

Finding Our Strength 2026

Invitation and Partner Benefits

About the survey

Finding Our Strength 2026 is a national survey led by and for transgender/gender diverse (T/GD) folks that we are preparing to launch in English and Spanish. It measures the impact of anticipated discrimination, how we cope, and thrive. FOS26 builds on our earlier 2016 survey, creating a decade-long comparison at a moment of unprecedented policy change.¹

How this survey is different

- **T/GD-led, action-based research** as these questions originated from within our community and are pursued via community-driven methods and dissemination.
- **Centers strengths and coping** alongside documenting harm (e.g., self-kindness, hopefulness, coping actions like advocacy).
- **A decade-long comparison** looking back at 2016, with comparison to 2026.

Your benefits as a partner

- **Teach-back consultation** to support translating insights into language that serves your programs, initiatives, and development goals.
- **A voice in shaping** the survey, focused on discrimination worry, coping, and well-being.
- **Amplify local recruitment** (if desired) to invest in paid social media advertising to reach folks in your area, we can provide ready-to-use ad assets or run your ad campaign, strengthening local data.
- **A voice in tracking impact** through an annual touchpoint to document how we (as coalition partners) are using the data and what's been launched or enhanced as a result.
- **Credit as a coalition partner** on a national T/GD-led research initiative.
- **Your logos and branding** can appear beside FOS26 on material, showing collective impact.
- **Early access to preliminary findings** before public release.
- **Shape, review**, and (if desired) co-create community-facing products based on the data.
- **Interpretation sessions** (if desired) to engage with and help interpret the findings.
- **Findings delivered in accessible formats** to the partners and community first.
- **Access to all research products** (infographics, reports, whitepapers, toolkits, exhibition materials), ready for use with your communities, staff, and funders.
- **Community-generated evidence** to support your grant applications, program design, and advocacy. Data produced by and for T/GD folks carries weight with funders.

¹ Veale, J. F. (2026). Trans eliminationism: An Ideology Escalation Framework for understanding recent trans health policies. *International Journal of Transgender Health*, 1–24.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/26895269.2026.2682499>

How the data can work for you

- **Domain-specific findings** on healthcare, school, and work; targeted evidence for advocacy
- **Coping data**, including how our community copes, which can directly inform your programming, support groups, and community offerings
- **Policy-level discrimination worry data** gives you concrete numbers to bring to legislators, school boards, and decision-makers
- **The 2016-to-now comparison** creates a powerful “then vs. now” narrative for media, testimony, and fundraising

The ask

- **Share the survey** with your networks and help us reach T/GD folks across the country.
- **Optionally participate** in the survey yourself.
- **That’s it** for now; no heavy lift, no data collection on your end, no new workflows.

After data collection, coalition partners can help us put the findings to work: hosting or co-hosting community teach-backs, identifying at least one program to launch or update in response to findings, and connecting with journalists, advocates, and/or funders in your orbit. We are currently seeking funding to be able to support localized dissemination at partner sites (e.g., funding for community events, [traveling exhibitions](#), etc.).

Join the coalition

Coalition partners don’t just receive findings; they help determine what those findings mean for the community, and they’re credited for it.

Want to discuss this further? Schedule a meeting [here](#). Otherwise email us with any questions as well as to confirm your interest in participating. You can learn more about [Finding Our Strength 2016](#), see a sample of the [past exhibition](#), or read about our [community-led methods](#). We appreciate your consideration for joining our collective impact.

In solidarity,

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