**FEATURED STORY**

*It was the life raft: Transgender people find a safe haven in Florida's capital city*

As transgender youth face staggering homelessness rates and lawmakers draft additional restrictions, Florida's capital city offers its first safe haven for transgender people. Here's how.

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- **RESTRICTED ACCESS:** A federal court has ruled that restricts public access to the Tennessee Equality Project, allowing for the first time, after a legal challenge from the Tennessee Equality Project and a group of transgender students, which eliminates the ban for everyone to give public access during each House session. The Associated Press reports.

- **CANNABIS LICENSES:** Federal judges have issued the first licenses to operate a cannabis lounge following the decision by the Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl victory rally, according to The Kansas City Star. The lounge legally opened the event, and the city's mayor would be a smaller venue. The Associated Press reports.

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**REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK**

**Talk To Us: Real Estate Scams**

If you or anyone you know has been targeted in a real estate scam on social media, please get in touch with us. Madyson Fitzgerald, and I'm back with your Stateline Daily. I hope you all had a nice weekend. It's good to be back, so let's get started.

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Florida's capital city gets its first safe haven for transgender people. It's a small but critical step in making sure that transgender people have a place to turn for support and safety. In recent years, transgender and gender-nonconforming adults have experienced a disproportionate number of homelessness rates, and Black people make up a disproportionate number of them.

About 1 in 5 transgender people have experienced homelessness at some point, and Black people make up a disproportionate number of them. People of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, and those with a history of incarceration are disproportionately represented in the homeless population, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless.

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