

GOOD NEWS, STUDENTS: SUPPORT IS COMING TO YOU!

The organization TENT just launched the **"Trans Texas Takeover"** Fall Tour, which visits communities across Texas with free teach-ins, Q&A sessions, and creative workshops about Texas laws and how they affect trans Texans.

JOIN US IN

9/26 McAllen
10/3 Lubbock
10/4 Amarillo
10/11 Austin
10/17 Houston
10/24 Fort Worth
10/25 Dallas
11/14 Tyler
TBA San Antonio
TBA El Paso

TOUR INFORMATION

[transtexas.org/
trans-texas-takeover-tour/](http://transtexas.org/trans-texas-takeover-tour/)



BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY WITH AN ORGANIZATION TRUSTED BY STUDENTS

Transgender Education Network of Texas (TENT)

TENT is a statewide, trans-led Texas organization that provides education, advocacy, community connections, and resources for trans and gender-expansive Texans.

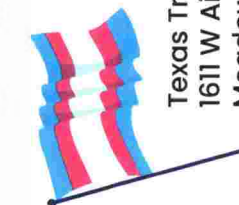
TENT specifically offers resources for Texas trans youth, including information about:

- › Schools and GSAs
- › Dress codes
- › Bathrooms and other facilities
- › Bullying and harassment
- › Current Texas laws
- › Connecting trans kids and families with resources
- › Getting help navigating problems involving schools, healthcare, IDs, and public life

If you're not sure where to start, contact TENT and tell them what you're trying to figure out. Their resource team says they can connect Texans with appropriate resources.

TENT RESOURCES

transtexas.org/resources



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TEXAS TRANS & LGBTQ+ STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE



You are not alone.

There are people in Texas who
will help you find support.

If you're trans, nonbinary, or questioning and your family, school, or community isn't supportive,

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGURE EVERYTHING OUT BY YOURSELF.

This guide is a starting point for finding supportive people, youth programs, legal information, and community.

Important: Laws and programs can change quickly. Always confirm current rules and eligibility directly with the organization.



WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PARENTS DON'T SUPPORT YOU

First: You deserve support even if your parents don't understand or agree with you. But if you're under 18, here's what you can do:

FIND A SAFE ADULT

This could be:

- > A trusted teacher
- > Friend's parent
- > Counselor
- > Therapist
- > Relative
- > Youth organization staff member

TALK TO A YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Start with:

TENT: transtexas.org/resources

OutYouth: outyouth.org

Montrose Center/Hatch: montrosecenter.org/micro-sites/hatch-youth

Resource Center Dallas: myresourcecenter.org

WHAT IF I WANT TO BE EMANCIPATED?

Texas law generally allows a minor to petition for emancipation if they are: 17, OR

at least 16 and living separately from their parents

AND they must be self-supporting and managing their own financial affairs.

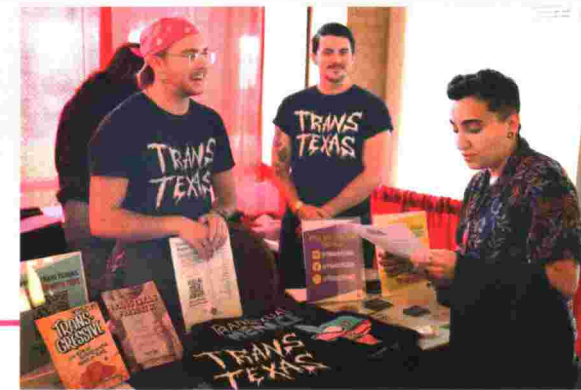
The court also has to determine that emancipation is in the minor's best interest.

Texas Law Help explains the process here: texaslawhelp.org/article/emancipation-of-minors

WANT TO KNOW ABOUT HORMONES OR GENDER AFFIRMING CARE?

Lots of students are going through the same process you are. Find a trusted organization to help, rather than trying to find medication yourself.

They can help you understand the current Texas rules and connect you with appropriate legal, healthcare, and support resources.



CAN I GO OUT OF STATE FOR CARE?

If you're under 18, parental consent, custody, and the laws of both states can matter.

If you're considering out-of-state care, talk to a legal organization first rather than trying to arrange it yourself.

Good places to start:

TENT: transtexas.org

Lambda Legal Help Desk: lambdalegal.org/helpdesk

ACLU of Texas: aclutx.org/issues/lgbtq-equality



ONE FINAL THING

You don't need to have everything figured out.

You don't have to know whether you're definitely trans.

You don't have to decide about hormones or surgery right now.

You don't have to convince your parents.

Your job right now is to stay safe, find people who will listen to you, and give yourself time to figure out who you are.

There are other kids in Texas going through this too — and there are adults whose actual job is to help you.

Even if your family doesn't accept you as you are, groups like these are ready to become your found family.

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