

Famous LGBT African-Americans



Alexander Goodrum

Alexander John Goodrum was the Director of TGNet Arizona, a transgender advocacy and resource organization based in Tucson, Arizona. He had been involved as an activist in GLBT organizing and social justice issues since 1980 in Chicago, San Francisco and since 1996, in Tucson. As an African-American, Transgender (Female-to-Male), queer-identified (bisexual), and disabled person, he had worked extensively in each of those communities.

Alexander had more than 20 years experience in organizational development, grant writing and research, and community building. He was a member of the City of Tucson GLBT Commission and an Activist/Panelist for the Funding Exchange's OutFund for Gay and Lesbian Liberation.

Following Goodrum's death in 2002, community members expressed grave concerns about the availability of adequate mental health care for gender-variant people in Tucson and beyond. The Alexander John Goodrum Transgender Mental Health Advocacy Project (The Goodrum Project) offers support and advocacy for gender-variant consumers in the public mental health system. It also provides education to staff and service providers, especially front-line staff who work with consumers on a daily basis. In this workshop, SAGA representatives offer their experience, insight, and recommendations for creating programs in other communities