

## CHLOÉ LaCASSE

### Videographer, Transgender Woman Concord, NH

Chloé is a white transgender woman in her mid-40s, living in Concord New Hampshire. She grew up in southern Massachusetts, lived in Boston for a time, and has been in New Hampshire since the early 2000s. Like many transgender people, Chloé lives part of her life as her authentic self, and part of her life in a “boy moniker,” which she describes as her “drag mode.”



#### At-a-Glance

- Lifelong New Englander
- Continues to work in a “boy job” due to fears of discrimination
- Able to afford health care due to the Affordable Care Act

As Chloé, she owns her own video production company. While only part-time, it has been a wonderful creative outlet in juxtaposition to her part-time “boy job” in heating and air conditioning repair. In part due to the taxing rigors of this back-and-forth, she’s hoping to fully transition in 2018.

Chloé describes herself as “extremely lucky” when it comes to healthcare, as she has had positive experiences accessing care through Medicaid’s financial hardship provision offered under the Affordable Care Act. She worries that, without the Affordable Care Act, it would be much more difficult for her to access the trans specific care she needs moving forward.

Over the last year, Chloé has become more involved in advocacy, for both transgender rights and broader civil rights issues. She’s a member of the organization Rights & Democracy (RAD) and part of their Transgender Organizing Leadership Development (TOLD) program. In July of 2017 she was emcee for RAD’s Transgender Equality Rally in Manchester New, Hampshire. Chloé has also been involved with Freedom New Hampshire’s efforts to pass transgender non-discrimination legislation. She’s connected with local opportunities to share her story, and participates in the ACLU’s Transgender Education Advocacy Program (TEAP). Overall, Chloé hopes to continue to share her story so that others can learn what it means to be transgender, and how to support the trans community.

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