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The Trans Formations Project
Donor Impact Report
2023



Introduction

Thank you for reading the Trans Formations Project's first ever annual Donor Impact Report, giving you an updated account of this year in review.

We are Trans Formations Project (TFP). We have been in operation since 2021. We track the trans legislative crisis and give you accurate, accessible, and actionable information and resources to inform your advocacy as we all work towards trans liberation.

Our work has been featured in NPR, the Washington Post, and other notable publications. The Movement Advancement Project (MAP) uses the Trans Formations Project's database to check their work, and it is used by other movement organizations to track and inform legislative advocacy nationwide!

This report features information and accomplishments that are thanks to YOU, our donors and supporters! We are volunteer-driven and rely on grassroots donations (like yours!) and couldn't do this without you. Because you gave in 2023, we were able to accomplish so much more.

The legislative data featured in this impact report is based on our hand-tracked data. We also maintain a database of contact information for all representatives at national and state levels, their voting records on anti-trans legislation both in committees and on the floor. This data informs our weekly newsletter and social media updates.

Thank you for helping us work towards trans liberation and encourage civic engagement and education. We are so thankful you chose to give with us, a trans advocacy 501(c)(4). We are so excited for 2024, and can't wait for what this year will bring. Read our report to see what YOU were able to accomplish with us this year!

THANK YOU
SO MUCH!

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Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Readers, Friends, Allies and Advocates,

My name is Alexander Petrovnia, and I am a founding member, past President, and current Executive Director of the Trans Formations Project. Thank you for reading the Trans Formations Project's first ever annual impact report. When myself and my fellow founders created this organization, we never hoped for the need to get so big, so quickly. But alas, 2023 was an incredibly challenging year for trans, intersex, and gender diverse communities across the United States. While we are grateful to be able to do the work in this capacity and help advocates and community members across the country track legislation and navigate a transphobic legislature, we are deeply disturbed by the blatant disregard for human rights. And so, as this nonprofit has grown, we're continually enraged and motivated to work towards a society where this wave of disregard for human life is no longer normalized.

As detailed in this report, anti-trans rhetoric has been translated into a record number of anti-trans bill proposals – many of which became law. Moreover, anti-trans narratives have been weaponized and normalized, legitimizing these contradictory laws in the minds of many and producing a spate of real-life discrimination and violence. These impacts and interactions are devastating, destructive, and often deadly. These consequences are particularly severe for those at the intersections of multiple marginalizations, including those impacted by misogyny, ableism and racism.

At the Trans Formations Project, we focus on legislative advocacy. The law can be a powerful tool to either harm or help. The path to safety, security and peace for our communities will not be an easy or straightforward one. The reality is that our anti-trans opponents are highly organized, well funded and deeply aligned with violent and oppressive narratives about gender and gender roles. This gives them an immense amount of power – power they are weaponizing against the vulnerable, with severe consequences.

And yet, despite all of this, as a volunteer driven-organization, with our work fueled by the passion of hundreds of volunteers with the desire for a safer, liberated world, we persist.

Because the truth is this; much as they try, the anti-trans laws written by bigoted, opportunistic politicians are not the end of the story. All across the country, we are seeing court battles against these unjust laws. We are seeing record numbers of people show up to hearings and engage in the legislative process. We are seeing people stepping up to write their own narratives. We are seeing efforts at shifting narratives, collective organizing and community care. We are seeing not only those who survive, but those who dare to dream of thriving.

The story of the Trans Formations Project is one I'd hardly believe if I hadn't lived it. What started as an idea in my home office has grown into an organization at the forefront of trans legislative advocacy.



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Moreover, this has happened at a political moment where such work has never been more critical. What we have accomplished this year has been with extremely limited resources. Until this year, every position in our organization was volunteer. We are powered by community investment, funded almost entirely by individual donations.

I am incredibly proud to present this report as a brief glimpse into the incredible accomplishments of the Trans Formations Project this year. However, no report can capture the essence of what TFP is – the people who have made it, and the community that has blossomed here. The Trans Formations Project is not a testament to a singular excellence, but a collective one. Since this journey began in 2021, hundreds of volunteers have contributed their time, energy, and heart to this project. We were founded because I believed trans people deserve to know what they're up against. We persist because people have come together not only to resist, but because each and every one of the thousands upon thousands of people who have engaged with our work and our ideas have contributed.

If there is one thing I hope you learn from our story, I hope it is the realization of your collective power.

We live in times that will test us. But in these times we are not alone. We can look to those who came before us – who persisted, despite it all, to pass the torch to us. And we can look to the future, and those who will come after us – who we persist for. Our greatest power comes from our community. It comes from our innate human desire to care for each other. It comes from radical love. Love that crosses borders, classes, love that surpasses all the barriers placed before it. Love that crosses time and space to find human connection.

It is that love that brings me back to this work, even when it is heavy. It is that community that empowers me to keep dreaming of a future that is brighter than the present. It is that power that inspires me to persist.

The Trans Formations Project has been doing this work based on our willingness to come together. We have, as of this writing, hired our very first full-time employee. We have no grant awards and rely on individual donations. We are incredibly grateful for the support we have received so far, but 2024 will ask more of us than ever before. We have accomplished everything detailed in this report with minimal funding. We do this work together, but with more resources, we could do so much more. Please consider supporting us, by donating, by volunteering or by sharing our work as we bravely step together into 2024.

In Solidarity,

Alexander Petrovnia (He/Him)
Founder, Executive Director



To Our Volunteers

We'd like to use this page to thank the hundreds of volunteers who have given anywhere from 30min to 300 hours of work to TFP. The work that we do, as highlighted in this report, is only possible through the countless hours of volunteers who dedicate their time to the mission.

thank you

To the Recordkeeping team, thank you for tracking the bills with such incredible accuracy and ensuring our work remains up to date.

To the Media team, thank you for your time and dedication to ensure that the public receives the information recordkeeping team disburses. Your tireless efforts ensure that people have access to critical information.

To the Logistics team, thank you for coordinating orientation and admin within the org, keeping our operations organized, functional and synced.

To the DEIBA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging and Accessibility) team, thank you for working to ensure TFP's values remain present in each and every single part of our work; from our media content to our organizational events.

To the Tech team, thank you for always ensuring our organizations technical operations remain functional and safe.

To the Outreach team, thank you for coordinating our external relations and fundraising to ensure our resource is used and funded!

To every single volunteer, THANK YOU! We all work together and collaborate to create and build something powerful and beautiful!

Growth and Reach

As Seen In:

them

DAILY BEAST

CNN+

The Washington Post



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CONTINUING THE DAILY WORKER FOUNDED 1924



Yale Daily News

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disability civil rights
since 1979
DISABILITY RIGHTS EDUCATION & DEFENSE FUND



We've grown!

Volunteer Growth:

150+

have joined us
this year alone!

Social Media:

13k+

follow us on both
Instagram + Tumblr!

Website Utilization:

500+

average monthly users
access our website resource!

Programming:

1

We planned and coordinated
our first off-broadway annual
comedy show fundraiser!

Staff Growth:

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People are now part
of staff, thanks to you!

New Projects:

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We are expanding our
reach to have a podcast!
Read more at the bottom.

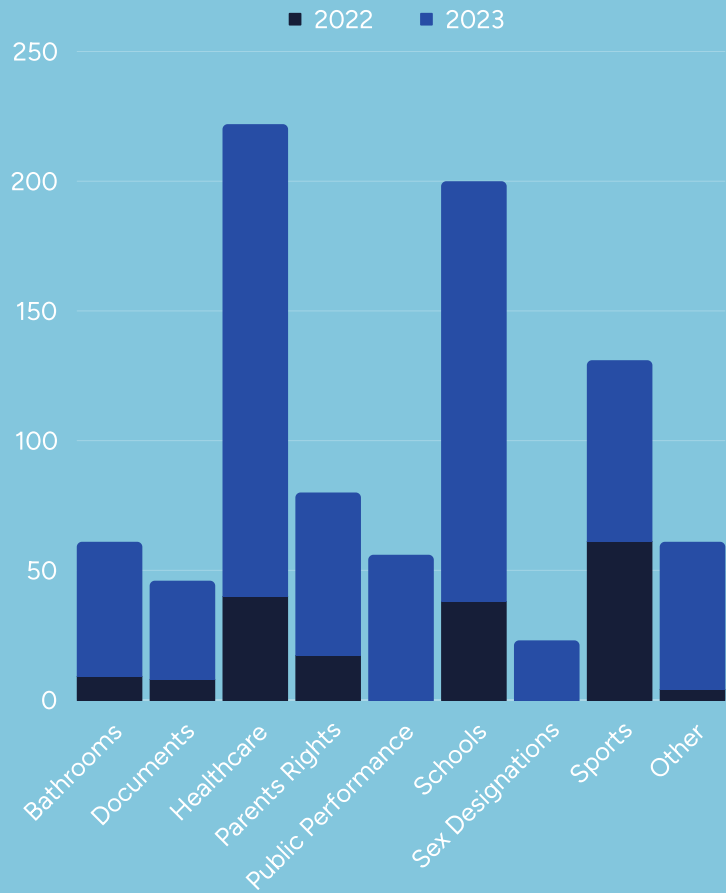


2021-2023 Summaries

This graph tells the harrowing tale of the spike in bills from 2022 to 2023. The coordinated attack shows the shocking tale of an attempt to legally remove trans existence through legal punishment.

A main focus in 2022, as you can see (white) there were focuses on sports, schools, and healthcare. That tale continues in 2023, as many of the categories bills tripled, quadrupled, or were introduced in 2023 in the sheer amount of bills introduced. In 2022, there were 40 anti-trans health care bills introduced. In 2023, there were 182 bills introduced; meaning the healthcare bills introduced more than quadrupled in 2023 (4.5x to be exact). These bills often included aiding and abetting laws that penalized healthcare providers for encouraging patients to seek lifesaving healthcare care in places it was legal to seek care, since their state recently penalized the type of care the patient was seeking. Another focus were public performance bills, a new category that targeted drag shows and the art of drag performance. In 2022 there were no bills proposed, and in 2023 there were a total of 56 bills, penalizing an expressive art form, claiming it was harmful to minors. Another focus was education, with 38 bills proposed in 2022, and 162 proposed in 2023, another category that over quadrupled that of 2022 (4.2x to be exact). And finally, a new category of bill for 2023 was sex designation bills. See the letter from legislative expert above to learn more about the impact of these extremely harmful bills. We saw 0 proposed bills in that category in 2022, and saw 23 in 2023. 2 of the 23 were national bills.

Total State and National Proposed Bills by Category in 2022 and 2023



2023 Legislative Summary

Our Basic Stats

904

our total positive and negative bills that we tracked in 2023*

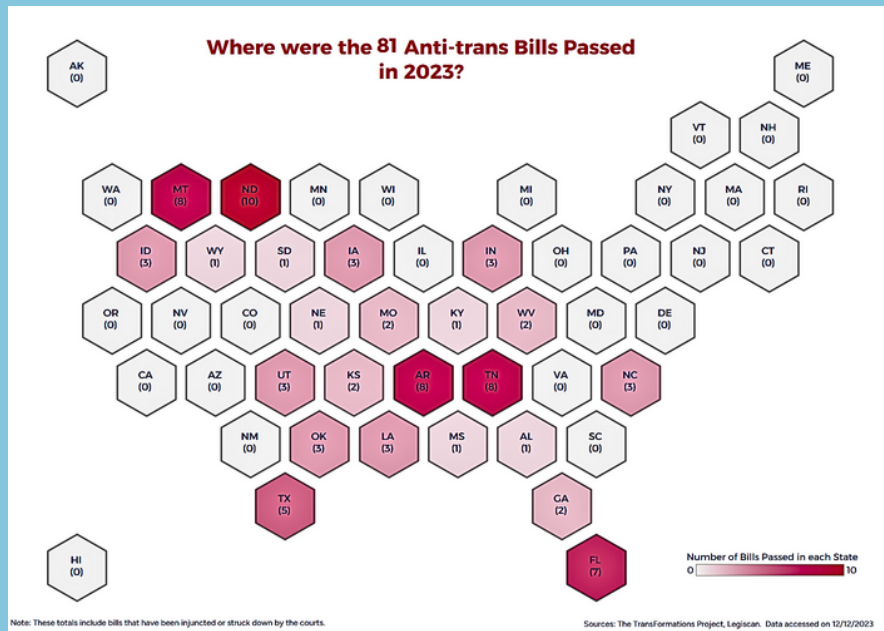
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total anti-trans bills proposed in 2023

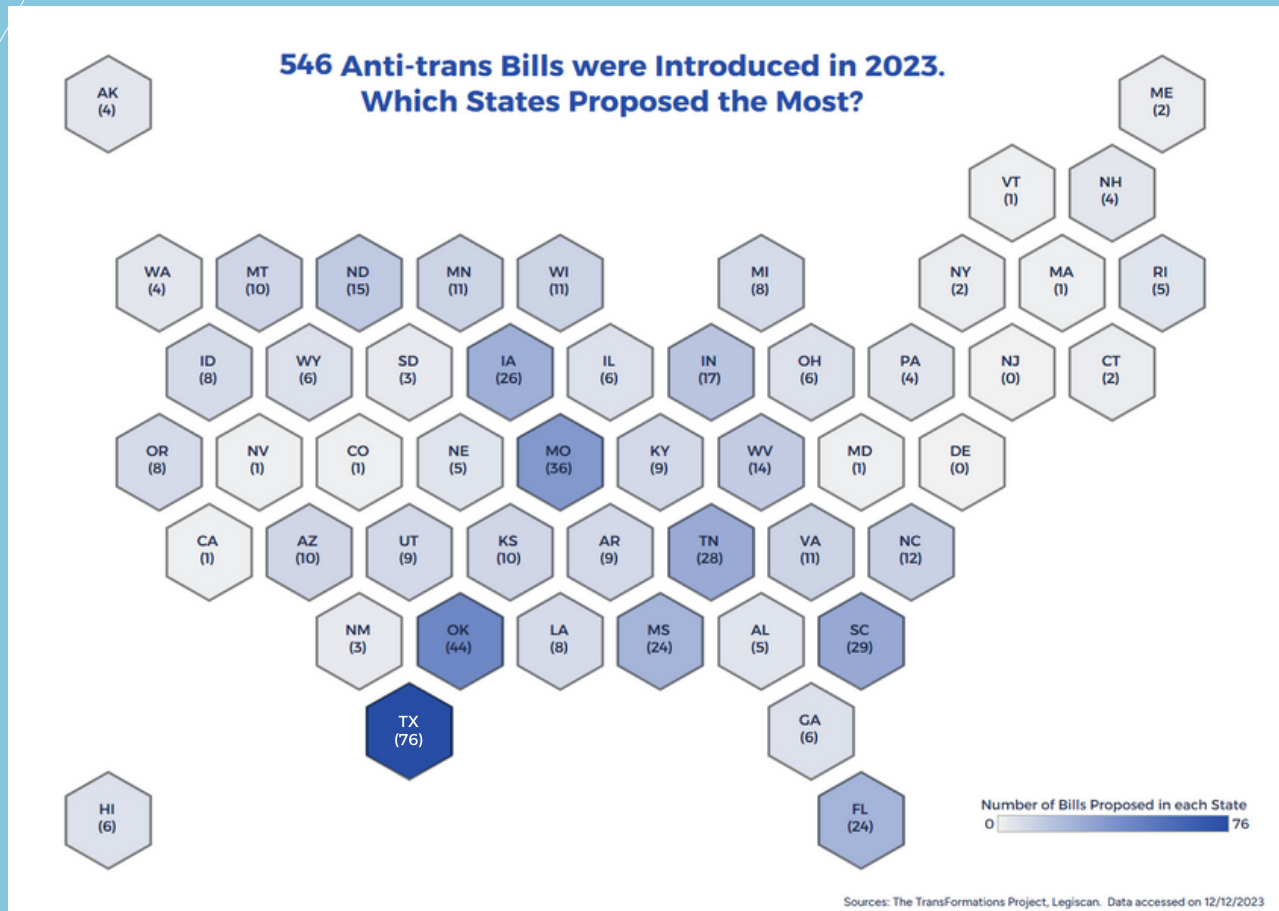
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total bills passed in 2023, all state level

In 2023, there were states that were hit the hardest with passed bills, such as North Dakota, Montana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas, Florida, North Carolina, and Indiana. North Dakota passed the most bills at 10, and Montana the second most at 8.

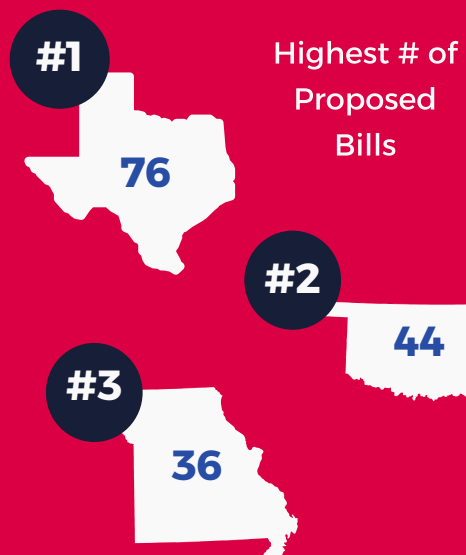


State Legislation Proposals



In 2023 we saw the largest number of bills proposed on a state level. The spike in bills was unprecedented. We saw nearly half of all proposed anti-trans bills since our records began in the healthcare and schools categories.

With only 2 states not proposing any anti-trans bills in 2023, this map portrays the range of how many bills were proposed in the different regions of the US and the states they were proposed in, with a heavy concentration in the mid-west and southern regions. Texas proposed the most bills at 76, with Oklahoma proposing 44, followed by Missouri with 36 bills proposed.



Newsletter Highlights



Each week our newsletter reaches nearly 800 readers, with 589 readers subscribing in 2023. Every week we provide updates on anti-trans bills as they progress through legislature. This year we covered a number of important topics including:

1. Lawsuits against anti-trans laws such as *L.W. v. Skremetti* and *Doe v. Ladapo*.
2. Ongoing coverage of an inflammatory piece published by former case worker Jamie Reed at Pediatric Transgender Center in MO.
3. Rise of anti-trans legislature and rhetoric by Russian authorities.
4. *Dobbs* being used as to attack rights to bodily autonomy and self-determination of all kinds.
5. The election of transgender officials, such as Sarah McBride in DE, Olivia Hill in TN, and Danica Roem in VA.
6. The efforts in Montana to censure and formally punish openly trans representative Zoey Zephyr.
7. Harmful school board policies being passed or debated across the U.S.A.
8. Analysis of studies relating to LBGTQIA+ folk, such as the study released by GLSEN, COLAGE, and Family Equality examining the extent of bullying and discrimination against children of LBGTQIA+ families in school, and the FBI report "Hate Crime Statistics, 2022".

Want to stay up to date with these critical topics as they happen? Our newsletter team works hard to give you weekly news and legislative highlights and updates each week, featuring bills that have been proposed, progressed or passed, and newsworthy updates. Get our updates delivered to your inbox, every Friday. Sign up for our newsletter or view our newsletter archive on our website! Scan the QR code to check it out!

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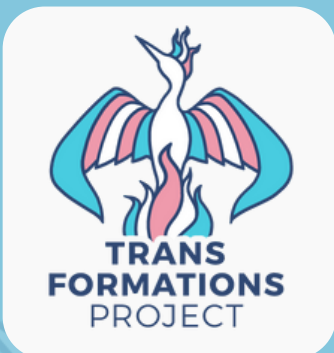
National Center for Transgender Equality

ACTION ALERTS: Each week, we make sure we update our weekly newsletter with NCTE action alerts in order to build upon the work that NCTE continues to do to fight for trans justice.



Creating Change

We went to Creating Change 2023! Our Executive Director, Alexander Petrovnia went to Creating Change, expanding exposure of our resources to hundreds of organizations, building connections and working together to progress the movement to liberation.



Presenting/Education

In 2023, we were able to present for multiple organizations at work meetings, conferences, and strategy sessions with dozens of organizations across the country. Our work has spread far, one of our bigger engagements being the Washington State DEI conference. If you are interested in TFP presenting at your organization, please contact alex@transformationsproject.org!

Events and Awards



The House Of Horrors: Invasion of the Bodily Autonomy Snatchers

This year, TFP celebrated a major milestone; throwing our very first event! We hosted a hybrid comedy fundraiser event on October 25th, 2023, which was both streamed virtually and attendable in-person at the SoHo Playhouse in New York City!

We were thrilled to be able to invite both Trans formative Schools and the Okra Project to participate in this event with us. This

comedy show featured an incredible lineup of queer talent and was a healing celebration of trans community. The Okra Project and Trans Formative Schools are both local, grassroots NYC based organizations that work towards trans liberation and received partial profits from the fundraiser. With B Hawk Snipes as our emcee, we laughed together at performances by Jess Salomon, Esther Fallick, Ely Kreimendahl, Sheria Mattis, Laura High, Jes Tom and Jaye McBride, all coming together for a night of joy amidst dark times.

TEN Awards

In 2023, our founder, Alexander Petrovnia was honored at the National Center for Transgender Equality's TEN (Trans Equality Now) Awards! He was given the founder's award for founding TFP, and we couldn't be more proud of Alex!

We were able to take a few members of the TFP leadership to this award show to honor Alex and TFP's great accomplishments! We say bravo, and look forward to another great year of advocacy and coalition building with incredible organizations!



2024: The Road Ahead

Looking Forward: What to Expect 2024

2024 is, of course, a major election year. There will be the Presidential Election, along with 468 seats in Congress. One third of the Senate will be up for election along with the entirety of the House. Additionally, of the 99 state level legislative bodies, 86 will be holding elections for some portion of their seats. There will also be countless local elections, the importance of which is often overlooked. Please check what positions are up for election in your local area prior to voting so you can make an informed choice!

As states begin their legislative sessions, more and more bills will begin to be introduced. We have already seen dozens of bills be pre-filed, and once we reach mid January there will likely be hundreds of bills moving in legislatures across the country. As we move into February and March, we will start to see bills actively being passed, with dozens of hearings being held. Follow Trans Formations Project to ensure you are being kept up to date about what may be happening in your state. Subscribe to our newsletter and tune into our weekly streams to engage in our content in real time!

Our Upcoming 2024 Projects

In addition to tracking legislation, we've been able to expand our mission of getting the word out to multiple audiences by making content accessible. We're excited to announce we are starting a podcast, the Civic Report, a spinoff from Trans Narrative Podcast's Civic Report. In this new venture, we will be releasing multiple episodes a week with interviews and legislative updates to ensure you're receiving our content and learning with us! The podcast will be launching January 3rd, 2024! Check us out today! Available wherever you get your podcasts!

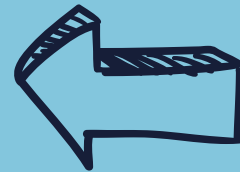
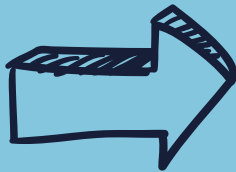


Additionally, our weekly legislative update streams are being moved back to Twitch! Check us out every Friday from 6-8 PM EST on twitch to learn with us, chat and have fun with Erin, our streaming expert and Sam, our legislative expert-- and stay updated!
Twitch: <https://www.twitch.tv/thetransformationsproject>

Thank you, Readers!

Thank you for reading through! We truly appreciate your time and hope this report was helpful. Our mission aims to ensure our content remains accessible, actionable, and accurate for you, the readers, the people. Interested in an in-depth data breakdown and summary of 2021, 2022 and 2023? Check out our first ever 2023 annual data report on our website!

Please consider donating to our organization, we are volunteer-driven and grassroots funded. No amount is too small to help us continue this work! We also have merchandise, and opportunities for volunteering! Scan the QR Code below to support our work!



Interested in sponsoring or helping fund our work? Please send any sponsorship or funding interests to our Executive Director, Alex Petrovnia, at alex@transformationsproject.org.