BIO – Adrien Lawyer

Adrien is the Director of Education at the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico. He co-founded TGRCNM in 2008 with Zane Stephens to be a clearinghouse of service provision, education, and advocacy for the transgender community in New Mexico. He has facilitated over 3,500 Transgender Cultural Fluency training sessions throughout New Mexico, including training every correctional facility in the state, numerous district attorney offices, police departments, public and private schools, healthcare and social service facilities, and countless businesses, nonprofits, and other entities. Adrien has led successful advocacy efforts for model transgender student policies, gender-neutral restrooms, trans inclusion in social service facilities, statewide bullying prevention, and updating the law that governs birth certificate gender marker change.

On a national level, Adrien presents and consults on many issues impacting the trans community, including TGRCNM as a successful model for local service provision. He has been recognized with the Jose Sarria into the Light Award for community service and the Vincent R. Johnson Model of Hope Award for LGBTQ role models. In 2019, Adrien won the Advocacy In Action (AIA) Professional Innovation in Victim Services Award presented by the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC).