressions.

**Donate to end transgender/gender identity discrimination today.**

All donations to MTPC go directly to MTPC and will be used to continue our work of advocating for non-discrimination on the basis of gender identity and gender expression. We are an efficient organization and all work is done on a strictly volunteer basis. Currently, donations are needed to pay for basic supplies, operating and equipment expenses.

Make your check or money order out to "MTPC" or "Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition" and mail it to us at:

Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition  
PO Box 301897  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Or online through our secure paypal account.

**MTPC will also accept donations of:**

- Postage, Staples/Office Max Gift Cards, Kinko's copy cards

MTPC's fiscal sponsor is BAGLY, the Boston Alliance of Gay & Lesbian Youth. Your donation is tax-deductible under their 501c3 non-profit status.

**Do you belong to a local support group?**

MTPC members come will give a free information session to local transgender support groups around the state. We can give the latest policy updates, get feedback about what is happening your community, and answer questions. Email [info@masstpc.org](mailto:info@masstpc.org) to set up an info session.

**Trainings**

MTPC members provide trainings on a variety of topics such as transgender 101 for social service providers, drug/alcohol treatment providers, college groups, etc.. All training start at \$100 and hour sliding scale. Email [info@masstpc.org](mailto:info@masstpc.org) to set up a training.

**Transgender Day of Remembrance**

In the upcoming months organizing for DOR will begin, MTPC is proud to help with important and meaningful community event. MTPC's role is to help the community plan this event, by providing logistical support. You don't have to be a member of MTPC to be on the planning committee in your area. Watch our website for meetings and information.

**MTPC Annual Town Hall Meeting**

Coming in the Fall of 2006! Find out what we have been up to. Give feedback, suggestions, and raise issues important to you that you would like to see MTPC address. Our hopes are to have a town hall meeting in Boston and Western, MA. Watch our website for more information.