

TIES 2024 FAQ (for website)

1. How can I register for TIES?

All attendees must register prior to TIES to receive specific event information including the location and schedule. Register here: <https://bit.ly/TIES2024>

2. Who can attend TIES 2024?

This event is open to transgender, non-binary, and gender-expansive individuals, along with their families, allies, service providers, and advocates ages 18 and up. Youth ages 14+ are welcome if accompanied by a legal parent or guardian. We welcome attendees from all over Virginia and neighboring states, and encourage everyone to come together in celebration and solidarity.

3. Why attend TIES/what to expect?

At TIES, attendees have the opportunity to be inspired by dynamic speakers, engage in interactive workshops, and participate in insightful discussions. The event will offer valuable networking opportunities, where you can connect with advocates, community leaders, and peers from diverse backgrounds. Additionally, TIES offers free clinics focused on areas like legal assistance, healthcare access, and community advocacy.

4. How much does it cost?

TIES is FREE, but all attendees must register to attend. <https://bit.ly/TIES2024>

5. When and where will TIES 2024 take place?

November 16, 2024 8:30AM-5:30PM, doors open at 8:00 AM for a networking session. Location will be sent to registered attendees one week prior to the event.

6. Is there anything I need to do before TIES if I want to take advantage of the Name Change/Gender Marker Clinic?

Yes, attendees wishing to receive assistance at the name change and gender marker clinic **must pre-register** prior to TIES, and can do so here:

<https://barylau.wufoo.com/forms/p1auff7805kbbkvm/>

7. What should I expect from the NationZ Foundation HIV/STI Clinic?

NationZ Foundation is hosting a free walk-in HIV/STI testing space at TIES. Attendees must complete a NationZ Foundation consent form to receive testing.

8. What COVID-19 safety measures will be implemented at TIES 2024?

Equality Virginia seeks collective well-being and public safety, through accessibility choices including continuing to mask, or starting to mask again, through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. To make TIES accessible to immunocompromised members of the LGBTQ+ community, masks are strongly encouraged and will be available at TIES registration.

9. Will there be a printed program available at TIES?

No. A digital program will be available in addition to a printed schedule and venue map.

10. Will lunch and refreshments be available at TIES 2024?

Yes! The morning networking hour will include light refreshments and coffee. Lunch will be available for purchase at one of several food trucks. Throughout the day, light snacks/water are available at the information tables.

11. Is lodging available for attendees of TIES 2024?

When registering, TIES attendees can indicate interest in receiving a list of local hotels for potential lodging. However, TIES attendees are responsible for the cost of lodging and transportation.

12. What should I bring to TIES 2024?

Cash/card payment for the food trucks or a packed lunch. Folks looking to participate in the name change and gender marker clinic should bring their current picture ID for notarizations. If your parents' full names or social security number (SSN) is unknown, it can be helpful to bring a birth certificate and social security card for reference.

13. Are attendees allowed to take photos or videos at TIES?

NO. Video recording is strictly prohibited at TIES. There will be two approved event photographers allowed to take videos throughout the event. If you see anyone recording video, please inform a volunteer or staff person. Photos may be taken in common spaces. Please ask for explicit permission from any presenters or attendees before taking photos inside the workshops.

14. What safety precautions will be in place at TIES?

Our security team's role is to help handle conflict at the event. This team will not replicate the culture, norms, or role of law enforcement. This group will serve as a buffer between

attendees and any threats to the event, including potential counter protesters and law enforcement.

The venue does require internal security. For our event, our security team will be the primary responders for any issues that arise. Our goal is to create and maintain a safe environment without reliance on or involvement of law enforcement. **We keep each other safe!**

15. Where can I find accessibility resources at TIES?

Please indicate your accessibility needs upon registration or visit one of the information tables at any point throughout the day to receive further assistance. Individuals needing ASL/Spanish interpretation services should email programs@equalityvirginia.org.

16. How can I provide feedback about TIES 2024?

Written evaluation forms will be available at the end of each workshop session. Common spaces will have comment cards and evaluation “pebbling” that allows you to rate your experience. We strongly encourage attendees to offer their valuable feedback!