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These Are Professional Best Practices

with suggestions on language and actions to use and not to use in order to...

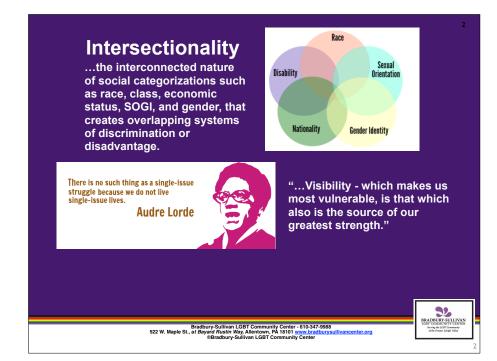
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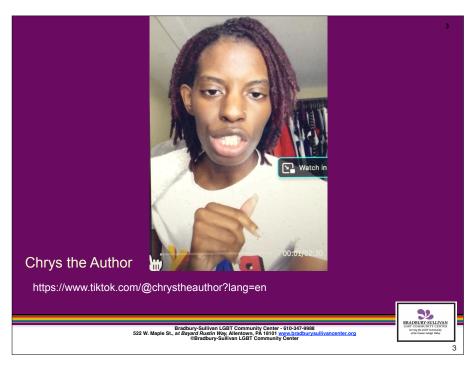
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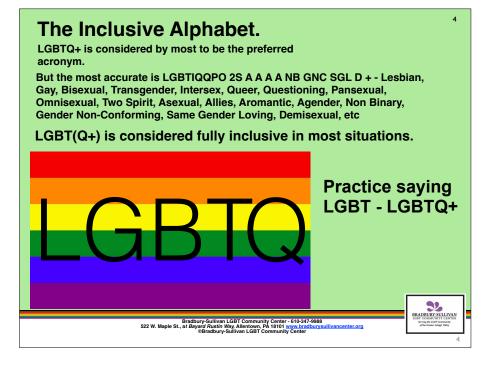
(based on years of PROFESSIONAL ▽ experience - training 300+ orgs, 17k people) ▽ Say this, don't say this...



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Gender Identity: Nonbinary (NB)

Those not identifying exclusively as a man or a woman - often a mix or no gender

1 in 4 LGBT Youth in GenZ Identify as Non Binary



Non Binary people may or may not change their appearance or body to affirm their gender identity.

*Kosciw, J. G., Clark, C. M., Truong, N. L., & Zongrone, A. D. (2020). T 2019 National School Climate Survey: The experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth in our nation's schools. New York GLSEN.



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Gender Identity:

Gender Neutral (They / Theirs) pronouns



Singular pronoun, accepted by the Chicago Style Manuel

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1 in 4 LGBT Youth in GenZ Identify as Non-Binary, 98% use They

Both GLSEN and BSC studies have shown that 85% of GenZ Transgender and NB youth were assigned female at birth. The BSC Study shows that of people over 55 identifying as other than cisgender, 75% were assigned male at birth.

they & a gender pronoun.

Some people will use both

Some people may use he or she, but still identify as Non-Binary

Ask politely — use that pronoun It's fine to use these words in a respectful way.

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Think of "They" as a plural pronoun that can also be used as a singular pronoun... What's another pronoun that is both singular and plural?

"You" in english, as both a singular and plural pronoun

Do you have a pen and an evaluation form? Do you have pens and evaluation forms?

Even when "you" is singular you say - "you are"

What's the old-time singular of "you"????

Romeo, Romeo wherefore art ____?
Language Changes!

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Definitions and Appropriate Terms:
Transgender....

Cisgender: What does this mean?

A person comfortable with the gender they were assigned at birth. "Cisgender" indicates a person who is **not Transgender**.

Gender Dysphoria -

Conflict and distress felt when someone's assigned gender and physical attributes do not match the gender they know themselves to be. May be exacerbated by lack of societal support, and/or awareness of physical incongruities.

Insurance may require a diagnosis.

Some feel it inappropriately implies being Trans is an illness, it is not an illness or disorder, it is simply a condition related to sexual health (World Health Organization).

Some Trans people do not experience Gender Dysphoria.



Definitions and Appropriate Terms:

Gender Transition: Affirming or changing one's gender expression from one's birth assigned gender to one's gender identity.

May include but does not have to include:

Social Transition: May include changing one's gender expression (i.e. clothing, hair), coming out to family/friends/coworkers, name and pronoun changes.

Legal Affirmation: legally changing name, changing documents.

er, new guidelines say, AP NEWS, Retrieved December 7, 2022, from http://press.com/press/2022.pdf treatment-guidelines-9dbe54f670a3a0f5f2831c2bf14f9bbb

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Remember that Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT, T)...

May often be an essential part of a Transgender or Nonbinary person's transition.

It is a continuing prescription therapy that may be pills or shots, that a Trans or NB person often takes for the rest of their lives.

Without HRT, a Trans/NB person will experience body changes and possibly dysphoria.

Blocking a doctor's help could mean a person may seek hormones from unsafe sources.

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Medical Transition: May include hormone replacement therapy, hormone suppressants (puberty aged children), progesterone. Many Trans/NB people do not choose to have HRT, but many do.

Surgical Affirmation: Genital surgeries, facial reconstruction, breast implants or removal, Adam's apple minimization, vocal cord surgery. Genital surgery is never best practices for anyone under 17 - 18 (usually delayed).

Remember that genital surgery doesn't change gender - it changes genitalia. Also, while people may choose to have affirming surgery, folks don't have to choose to do anything to be Transgender or Non-Binary.

Some Nonbinary & some binary Transgender folks may not physically transition.

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Question:

Based on state and federal law. in most states is it legal to fire someone for being LGBT?

The SCOTUS decision in June 2020 found that SOGI employment discrimination is discrimination

Yes or No? based on sex). Bostock!

In January 2021, Pres Biden's Executive orders interpret Bostock to mean LGBTQ people are also protected in the areas of healthcare, housing, public accommodation, credit lending, & education.

The Equality Act would extend all federal civil rights laws to LGBTQ people through legislation rather than relying on the courts.



Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission SOGI Discrimination Guidance





PHRC - where sex is a class protected from discrimination, it includes sexual orientation, transgender identity, gender transition, gender identity and gender expression. 2022 PA Government Guidance has strongly affirmed that SOGI discrimination is sex discrimination.

Applicable to schools, employers, all public accommodations, education, and housing

Sexual harassment - regardless if it is opposite-sex or same-sex - is always illegal

"PA Human Relations Commission Details." Pennsylvania Pressroom. Accessed March 26, 2019

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Employers <u>Can</u> require employees to learn more about LGBTQ people in order to avoid barriers to communication.

Employers Can require employees to treat LGBT people (students, coworkers, clients) in a respectful way. (Including using appropriate pronouns and chosen name.)

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Further: The Federal Courts Have Found...

"Employers and businesses do not get a free pass to discriminate simply by asserting a religious objection to the existence of Gay of Transgender people." (Neither do employees)



What you can't do:

You cannot require your employees to change their religious beliefs, or even state that they respect a minority group that their religion has told them not to.



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As of May 20th, 2014
Pennsylvania and the federal government fully recognized all same-gender marriages. This major civil rights change in PA, affected every LGBT person, profoundly.
As of June 26th, 2015, all U.S. States Affirmed

Marriage Equality.

Obergefell v. Hodges (2015)



Legal Marriage Grants Over 1138 Federal Rights, 600 PA State Rights and it is also understood by society.

Marriage equality has been reaffirmed into federal law in 2022.

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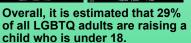












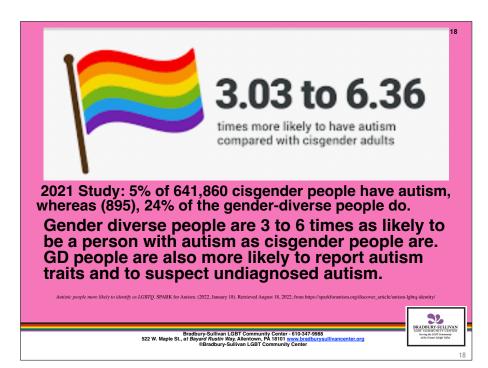


If you ask a parent to prove they are a legal guardian, you must be asking every parent to do that....

LGBT Demographic Data, 2019; Press Release 2019; Gates, Marriage and Family 2019



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What do we do about this?

Why can't we just treat everyone the same?

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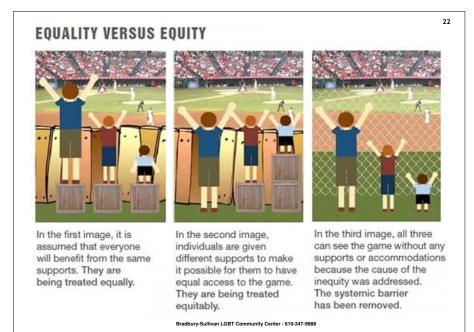
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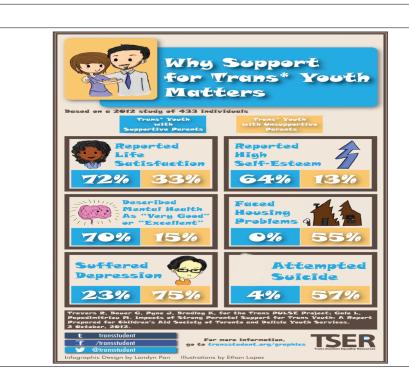
Disparity is not corrected by treating a disenfranchised group exactly the same as the majority.

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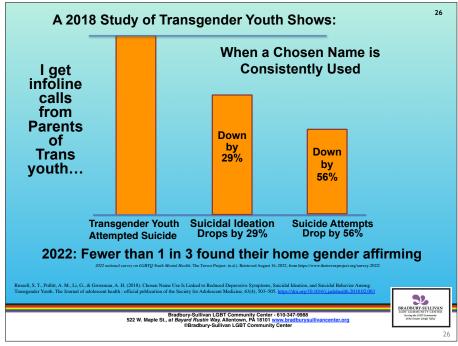
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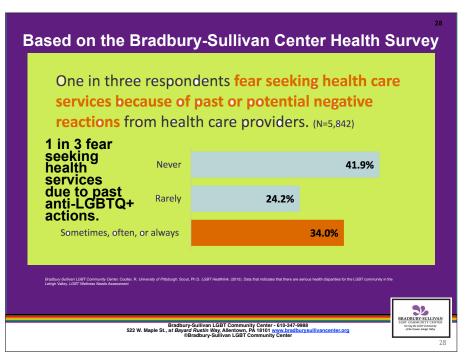


60% Transgender (or NB) Youth in unsupportive families **Attempted** 40% **Suicide Rate** 56% 56% but... ...with a supportive 20% family this drops to 4% Of Trans/NB youth in unsupportive With supportive families will attempt suicide family (equal to general youth population). 45% of all LGBTQ youth seriously considered suicide Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center - 610-347-998: 522 W. Maple St., at *Bayard Rustin Way*, Allentown, PA 18101 www.bradbury @Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center

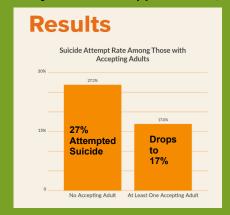








LGBTQ youth are less likely to attempt suicide when there is any adult who supports them, rather than no one.



For all LGBTQ+ Youth

Clear data shows <u>YOU</u> can be the one who makes a difference!

"Research Brief: Accepting Adults Reduce Suicide Attempts Among LGBTQ Youth." The Trevor Project, June 27, 2019. https://www.thetrevorproject.org/ 2019/06/27/research-brief-acceptingadults-reduce-suicide-attempts-among-

Tell your children you will support them & their LGBTQ friends

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Definitions, Appropriate Terms - Review:

Transsexual & Transvestite are old-fashioned (barrier) words, use the word **Transgender**. (Transgender People)

A person is not "transgendered" Barrier Word

Don't say Transgenders - or a Transgender, or a Gay or a Bisexual

Don't use the word "tranny". Barrier Word

Barrier Word

Say Gender **Affirming** Surgery rather than Gender or Sex Reassignment Surgery.

Barrier Words

Do not say a Trans or Nonbinary person was born male or born female and then changed.

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When Speaking With a Transgender Person

- * Use the person's chosen name and appropriate pronoun. If you aren't sure what pronoun to use, ask politely and remember it. Stating your own pronouns helps. When unsure, us "they". FORMS SHOULD HAVE SPACE FOR PRONOUNS.
- * Remember that some people are Nonbinary and use They/Theirs as their singular pronouns.
- * Keep good records, so people don't have to come out in every encounter. Coming out can be dangerous. Records should have Legal & Chosen name.
- Do not say a Trans or Nonbinary person was born male or born female and then changed.
- * Don't talk about what a Trans person "used to be".
- * Avoid "dead naming". Do not misgender. If you misgender apologize.







(More) When Speaking With a Transgender Person

- * Don't talk about a Transgender person based on how well they "pass".
- * Don't force people to out themselves in a group.
- Don't tell your Trans or Nonbinary children that you are mourning the loss of their birth assigned gender.
- * Skip the word preference. Sexual Orientation not Sexual Preference; Say appropriate pronouns - not preferred pronouns; Say chosen name or just name - not preferred name.
- * Use the current pronoun when speaking about a Transperson's or Nonbinary person's past.
- Don't ask about their genitals, and they won't ask about yours.







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Speaking With or About LGBT People

- * Don't say, "That's so gay!", don't use terms for the LGBT community in a demeaning way. Call out those who do!
- * Don't tolerate or minimize Hate Language (including jokes) or Hate Crime, have a policy against hate language. It is not the same as rudeness or vandalism.
- * Don't assume all Bisexual people are in same-gender relationships.
- * Don't lead with religion.
- * Don't insist someone shouldn't be offended when you offend them. You have 2 choices when someone has been offended by something you say...(misunderstanding?)
- * Listen ...rather than justifying your actions.

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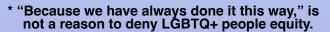
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* Don't say, "I love the sinner, but hate the sin," to someone about their family.

* Don't say, "Of course it's not a choice, who would choose to be LGBT?" It's not a choice but, so what if it was?



* Don't expect an LGBTQ+ person to overlook your support of people, orgs, or businesses that work against LGBTQ+ civil rights. (lunch)









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Anyone may use a Gender Neutral Restroom or Locker Room: They may make a Trans person more comfortable.

However do not force a Transgender person to use gender neutral facilities or those not appropriate for their gender identity, just as you would not force any other minority members to use segregated restrooms or locker rooms. It's the law.

People who are uncomfortable with minorities can use Gender Neutral Restrooms or Locker Rooms







All Gender Restroom

merely humiliate Trans people and put gender variant people at risk.

Laws allowing people to use rest

Prohibitive Bathroom Laws only discriminate against the

LGBTQ population

Prohibitive bathroom laws

They do not "protect" anyone.

 Laws allowing people to use restrooms appropriate for their gender identity do not allow or encourage cisgender men to assault women in restrooms, and they have never done so. (SOGI Inclusive laws have been around for nearly 50 years. No one has been harmed by them.)



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Remember — Even if a Transgender person themselves does not fully understand that they do not have to change their name, or their legal papers, or have operations to be Transgender...

...the law still recognizes that harassment or denial of fair treatment based on the gender identity... is still discrimination and is illegal.

Trans people cannot be barred from housing or shelter or denied services unless it is the expressed mission of the organization and that ora is not getting government money.







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HIV is a weak virus... **Pre-Exposure and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis**

PrEP: PrEP is an HIV prevention strategy that currently involves taking a once-daily pill to reduce the chance of acquiring HIV. Right now, Truvada is the only FDA approved pill for PrEP. PrEP does not protect against other STIs or pregnancy.

More than 20% of our Gay Cis Male Respondents take PrEP (21.1%).

PEP: PEP is an HIV prevention strategy that currently involves taking HIV medication immediately (28 pills) after a single high-risk event, such as unprotected receptive anal sex with a person whose HIV status one does not know. PEP does not protect against other STIs.



PrEP

must take daily

AND this just in...

From: Safer Sex For Trans Bodies developed by Whitman-Walker Health and Human Rights Campaign Foundation The content of this guide was developed by Bianca Palismo of Intimate Health Consulting



Dec 21, 2021 — FDA Approves:

Apretude, a shot to be given to patients every two months. It's the 1st long-acting injectable medication (rather than a daily pill) for use as pre-exposure prevention against HIV.



Free Resources: Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center 41 Project SILK - for LGBTQA Youth - 14 to 21 years old

Supportive Services (see www.bradburysullivancenter.org)

Transfeminine Group Transmasculine Group A Space for Aces Lehigh Valley Lesbians Bi and Pan support group Breathe Spirituality Flu Shots

The Bereavement Group Parents of Trans Kids Shadez Support Group Prism: LGBTQ+ Neurodivergent

FREE LEGAL CLINIC HIV and Hep C testing Community Group COVID Testing

Virtual Arts & Culture Programs: Memoir Reading Group; Poetry Reading Group; Art History from a Queer Perspective; Art Galleries, Author Readings LGBTQ Library with over 2500 Books LGBT Community Archives — on line



Constantly updated COVID-19 infopage for the Pennsylvania LGBTQ community at: www.bradburvsullivancenter.org/coronavirus

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