

**Sean Coleman** is the founder and executive director at Destination Tomorrow and serves as the operating manager of the Bronx Trans Collective. Mr. Coleman has over 19 years of experience working with the LGBTQ community. In 2009 Mr. Coleman opened Destination Tomorrow out of a lack of adequate programs for LGBTQ African Americans. His goal is to shine a light on both racial and health disparities while building programs and services inclusive of the transgender community. Currently, Mr. Coleman is a part of the New York State (NYS) transgender advisory group, assembled by the AIDS Institute to develop recommendations that address the needs of transgender community members as they relate to the Ending the Epidemic Blueprint. He also sits on the NYS HIV Advisory Board, the NYS Health & Human Services Community Advisory Committee, Bronx Community Board 2 (appointed by the Bronx Borough president), the Transgender Legal and Education Defense Fund Board of Directors, and the Project AFFIRM advisory board.

In 2016 Mr. Coleman opened the Bronx Trans Collective (BTC), the only multi-service agency in NYS led by people in the transgender community. The BTC is a collaborative effort that grassroots transgender leaders of color developed to begin to provide services to transgender people of color. This effort uses a wraparound approach to care, meaning clients can access multiple services under one roof, often time with just one engagement. The BTC obtained resources from New York City Council Member Richie Torres to open its doors.

Mr. Coleman is also a member of the house and ballroom scene, providing resources to those calling the ballroom scene home. His efforts to integrate a public health narrative into this social network began back in 2004 and have resulted in city and state agencies as well as other community-based organizations recognizing the opportunity to engage many community members with structural interventions. Mr. Coleman is an out transgender male and believes that being visual in living his truth encourages others within the transgender community to do the same.