



Wholeness & Justice

A CAISO: Sex and Gender Justice Programme

We are a feminist Civil Society Organisation committed to ensuring **wholeness, justice and inclusion** for Trinidad and Tobago's LGBTQI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex) communities, by **developing analysis, alliances and advocacy**.

CAISO established the **Wholeness & Justice** programme to expand access by diverse LGBTQI+ people in Trinidad & Tobago to wholeness, justice, and health and human services where they have experienced a violation. The programme is committed to responding to violations of LGBTQI+ community members with an emphasis on trans, non-binary, gender-non-conforming, and intersex people; and to deliver clinically competent, trauma-informed interventions that enable healing and resilience.

A violation is an action or inaction that infringes on a person's human rights. A violation can occur intentionally (e.g. abuse or violence from a person/authority) or by omission (e.g. a failure to protect from harm). At Wholeness & Justice, services are provided to members of the LGBTQI+ community who have experienced violations. Some examples of violations are provided below:

- Abuse from authorities and/or persons
- Infringement on safety and security of the person
- State failure to protect from abuse, exploitation, and/or discrimination
- Infringement on equality before the law and due process

Each case is assessed by the Wholeness & Justice team and service is provided by the programme once the resources and capacity are available. Where a case is unable to be undertaken by Wholeness & Justice, referrals will be made.

What services do we provide?

The programme provides support through the combination of legal, social work, peer navigation and referral services, as well as the enrolment of allies, for members of the community who have experienced a violation. The programme's services include legal support and advocacy, counselling, competence-building of justice and service systems, strategic litigation, policy advocacy, and community-level outreach.

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Legal Services

The programme offers legal support for clients who experience any violations, acts of discrimination, or abuse. Based on available resources and capacity, the programme may enlist the support of its partners or limit the type of legal support provided.

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Clinical Support

The programme offers psycho-social support to members of the LGBTQI+ community who have experienced a violation. We understand that members of the community may experience traumatic events, require mental support while accessing other services, and may need assistance with managing challenges of their day-to-day lives and aim to respond to these needs.

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Wholeness Development

The programme offers clients guidance and support in managing day-to-day life challenges, including financial planning, exercise and activity routines, connecting with service providers and engaging different agencies and bodies.

Accessing Wholeness & Justice

The Wholeness & Justice team can be reached from Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

To get in touch with us, use any of the contact methods listed below.



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The work of, insights from, and critical discussions around Wholeness and Justice can also be engaged on our official blog: <https://wholenessandjustice.blogspot.com>