

# TRANSGENDER PEOPLE



# have the RIGHT to an EDUCATION

Education is a fundamental human right. As human beings, we have a desire to learn and to expand our horizons. Education is vital to our ability to make a living, no matter our trade. Education also helps us become critical thinkers, able to discern the world in all of its intricacies.

Transgender children, teens and adults face enormous barriers to accessing the education offered in our country. Bullying in schools creates a hostile environment making learning very difficult. Educators may be ignorant of the needs of transgender young people. We may be denied admission to schools because of prejudice.

Increasing numbers of schools, however, are adding gender identity to their non-discrimination policies and are adding gender neutral restrooms and locker rooms to their facilities. Teachers are learning about transgender students and organizations like Gay-Straight Alliances are creating safe spaces for transgender young people in schools. Ensuring that our community members have the same rights to an education as all other people is extremely important for our movement.

*See United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, Article 26*

## SEPTEMBER 2007

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						