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#### WHO WE ARE

We are an aspiring non-profit organization dedicated to the empowerment of trans men of color by giving them a voice and visibility through mental, emotional, and tangible support.

## WHAT WE DO

We offer support to trans men of color by offering weekly support groups, a weekly podcast, bi-monthly articles in FTM Magazine, and personalized T-Buddy<sup>™</sup> sessions by text, phone, Skype and in person to offer tools to navigate through everyday life. We offer clothing drives, housing assistance, help finding trans friendly physicians and mental health professionals, help obtaining health insurance, and assistance with registering to vote.

# WHY WE DO IT

We do this because there is a war on people of color in America and there is also a war on trans people in America. Just imagine being affected by both. In addition to feeling the pressure of being black and trans, trans men are underrepresented within the LGBTQ+ community and often struggle with finding a support system. Many trans men of color have been alienated and disowned by their families and we are here to give them the courage and support to grow despite the adversities they face since finding it within the mainstream community has proven to be difficult. We do this to show trans men of color that they have a safe platform to discuss their successes and struggles with others who can relate.

## What is T-Buddy™

A T-Buddy<sup>™</sup> is the friend and support system that every trans man needs! As a transman in this world it is imperative to have an outlet and to pay attention to your mental health. Part of taking care of your mental health is talking about your feelings. You can't hold everything in. That is why we are here 24/7 365 days a year by phone, text, Skype or in person. We want to allow trans men the outlet they need to talk about whatever is going on in their lives. Hopefully this outlet will also decrease suicide rates, which are over 51% for transgender males.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Trans In Color & T-Buddy<sup>™</sup> were formed in 2017 to help trans men of color find a community where they could form a brotherhood since the chief complaint among trans men of color was they felt alone.
- We are an aspiring non-profit organization who will officially become a non-profit by the end of July 2019.
- We offer a weekly support group, a weekly podcast, articles in FTM Magazine, and T-Buddy sessions.
- We offer clothing drives, housing assistance, help finding doctors and offer a voice to those who have experienced discrimination at school/work by contacting these companies and advising them on diversity compliance.
- We aid in finding proper health insurance plans that cover trans-centered services and signing up for health insurance.
- We are here because no major platforms are geared towards trans men of color and we want to change that.
- Our goal is to provide a hub for trans men of color where they can find support for every facet of their lives whether it be emotional support, housing assistance, tuition assistance, finding a doctor, buying and donating clothing, and locating trans friendly companies and locations

Although we have provided the majority of these services, we need the participation of trans men of color in the community who care about these issues just as much as we do.