



# Trans Family Network

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## Trans Family Network launches peer to peer support platform

- Connecting trans people to supporters offering personalized aid
- Providing assistance to trans people and their families affected by anti-trans legislation across the United States.

*“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” - Fred Rogers*

After a recent wave of government attacks on trans rights, helpers have been showing up in full force. The Trans Family Network is a platform created to connect trans people and their families with supporters who have seen the terrifying state of trans rights and are stepping up to offer help. Our goal is to quickly and efficiently get trans people the individualized help they need, be that financial, legal or emotional support, access to shelter and housing or transportation. With the recent high profile attacks in Texas and 30 other states across the country, there are more allies and members of our community than ever, who want to offer support but aren't sure how they themselves can make a difference.

Participants in the Trans Family Network can seek and offer help without sharing their private information publicly, with direct contact between participants being contingent upon verification. Our focus is on creating networks of support, according to each participant's individualized needs.

TFN project manager Laur Bereznai comments, “It's easy to feel despair in face of the overwhelming amount of attacks launched against us for political gain. But none of us are alone, and trans people are nothing if not resilient, creative, and caring. This is our answer to attempts to alienate and isolate us: coming together, building community, and supporting each other.”

While the Trans Family Network platform has officially been launched today, it relies on having a large number of individual supporters registered to ensure that people can find the specific support they need at any given moment. We are encouraging everyone who needs or can offer support, to head to [transfam.net](https://transfam.net) and sign up. We are also hopeful that others will help us amplify our message, and get the word out to as many people as possible.

### **About the Trans Family Network:**

The Trans Family Network believes that every trans person, regardless of their race, age, gender, legal status in the US, or disability has the right to live a safe, affirmed, and empowered life. Access to community and connection is essential in building resiliency and finding support, and the most privileged of us – especially cis people – have a responsibility to those of us in need by joining the fight for our rights. As an organization, we strive for transparency, equity, and a margin-to-center approach by uplifting and empowering the most vulnerable members of our diverse community.

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