Everyone Fits Under

The Gender Umbrella

Transgender refers to anyone who transgresses the gender role assigned to a member of his or her birth sex. A gender role consists of the attitudes, behaviors, appearances, and other characteristics culturally associated with one birth sex or another.

- **Man/Woman**
  - A person whose gender identity and expression are congruent with his or her birth sex, as defined by culture and society

- **"Drag"/ Cross-dresser**
  - A man or women who, on occasion, dresses as a member of a different sex for the purpose of political/social activism, humor or entertainment

- **Transvestite**
  - A person who dresses in clothing generally regarded as appropriate for another gender, in well-defined and restricted circumstances. Most often, transvestites are heterosexual men who are married with children

- **Adrogyne**
  - An individual who may be comfortable in either male or female gender roles, and who is not committed to one or the other. Is often displayed through “gender expression”.

- **Transgenderist Transgender Person**
  - One who’s self-perception incorporates a range of human characteristics (including those labeled as both masculine and feminine) to achieve a “wholeness” that cannot be attained within the confines of one gender

- **Non-Operative Transsexual or Gender Queer**
  - A person who lives fully as a member of a sex that is presumed to be incongruent with his or her birth genitalia, who does not opt to take hormones and/or undergo surgery

- **Pre/Post Operative Transsexual**
  - A person who lives fully as a member of a sex that is presumed to be incongruent with his or her birth genitalia, who opts to take hormones and/or undergo surgery as part of the transition, or a combination of hormones/surgery

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