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## **Transwoman Empowerment Initiative**

The Transwoman Empowerment Initiative (TEI) is an organization built from the ground up by trans women of color. It is the only space in New Mexico solely staffed and operated on the thought leadership of trans women of color youth. Their philosophy is to create a culture of young people that is committed to being champions of trans justice in intuitions and societies that historically and continually oppress them. TEI does this by aiding trans youth in developing their private and public lives with a strong sense of self-worth.

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## **Details**

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## **Services**

Basic Needs   Health Support/Education/Insurance   Alt/Traditional/Specialty Treatment   Individual & Family Support Services   Youth Development   Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

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## **Locations**

**Phone:** (505) 247-8832

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## **Parent Organization**

### **Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP)**

SouthWest Organizing Project (SWOP) was founded in 1980 with a mission to empower the disenfranchised of the southwest to realize gender and racial equity and social and economic justice. SWOP's work is built on a foundation of community organizing and mobilization, which means that affected people will continue to identify problems, solutions, and strategies in conjunction with our organizers. Success to us looks like increased community involvement and control over the decision making that affects them. SWOP organizes in low-income communities to develop leaders and solutions, building around identities of workers, healers, educators, growers, families and children. SWOP's four core issue areas are environmental health and justice in low income communities of color, youth rights with a focus on leadership development, gender justice with a focus on feminisms, and food justice, security and systems throughout New Mexico. We place an emphasis on leadership development with youth organizers from the barrio. Part of the strategic vision of the organization is to invest in our young people, and we are dedicated to an intergenerational approach to community organizing.

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