

# TIES 2015

Equality Virginia presents this year's  
Transgender Information and Empowerment Summit

## Over 300 people registered...

...for the second annual Virginia TIES held in Richmond, including 141 transgender individuals, 29 partners and spouses, and 26 parents and trans youth. From the previous year, we saw a 50% increase rate in attendance.

34 attendees accessed the TIES Resource Center, receiving assistance and counsel on healthcare access and enrolling for the Affordable Care Act. 10 transgender advocates also participated in a half-day long spokesperson training, learning how they can enhance their advocacy work in their communities.



## Here's what folks had to say.

"Trans\* people often feel isolated, so there's something special about intentionally coming together and meeting each other in the flesh at TIES. We are not just a couple of faces on magazine covers. We are a diverse community that is vibrant and beautiful. It's affirming to be here and to see that."

- Kara Johnson, *TAP Virginia*

"There are so many resources, people walk away feeling empowered and ready to take action. Everyone is affected by inequality; TIES helps fix that. We can create a community that will pay it forward and help people help themselves."

- De Sube, *The LGBT Center of Hampton Roads*

"For organizations, it's a chance to keep our ears to the ground and be up to date on the issues that matter. At TIES, we hear people's stories, connect and find out what we can do to offer assistance to the transgender community."

- Elizabeth Wong, *ACLU of Virginia*

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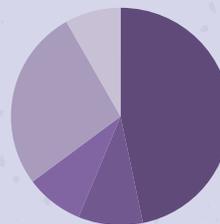
### RESOURCE GROUPS

23 trans support and resource groups attended to provide information to attendees

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### ACCESSED COUNSEL

27 individuals utilized the name and gender marker change clinic, filling all available appointments



### 200+ ATTENDEES

■ Member of Trans Community  
■ Significant Other/Partner/Spouse  
■ Parent/Family  
■ Friend/Ally  
□ Other

98%

### WOULD COME AGAIN

The small percentage that responded "No" only stated so because they were moving away

More information available online at:

<http://www.equalityvirginia.org/transgender/summit>