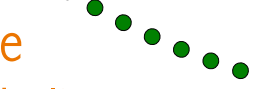


## ILLINOIS GENDER ADVOCATES

**O**ur vision is to create a community that celebrates the inherent worth and dignity of every person, regardless gender identity or gender expression.

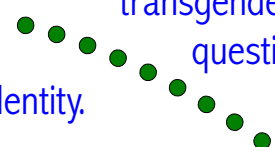


**W**e believe that all people should share equally in the basic civil rights guaranteed to everyone under our nation's Constitution, and we will be a lead organization in Illinois proactively advocating for the rights of our community.

**I**llinois Gender Advocates is a 501(c)(3) organization which focuses on legal, legislative and youth advocacy for the transgender community.

## TYRA YOUTH DROP-IN CENTER

**TYRA** drop-in center is a safe and confidential place for young transgender people between the ages of 14 to 20 to come and meet other youth who also identify as transgender, or are questioning their gender identity.




**W**e provide peer support, music and snacks, as well as adult supervision, referrals and education. This is a fun place for you to relax and be yourself, among others who understand because they've been there themselves. The center is a place to learn more about yourself, meet others, and have a great time.

Wednesdays 6:00 to 8:00 at  
3179 N. Broadway Ave 3rd floor  
(near Broadway and Belmont)

## TRANSGENDER YOUTH ADVOCACY

**N**ine out of ten transgender youth feel unsafe in school because of their gender identity or expression. The rate of dropout, suicide and homelessness is disproportionately high for our transgender youth. Illinois Gender Advocates' TYRA program serves as a resource for the youth, their parents, schools and others.



**W**e advocate on behalf of transgender youth for inclusive services and programs at schools, social service agencies, foster care facilities, and other agencies.

Contact TYRA  
at 773-935-3151  
for information

**EVER FEEL  
LIKE YOU'RE  
ALL ALONE?**

I had to quit school because the teachers were, like, 'you can't wear a dress, you can't wear your hair like that.' It freaked them out, I guess.

I had to use the boys' restroom or the nurse's restroom, but if the nurse wasn't there, then I didn't go at all.

They moved me from shelter to shelter. They're like, 'We don't want to confuse the other kids.' A lot of them refuse to take trans youth.

For the past seven years I've been dressing as a woman. But I couldn't talk about my life with the other kids.

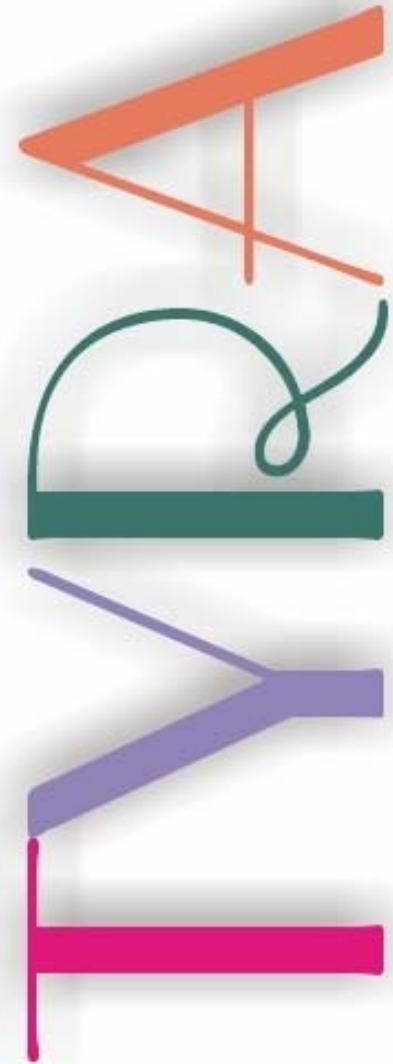
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