



TRANS COLLABORATIONS

Accountable Research & Resources



Welcome...

Trans Collaborations is honored to introduce Dr. Sharon N. Obasi to our team. Dr. Obasi is an Associate Professor and Program Chair of Family Science at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Having received her Ph.D. in Neuroscience Dr. Obasi's current research focuses on identity at the individual, familial and community levels exploring the interplay between identity and the articulation of policy and programs for vulnerable persons.

She is leading our policy-related work, including our new line of research on "getting the letter" for medical gender affirmation.



Dr. Obasi adores travel and has had the joy of visiting about 20 countries on 3 continents. Thus far in her travels she has sat courtside in Toronto, Canada to watch Serena Williams play tennis, dipped her toes in the Arabian Gulf, stayed at a mountain ranch in Nigeria, drove on the autobahn from Germany to Czechia, meditated at the Meiji Jingu Shrine, Tokyo, Japan and even helped to deliver a baby in Kazembe, Zambia.

COVID-19 Impact

We at Trans Collaborations found new ways to do our work online in late-March when stay at home recommendations started and the University shut-down began. We have managed to move research online with minimal disruption and so far have submitted 3 large federal grant applications, with at least 2 more planned later this year. We have also spent time writing papers. Nathan, Deb, and Richard wrote a paper highlighting the advocacy work that Trans Collaborations is doing including Camp BOLD, the self-advocacy workshops, and online pandemic support groups. Like all of our academic papers, this one will be available on our website as soon as it is published.

The Local Community Board has also been busy while shifting to online meetings with a focus on how to support TGD communities in the pandemic. The National Board Meeting, planned for June, was postponed and we are currently contemplating having a virtual meeting as it seems unlikely travel to Lincoln will be possible any time soon. 2020 has been an unprecedented year for everyone, and we are working on embracing online platforms to make sure our important works continues.

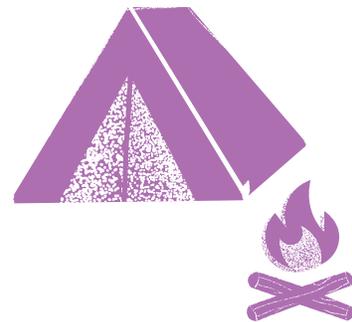
Check out our growing list of publications on our website.

Camp BOLD Postponed



It is our hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times with COVID-19. Due to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19 as we go into the fall months, the Local Community Board decided to postpone Camp BOLD 2020, but are currently working with the campground to reserve Labor Day weekend 2021.

We know this may come as a major disappointment. It is disappointing to us as well, but our top priority is keeping families safe. We love our Camp BOLD family and will miss seeing everyone this year but we are confident that it is the right decision to keep us all safe, and we look forward to seeing everyone and spending time together as soon as it is safe to do so.



Trans Collaborations is a community-based partnership between transgender and gender diverse people (TGD) and academic researchers. Trans Collaborations began in 2014 out of a desire to improve health care services for TGD people in the Central Great Plains. It works to establish a network of researchers and communities focused on creating accountable research and resources for TGD communities in resource-limited areas.

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