

**Press Release – Kansas Statewide Transgender Education Project
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Transgender Training at Johnson County Library

Kansas Statewide Transgender Education Project (K-STEP) will be hosting a transgender education forum from 2-4 pm on August 21st at Johnson County Central Resource Library, 9875 W 87th Street in Overland Park. The event is free and open to the public.

According to K-STEP Executive Director, Stephanie Mott, this event will mark the 67th time the organization has presented in Kansas in the last year. K-STEP incorporated as an all volunteer, non-profit corporation on August 26, 2010. “In our first year, we have truly been able to reach so many people, helping them to have a better understanding of what it’s like to be transgender, and the issues we often face”, Mott said.

K-STEP presentations in the area have included the 2010 Kansas Behavioral Health Conference, Johnson County Mental Health Center (Community Services), Kansas City PFLAG, and a local transgender support group. Additionally, K-STEP has conducted workshops and forums across the state, including Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bert Nash Mental Health Center (Lawrence), Morton County Health Agency (Elkhart), Shawnee County Department of Corrections, and Mainstream Voices of Faith (Topeka).

“We have had a wonderful response to our trainings”, Mott shared, “There are a lot of people in Kansas who are interested in learning more about a subject that can be difficult to talk about. We provide “from the heart” opportunities for people to see something they have never seen, often answering very personal questions with the straightforward understanding that people need to be able to ask anything.”

K-STEP’s mission is to end discrimination against transgender individuals and their families through education. “We are not about telling anyone what they should believe, just allowing them to make up their own minds based on information was not previously available.

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