

LGBTQIA+ UPDATE

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(1) Background: Gender Pronouns

Terms to Know

■ Gender Expression

How a person represents or expresses gender identity to others, often through behavior, clothing, hairstyles, voice, mannerisms, or physical characteristics.

■ Gender Identity

One's internal sense of gender, which may be different from one's assigned sex, and which is consistently and uniformly asserted, or for which there is other evidence that the gender identity is sincerely held as part of the person's core identity

Terms to Know

■ Gender Nonconforming

A term for individuals whose gender expression is different from societal expectations related to gender.

■ Cisgender

or simply cis, is an adjective that describes a person whose gender identity aligns with the sex they were assigned at birth.

Terms to Know

■ Gender Stereotypes

Stereotypical notions of masculinity and femininity, including expectations of how boys or girls represent or communicate their gender to others, such as through their behavior, clothing, hairstyles, activities, voice, mannerisms, or physical characteristics.

■ Nonbinary

A term that can be used by people who do not describe themselves or their genders as fitting into the categories of man or woman. A range of terms are used to refer to these experiences; nonbinary and genderqueer are among the terms that are sometimes used.

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