

Unpacking the Alphabet



Sex Assigned at Birth

The designation of "female", "intersex" or "male" on an infant's birth certificate. Typically determined by visible genitalia, which may or may not correspond with chromosomes, hormones, and/or sexual and reproductive anatomy.



Gender Identity

A person's strong internal sense or knowledge of their own gender, regardless of the sex they were assigned at birth.

Transgender (sex assigned at birth does not match gender identity), cisgender (sex assigned at birth matches gender identity), gender non-binary, man, gender fluid, gender queer, gender non-conforming, bi-gender, woman, gender questioning, etc.



Gender Expression

Relates to how a person presents their gender to self and others through clothing, hairstyle, mannerisms, etc.

left of femme, femme, butch, masculine presenting, queer, stud, gender normative, gender fluid, gender neutral, gender non-binary, etc.



Sexual Orientation/ Attractionality

A person's experience of emotional, romantic and/or sexual attraction to others.

pansexual, asexual, lesbian, straight, gay, bi-sexual, queer, questioning, demi-sexual, demi-romantic, aromantic, skoliosexual, etc.

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