



Meet Your LIFE INC *Trans-Coordinator*

I'm the Trans-Coordinator for LIFE Inc and I oversee a program called Kick'n It With The Homegirls.

A few years ago, I was lucky to start a job with MBK (My Brother's Keeper). They allowed me to fully transition being a Patient Navigator, then after being awarded the Certificate of Completion from the Beckford Health Service becoming a licensed Phlebotomist. Through my journey of working for an LGBTQ organization, I learned how to represent myself as a Transgender female. That pushed me to become more engaging with my community in which build me to facilitate peer support sessions. I would host community sessions with other trans folk to share thoughts, emotions, feelings, advocating ideas, and mentally/physical health issues somewhat personal and confidential but held amongst the group. I would also find that transitioning wasn't a huge deal for me because my biggest deal about working for the organization was, I got to be myself dress how I wanted to dress. That was me being fully able to dress as a female. That also had given me the idea of "I only want to look like a woman, not be a woman." The term Gender Non- binary fit the way I felt on the inside very well.



Starting from MBK, and soaring into CARE4ME Services landing me into Community Testing in which I was able to travel via Mobile Testing Unit to different parts of Mississippi testing random individuals for Syphilis and HIV. Testing became so overwhelming with couples who in which were tested separately would come out positive. That awarded me to go into a costless training called, "Testing Together." Testing Together is a training that allows testers to facilitate a very tedious testing session with couples at the same time. These couples could be two of any race, or gender and had to verbally agree upon testing together. When asked the question... "What is my purpose?" I did

not know how to answer that question. Life has a wonderful way of showing you things. I'm always trying to think about the positive when tragedy strikes. I have quite a few purposes. I must say at the top of my list I see being the heir to my parent's and grandparent's thrown. I am the strength of my community and what we stand for. It is building me to become a better Dominique with every day that pass. I never knew I had this much strength in me, but when tragedy strikes. I will always bring the positive out of a situation.

The growth in me over these years has given me the affirmation that I needed to assure me that the sky is the limit. I appreciate myself, I love on myself, and I take up any space where I see my light can shine in a dim moment, era, or space. My community is in need of knowing and feeling that. Coming from my ideas from my Peer Support Sessions in which I came up with the program "Kick'n It With The Homegirls. This is a Facebook series hosted by me, Dominique Morton. It is specifically designed to give a point of view of how transgender individuals face different phases, obstacles, and moments in their life. These episodes will give you the inside scoop on us home-girls upfront and personal. It is a lot of self hurt and hate amongst my community and I take the stand to show that life does not have to be that way. I am a healer in the form of grace, love, peace, and humor. I am Dominique Tiera Campbell a Trans Advocate for my community and L.I.F.E. Inc.

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