# Is the Community Advocate Program for you?

- Are you looking to be more involved with the trans\* community?
- Do want to gain more experience organizing and leading?
- Do you have experience volunteering or working for social justice issues?
- Are you passionate about community involvement and trans\* rights?

MTPC intends to have the Community Advocate be representative of the broader trans\* community.

Anyone with interest should apply!

## What is a Community Advocate?

A Community Advocate is more than a volunteer! They are a leader, organizer, resource, and mentor helping to create a connected community. They promote social and legislative justice for all trans\* individuals.

As a Community Advocate. you will have the support of the MTPC, a statewide organization with national recognition, to put into action informative workshops, discussion groups, and events by and for the local trans\* community. This means anything from leading workshops and discussions around name and gender marker changes, to organizing educational campaigns about legislation such as the Equal Access Bill.

For information, questions, or you want to apply, contact Robson Govine at <a href="mailto:robson@masstpc.org">robson@masstpc.org</a> or call 617-778-0519

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#### What will be expected of Advocates?

Each Advocate will complete an eight-hour training prior to starting.

Advocates should aim to involve and engage as many community members as possible through workshops, discussions, and events.

Advocates will be supported by the Community Organizer and maintain monthly check-ins with them.

Advocates will be supported by each other and maintain quarterly check-ins with each other.

This program is built to sustain and encourage growth and change. If you bring something new to the table, or have ideas, we want to hear them. It's your community. Advocate!

### What will you get from CAP?

The work you put into a program like CAP will measure the enrichment you receive in return. In general, Community Advocates can expect to gain:

- Training and skills relevant to trans\* issues and legislation
- Anti-oppression and community organizing training
- Knowledge around legislation and trans\* issues
- A greater involvement in their community
- Networking Connection
- Involvement and connection with MTPC along with other LGBT organizations in coalition with MTPC
- Access to resources and support directly from MTPC
- Leadership, workshop and discussion development experience

#### How to become a Community Advocate:

Community members will be able to apply through an application available on the MTPC website, www.masstpc.org, or by filling out a paper application. To receive a paper application by mail, contact the Community Organizer by calling 617-778-0519.

MTPC will be intentional with the recruitment process and aims to encompass the diversity of the trans\* community. The program aims to represent the diverse continuum of trans\* identities, along with transgender people of color, youth, interfaith, and low-income community members. All trainings will be held in an accessible space.

The goal of the Community

Advocate Program is to empower
a diverse spectrum of community
members from across the state to
become leaders within their local
communities. Through the
creation of this network,

Advocates will work together to
create a stronger, more visible
trans\* community through
education and action