



FORGE Facts: Accomplishments

A national education and advocacy organization supporting FTM+s and SOFFAs

Founded in 1994

- Website visited by approximately 2,500 individuals per day (1/06)
- Universally available, free library of more than 65 newsletters, fact sheets, articles, resource guides, etc. written and/or published by FORGE on specific transgender/SOFFA topics, including:
 - Aging
 - Spirituality
 - Relationships and family issues
 - Health issues
 - Depression, mental health, and suicide
 - Domestic violence and sexual assault
 - Legal issues
 - Race and racism
 - Disclosure
 - Negotiating with service providers
 - FTM/MTF dialogue
- Trainings and workshops for aging service providers, health care professionals, mental health providers, domestic violence and sexual assault advocates, LGBT community organizations
- Nearly 150 monthly support group meetings sponsored in Milwaukee and Chicago since 1994
- Additional (3-4 events/yearly) special event programming (local)
- Nine listserves providing peer support and information to community members and service providers on a variety of topics
- Regular participation in more than 20 national, regional, or local coalitions
- Sexual violence project
 - National survey
 - National listserv and resources
 - Articles and presentations
- National surveys conducted on sexual violence, coming out, mental health issues, sexuality, and more
- 10-20 technical assistance / resource referral emails or phone requests per month
- Workshop presentations at national LGBT and “mainstream” conferences (including many keynote speeches)
- Creation of speakers’ bureau (local) -- available to speak at local businesses and organizations of transitioning individuals
- Transwords: a transgender book study group
- Organized and presented the Transgender Aging Institute
- Authored chapters or essays in seven books for professionals and/or transgender persons/SOFFAs.