



Chastity Bowick

Executive Director, Transgender Emergency Fund of Massachusetts

Chastity Bowick is an activist, civil rights leader, and transgender health advocate. The Director of the Transgender Emergency Fund, the leading crisis agency for transgender communities in Massachusetts, Chastity is also a member of the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC). Born in Rochester, N.Y., Chastity began her own transition at age 18 when she moved to Boston to safely pursue her gender affirmation process.

After making Massachusetts her home, she obtained a master's certificate in Nonprofit Human Services Management from Clark University. Chastity led the transgender health programming at AIDS Project Worcester. Many of the support groups and transgender-focused health navigation models she founded there were the first of their kind in the city. Her commitment and trailblazing work earned Chastity the 2016 Belynda Dunn Award from the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts

- **Leadership Superpower:** Public speaking and relationship building are my superpowers. I feel empowered by empowering others to stand for change, equal rights in employment, housing etc. I love bringing different folks together and building relationships.
- **What brings her joy:** Being able to help people out of any sticky situation and being that person that is able to assist people who are less fortunate.
- **Theme Song:** "Conqueror" by Estelle and Jussie Smollet