

GENDER 101

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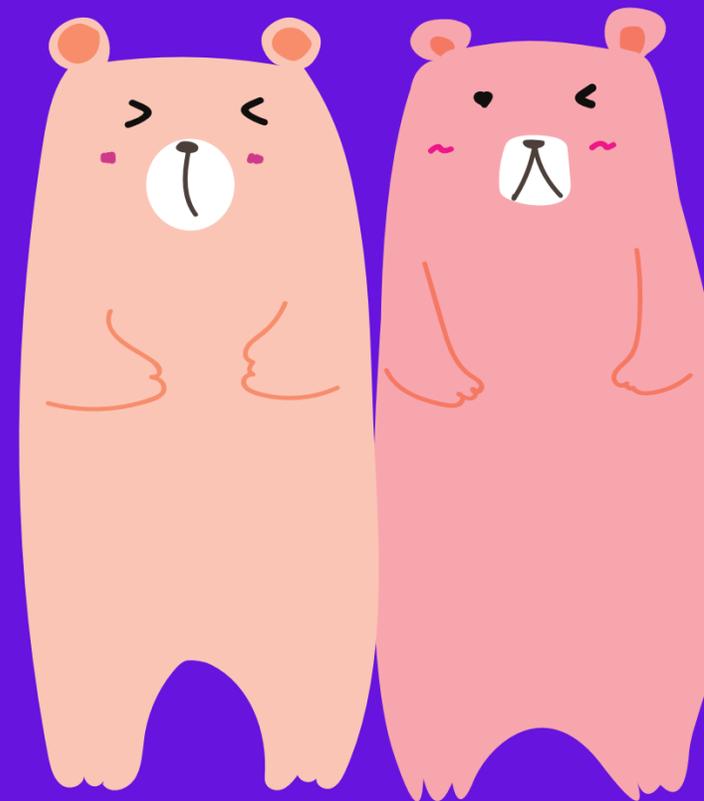


Community Agreements:

B.E.A.R.S

- Boundaries - presenters and participants are free to set boundaries around question about their own experiences
- Experience - this is a space where people have an opportunity to learn from the lived experience of trans people on how to best support us. We can have the best possible discussion if we talk about best practices from the vantage point of how to best implement them, not whether the support we advise is necessary.
- Agency - this is a space that centers the agency of trans youth and we will be having a discussion from that perspective
- Respect - this is a space for learning, please show respect for your fellow learners and correct gently
- Stack - please post questions in the comments and we have an open discussion so they can be answered

Confidentiality: Information shared by learners in this space does not leave this space.



Let's Start with the basics.

Let's define the word **GENDER**, together.



Gender Identity

- One's own understanding of their gender or lack thereof. Examples of gender identities: genderqueer, intergender, female, demigirl, male, agender, transmasculine, transfeminine, cis, nonbinary, genderfluid, bigender, Two-Spirit, etc., etc., etc.

PRESENTATION

- how a person looks - clothes, hair, accessories, body language, behavior, etc., etc.
 - Presentation \neq gender. More about this later

Someone is

Transgender:

**gender does not match what you
were assigned at birth**

Cisgender:

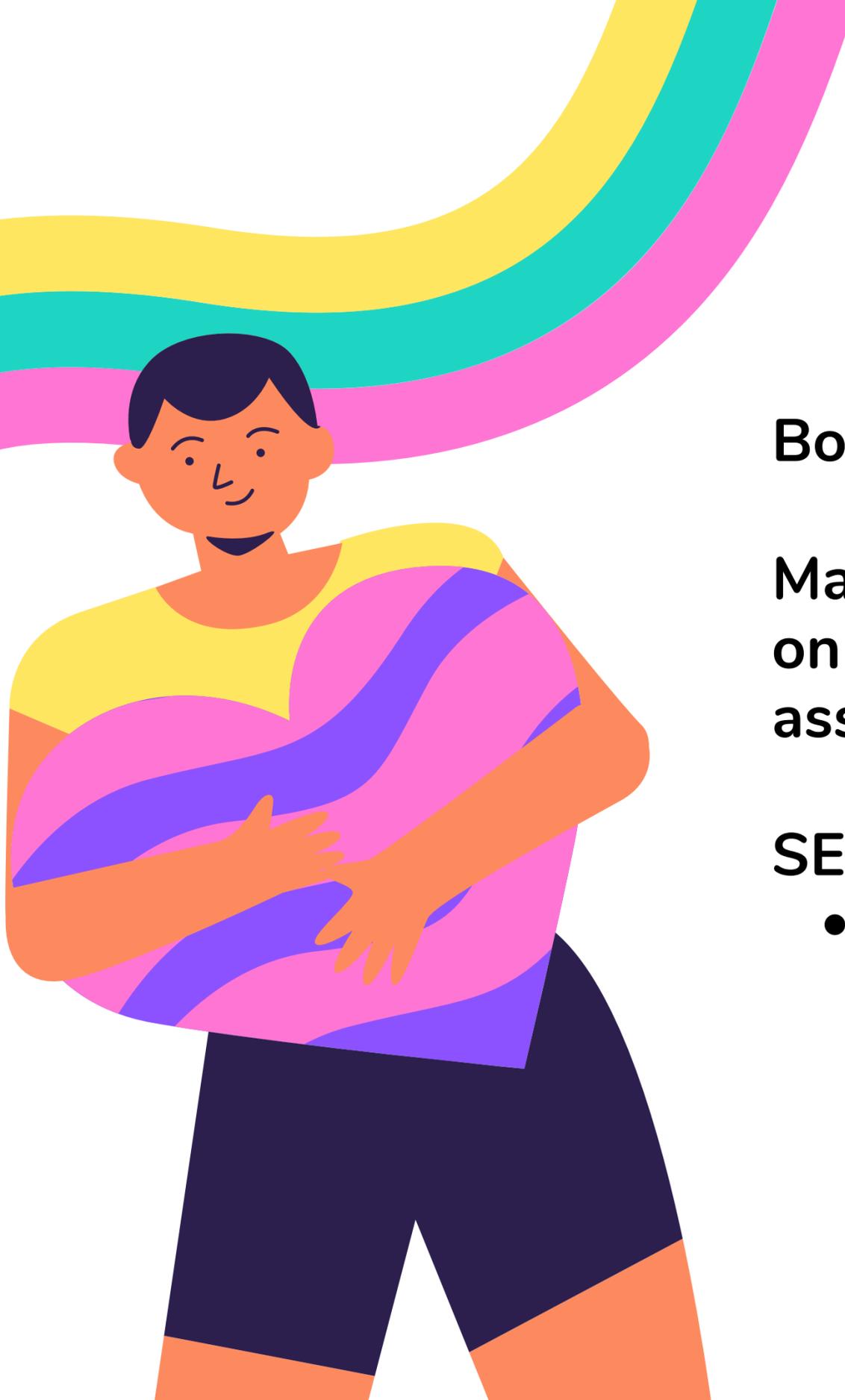
**gender matches what you were assigned at
birth**



Clearing some things up. What we see \neq who someone is.

- The assumption that sex equals gender is millenia old but if you look at the history of the trans community, as well as the existence of intersex people throughout history this myth starts to shed its authority
- Even though sex is real gender as we take part in it consciously is a social construct bolstered by pink toy ails vs. blue one's for boys (which is extra ironic when you remember blue used to be the color for 'girls' in Napoleans time and pink for 'boys')
- Gender roles are as varied as you can imagine but that doesn't mean that as a construct they **DON'T MATTER**. Gender is real and meaningful but incredibly more complicated than we generally think

Grounding Ourselves



Bodies are incredibly varied in every way including gender

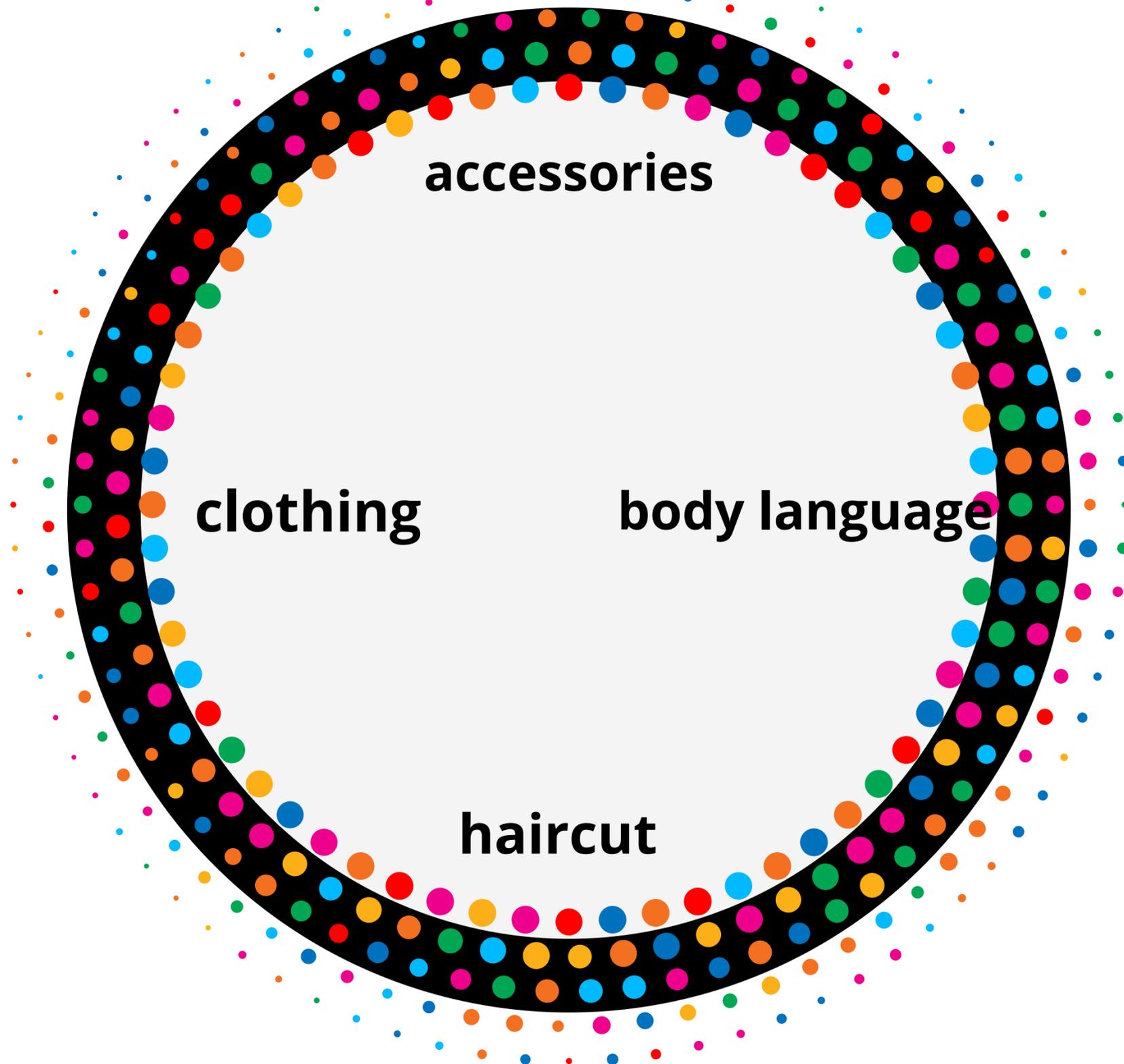
Many people incorrectly assume a person's gender based on what sex they were assigned at birth. But that assignment is based on flawed assumptions too!

SEX CHARACTERISTICS

- Depending on the combination that someone is born with a doctor assigns a certain sex which is then assumed to be that person's gender even though these are

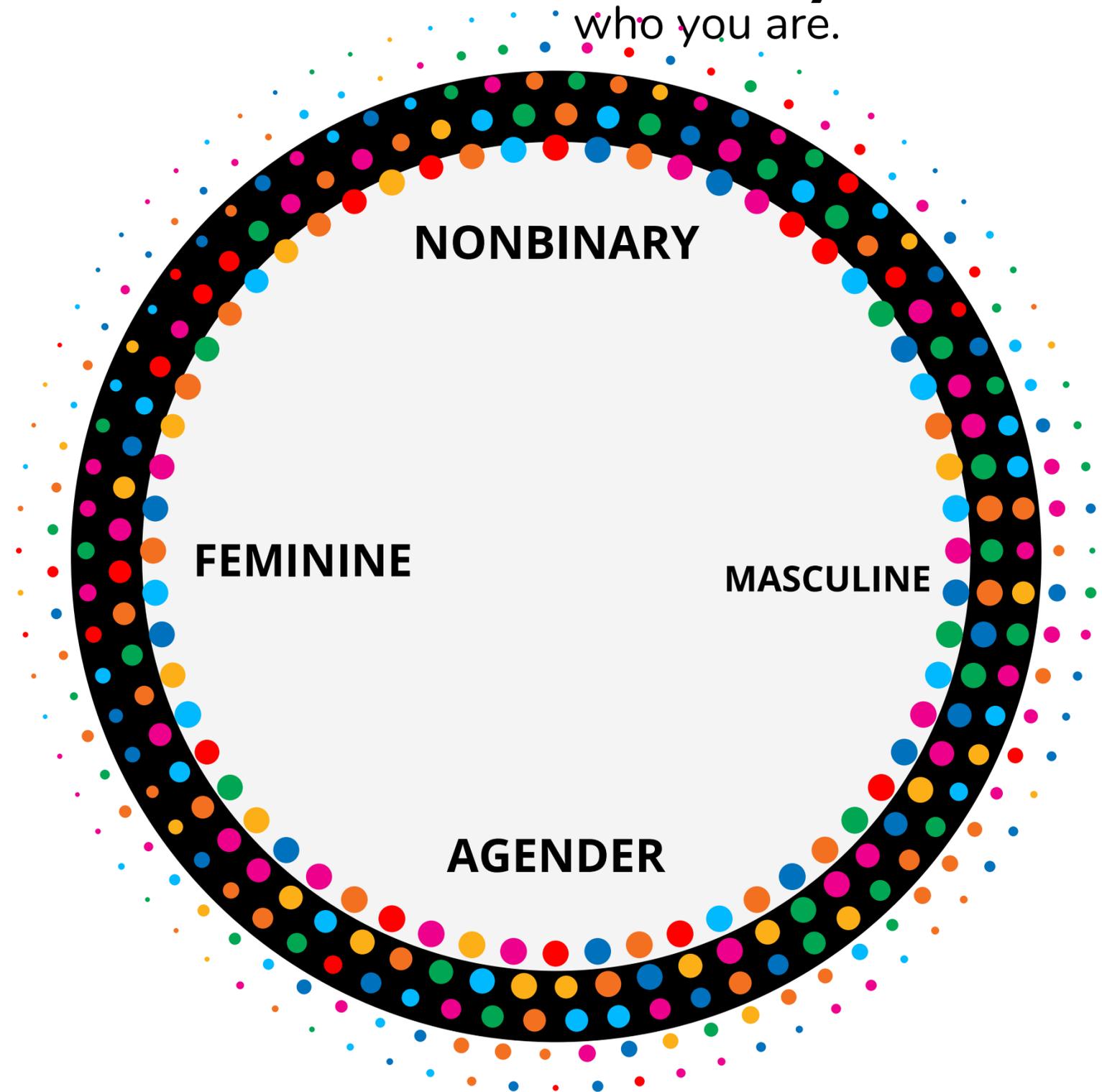
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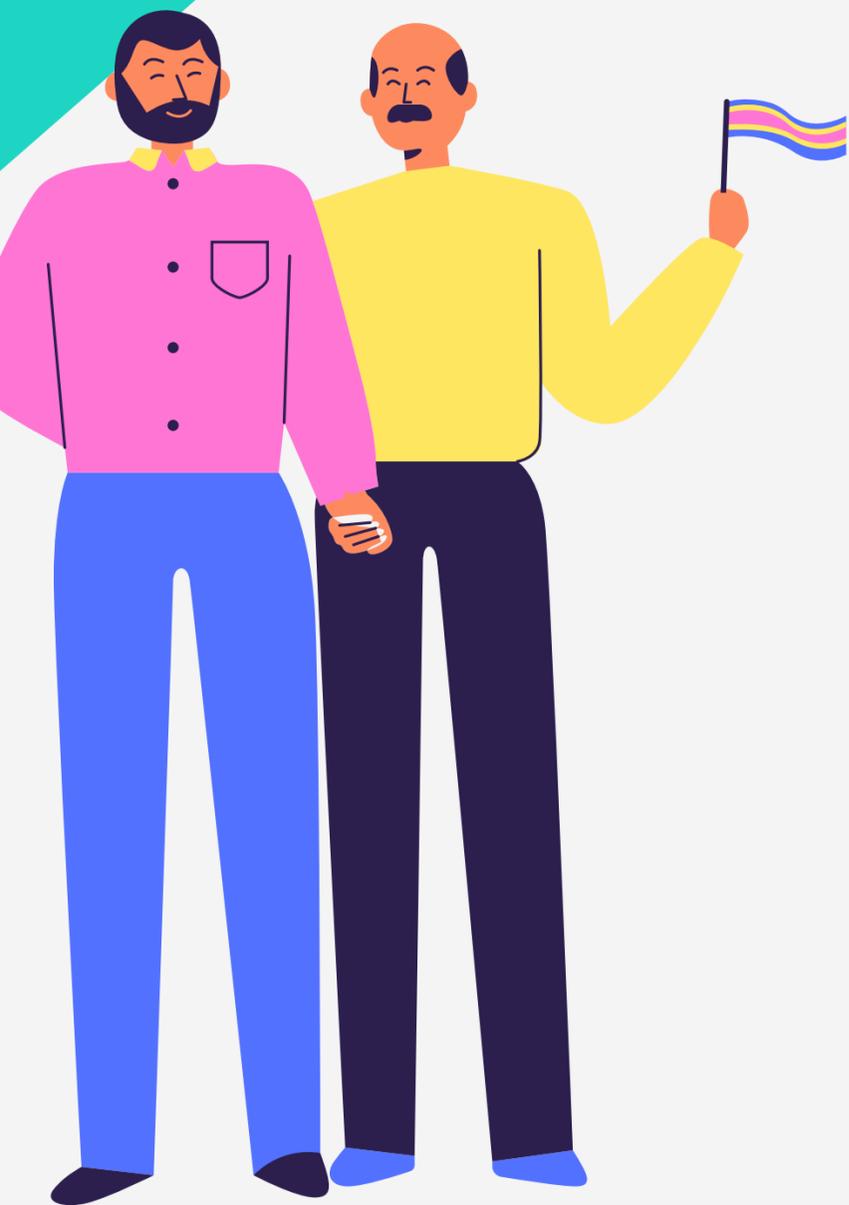
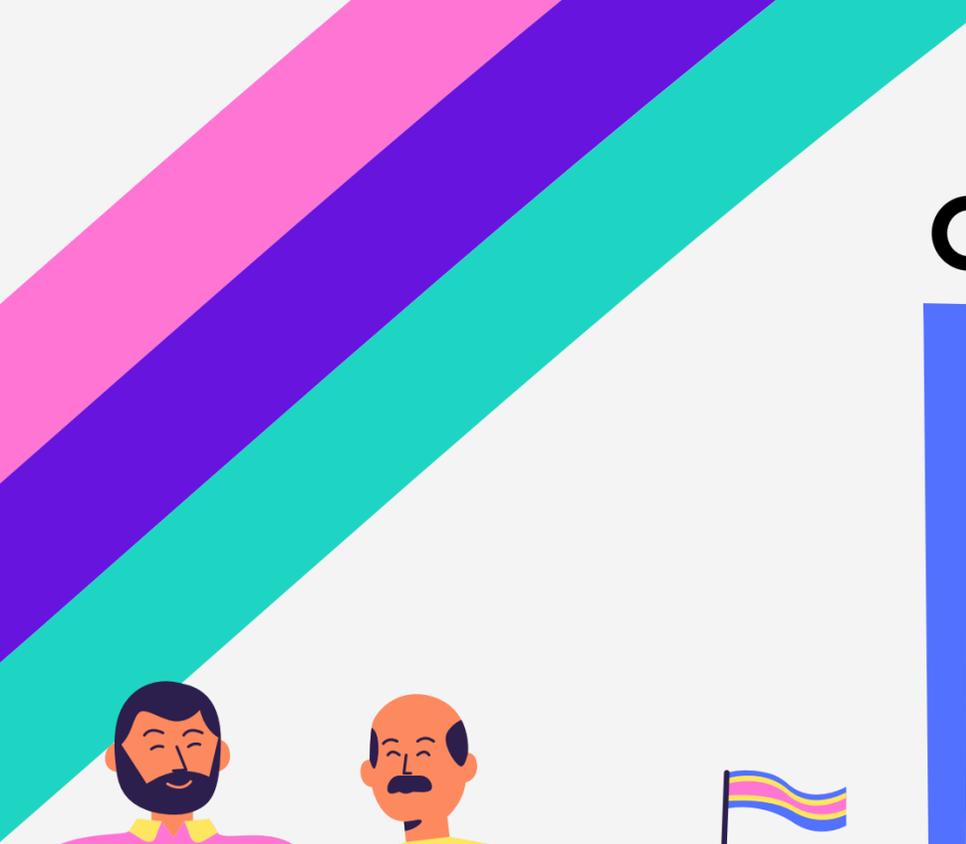
how you express gender



Gender Identity

who you are.





Orientation

**Gay
Lesbian
Bisexual
Pansexual
Asexual
Straight
and
many more**

Presentation

**Clothes
Hair
Accessories
Voice
Body language
And
many more**

Gender Identity

**Man
Woman
Nonbinary
Agender
Genderfluid
Two-Spirit
and
many more**

PRONOUNS

they are important, when doubt just ask.

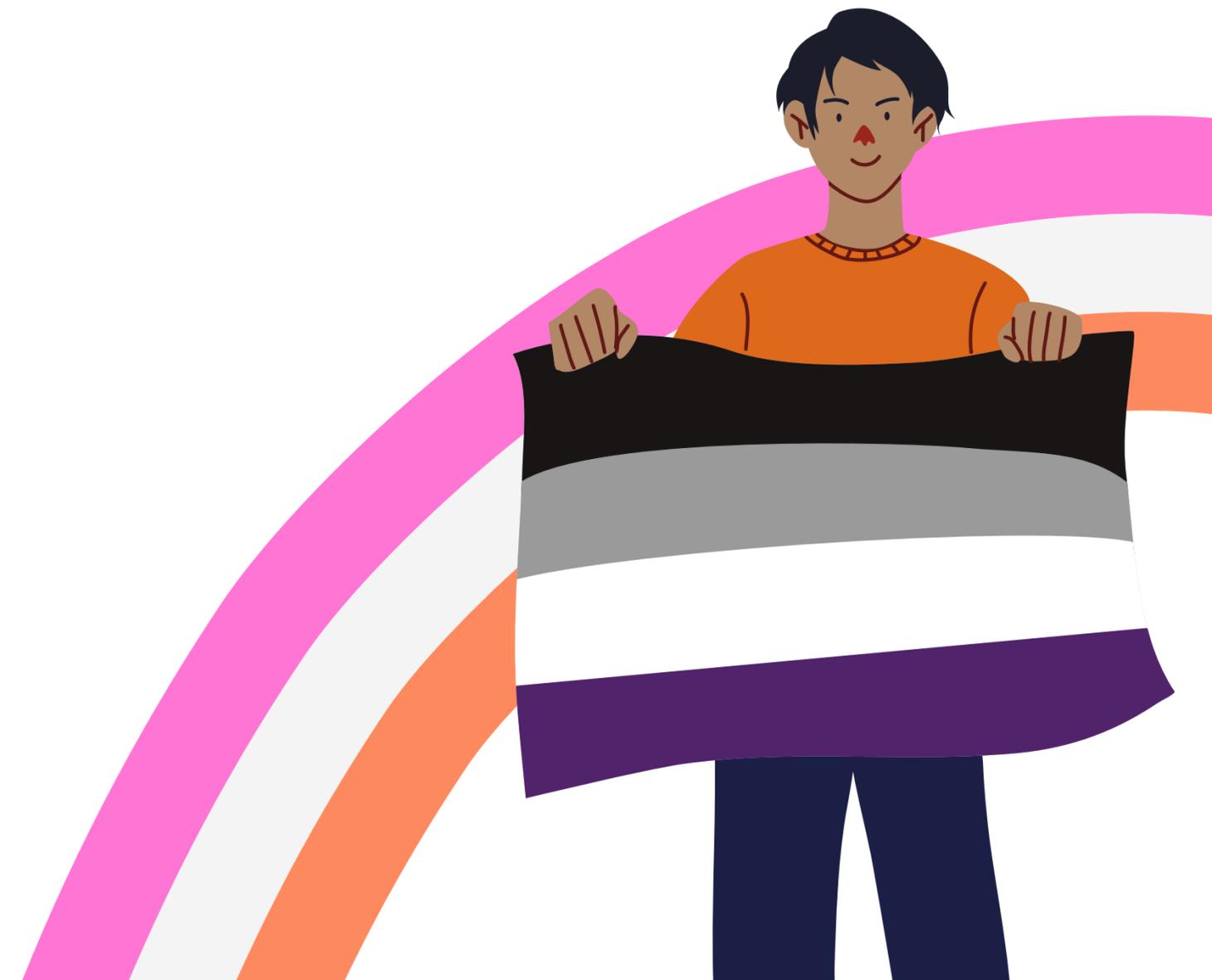
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A Helpful Resource

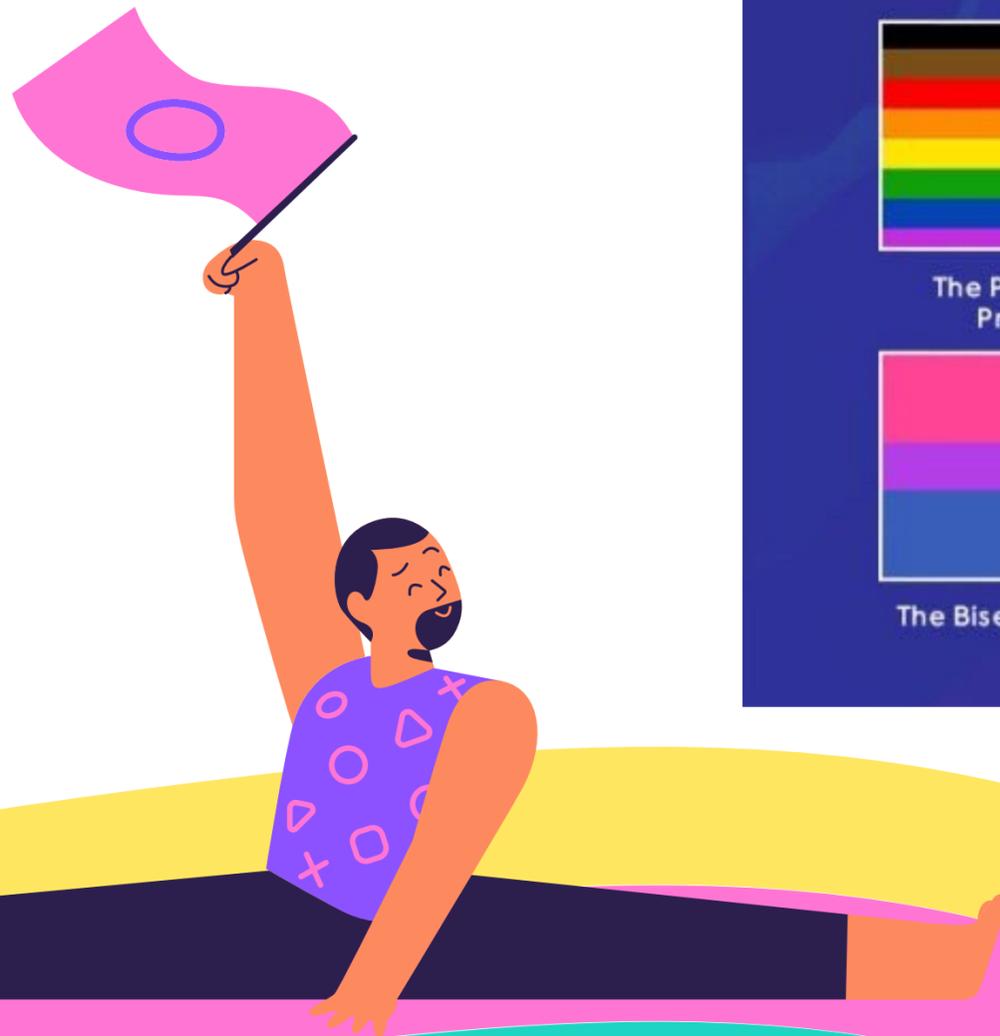
Pronouns are words that substitute for nouns. Gender pronouns are used in place of a person's name. This list is not exhaustive but is a good place to start!

Binary and Gender Neutral Pronouns

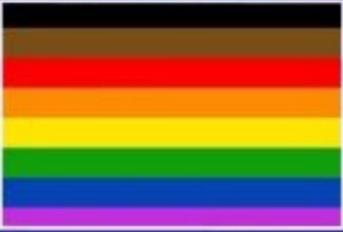
	Nominative (Subject)	Objective (Object)	Possessive Adjective	Possessive Pronoun	Reflexive
She	She	Her	Her	Hers	Herself
He	He	Him	His	His	Himself
They	They	Them	Their	Theirs	Themselves
Ze	Ze	Hir	Hir	Hirs	Hirself
Ey	Ey	Em	Eir	Eirs	Eirself



Pride Flags



**BEYOND THE RAINBOW:
YOUR ULTIMATE GUIDE TO
PRIDE FLAGS**



The Philadelphia Pride Flag



The Transgender Flag



The Nonbinary Pride Flag



The Intersex Flag



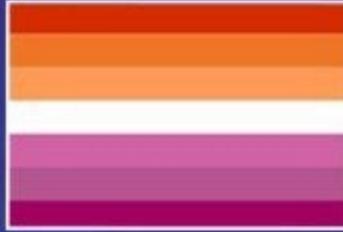
The Flag for the Asexual Community



The Bisexual Pride Flag



The Pansexual Flag



The Flag for the Lesbian Community



The Gay Men Pride Flag



The Modern Pride Flag



The Pride Flag That Started It All



The 6-Color Pride Flag



How to keep the conversation going with your kids

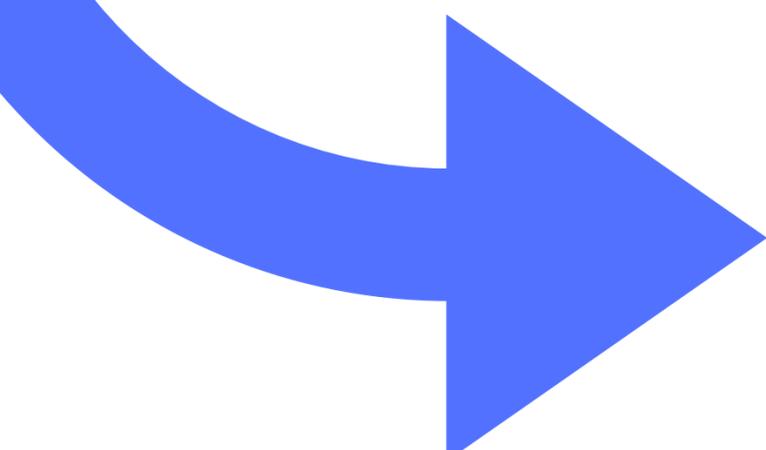
- trans community
- respecting self determination
and agency
- you are your kids strongest
advocate and ally



What does Transitioning Mean?

- Social
- Medical
- Legal





Let's Debunk some Trans Myths

- **medicaly transitioning**
 - **where are our daughters now? trans-masculinity**
 - **sexuality and gender**
 - **trans people and bathrooms**
 - **all trans people medically transition**
 - **trans people are mentally ill**
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**What does being trans in
the world mean today?**

Fear and Authenticity

Thanks for coming!
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