

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 woman 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

Androgyne

- 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 whose 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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