## Transgender Rights and the LGBTQIA Community

On May 9, 2016, Loretta Lynch, the Attorney General of the United States, announced that her office, as well as the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, had initiated a complaint against the State of North Carolina to stop discrimination against transgender individuals.

Here is a quote from the end of her speech: "Let me also speak directly to the transgender community itself. Some of you have lived free for decades. Others of you are still wondering how you can possibly live the lives you were born to lead. But no matter how isolated or scared you may feel today, the Department of Justice and the entire Obama Administration, wants you to know that we see you; we stand with you;\* and we will do everything to protect you going forward. Please know that history is on your side. This country was founded on a promise of equal rights for all, and we have always managed to move closer to that promise, little by little, one day at a time. It may not be easy, but we will get there together."

\*We at Counseling Services will do our best to stand with you as well. The same is true of the entire LGBTQIA community. If you have any feedback for our office, or any service you would like us to provide, please let us know.

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