

Guide to Genderland



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GENERAL TERMINOLOGY

Sex

The classification as male or female. Infants are assigned a sex based on bodily characteristics including: chromosomes, hormones, internal reproductive organs and genitals.

Gender Identity

One's personal sense of being a man or a woman (or a boy or girl.) For transgender people, their birth-assigned sex and their own internal sense of gender identity do not match.

Gender Expression

External representation of one's gender identity, usually expressed through "masculine" or "feminine" behavior, clothing, haircut, voice or body characteristics.

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Gender Variant (GV)

Those whose gender expression, behavior, appearance differ from traditionally associated with their sex at birth. They may not identify as the gender that they are expressing. E.g., a, butch woman expresses masculine gender but identifies as female.

Transgender (TG)

An umbrella term for people whose gender identity and/or gender expression differs from the sex they were assigned at birth. The term may include: transsexuals, intersex people, cross-dressers, drag kings and queens and other gender-variant people.

Cross Dresser (CD) (Also Bi-gender, Drag King/Queen)

They occasionally wear clothes traditionally associated with people of the other sex. Cross-dressers are usually comfortable with the sex they were assigned at birth and do not wish to change it. They will spend time on both sides of the gender line.

Transsexual (TS)

Those who identify and live in the part of Genderland traditionally associated with those assigned to the opposite sex at birth. Can be female-to-male (FTM) or male-to-female (MTF). They may or may not choose to alter their bodies hormonally and/or surgically.

Transition

Moving across the line of androgeny. Includes the complex process of altering one's sex. Transition includes some or all of the following: changing one's name and/or sex on legal documents, hormone therapy, and possibly some form of chest and/or genital alteration.

Map of Genderland

