



National Advocacy  
for Local LGBTQH Communities

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**NCAVP ENDORSES *INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE*;  
CALLS FOR ACTION TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST TRANSGENDER PEOPLE**

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs ([NCAVP](#)) stands in solidarity with transgender and gender non-conforming communities and their allies to observe the 13<sup>th</sup> annual International Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. **NCAVP honors those lives lost and recommits to working to end all forms of violence, especially violence against transgender and gender non-conforming people.**

NCAVP mourns the loss of 11 transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in the United States since the International Transgender Day of Remembrance 2010. These losses include Krissy Bates of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Tyra Trent of Baltimore, Maryland, Marcal Camero of Forrest City, Arkansas, Miss Nate Nate of Houston, Texas, Lashay Mclean of Washington, DC, Camila Guzman of New York, New York, Guarav Gopalan of Washington, DC, Shelley Hilliard of Detroit, Michigan, and Cassidy Vickers of Los Angeles, California.

NCAVP recognizes that violence against transgender people continues to be pervasive. According to NCAVP's recent [report](#) *Hate Violence Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and HIV-Affected Communities in the United States in 2010*, 44% of LGBTQH murder victims were transgender women, yet only 11% of total reports came from transgender women. Transgender people represented a higher proportion of hate violence survivors with serious injuries (11.8%) as compared to non-transgender men (6.2%) or non-transgender women (1.3%). The report also showed that transgender people and people of color were the least likely to receive medical attention.

NCAVP calls on community members, anti-violence organizations, and public officials to take immediate action in recognition of the International Transgender Day of Remembrance to end violence against transgender and gender non-conforming people.

**ACTION STEPS**

**Prevent:** NCAVP encourages communities to create programs, campaigns, and curricula to prevent anti-transgender harassment and violence and to promote safety. NCAVP is available to provide support and resources to communities for their violence prevention efforts. [Contact us](#) to learn more.

**Respond:** NCAVP recommends increasing support for transgender and gender-nonconforming survivors of violence by increasing funding for services and banning

barriers to service and discrimination based on gender identity and expression. [Contact us](#) for technical assistance, information, and support.

**Participate on November 20<sup>th</sup>:** To get information on local events and ideas about how to commemorate the day, visit the International Transgender Day of Remembrance [website](#), or contact [NCAVP](#).

**Report Violence:** NCAVP encourages anyone who has experienced violence to contact a local anti-violence program. For help locating an anti-violence program in your area, please [contact us](#).

**Get involved:** Join NCAVP in our efforts to prevent and respond to LGBTQH violence. [Contact us](#) to learn more.

*NCAVP works to prevent, respond to, and end all forms of violence against and within lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and HIV-affected (LGBTQH) communities. NCAVP is a national coalition of local member programs, affiliate organizations and individuals who create systemic and social change. NCAVP is a program of the New York City Anti-Violence Project.*

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