



The Community Partnership  
For The Prevention  
of Homelessness

## **Transgender Policy**

The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness is committed to non-discrimination in all of its funded programs and activities. To that end, we will abide by the District of Columbia Human Rights Act in prohibiting discrimination based on a person's gender identity and expression.

The DCMR Title 4, Chapter 8 Compliance Rules and Regulations Regarding Gender Identity or Expression specifically reference homeless shelters (802.1) and state that transgender persons have the right to use gender-specific homeless facilities that are consistent with their identity or expression.

Service Providers whose past practices did not allow transgender persons to enter facilities because staff did not perceive them to be eligible for services based on their transgender identification, must refrain from such actions immediately. Transgender persons have the right to use the homeless shelter that they feel is consistent with their identity. Further, providers are expected to make every effort to ensure that our transgender population feels safe from harm as much as possible.

The Community Partnership maintains a list of agencies providing shelter specifically for placement of transgender individuals. When a transgender individual is seeking shelter they will be referred to these resources first. If they cannot be accommodated by these facilities, then the person will be referred to another site consistent with their identity or expression. Please contact Cornell Chappelle [cchappelle@community-partnership.org](mailto:cchappelle@community-partnership.org) if you feel you need any technical assistance abiding by this policy.