#### Working with

# LGBTQ+ People & Communities

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## cultural humility

- A willingness to suspend what you know, or what you think you know, about a person/a group of people based on generalizations about their culture
- Lifelong commitment to learning & critical self-reflection
- Recognizing & challenge power imbalances for respectful partnerships
- Institutional accountability





If you want to work towards queer inclusion, but you are not working for racial justice, then you are not working towards queer inclusion.

#### **Principles of Racial Justice from Race Forward:**

- Fix systems; not people
- Create racially equitable solutions that benefit all
- Ensure that solutions are grounded in and emerge from the experience of communities of color, by engaging leaders of color who are accountable to those communities





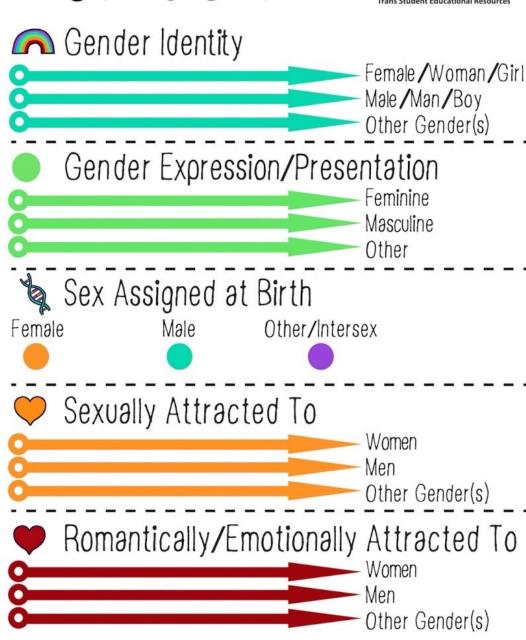
## The Gender Unicorn



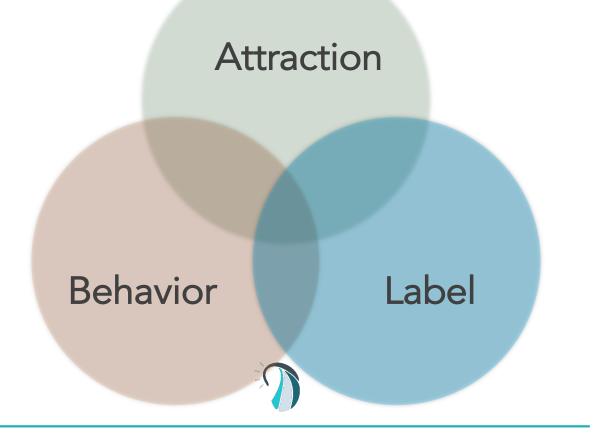


To learn more, go to: www.transstudent.org/gender

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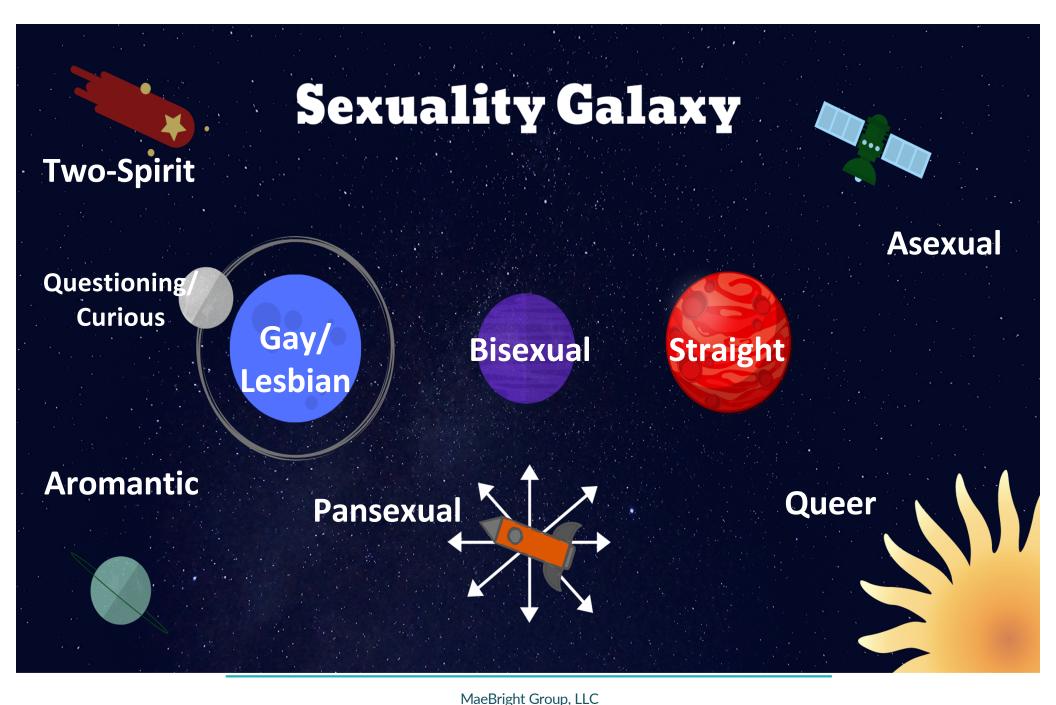


## Sexual Orientation



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#### Sex Assigned at Birth







## Assigned Sex at Birth

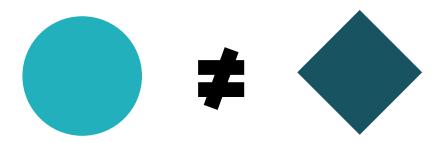
#### What makes up our biological sex?

- Chromosomes
- Hormones
- Primary Sex Characteristics
- Secondary Sex Characteristics





# Gender Identity is different than Biological Sex





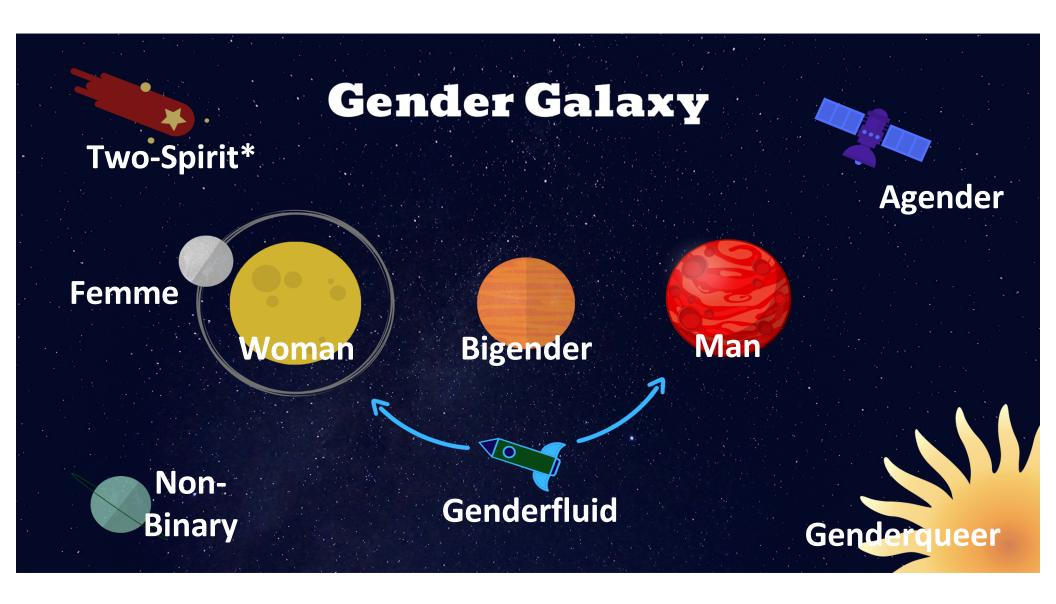


## Gender Identity













Transgender describes someone who does *not* identify with the sex/gender assigned to them at birth.

Cisgender describes someone who does identify with the sex/gender assigned to them at birth (ie, not trans)





#### Social Transition

affirming name + pronouns
clothing + finding support +
self-identification

#### **Medical Transition**

hormone replacement therapy (HRT)
affirming surgeries + hormone
suppressing medication





# Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender

Transgender is not a Sexual Orientation



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## Gender Expression







## What do you need to know?

VS.

What do you want to know?

VS.

What do others need to know?





## Language

- Words to stay away from
  - Homosexual
  - Lifestyle
  - It
  - Sexual preference
  - That's so gay/No homo
  - Transgendered or transgenders
  - Pre-op or post-op
  - Tranny





## Language pt 2







Oh you're married? What does your husband do?





## Hurtful Language

Stop it. Name it. Claim it.





## What respect looks like

Talk about it

Confidentiality

*Platinum* rule

Watch your assumptions

Don't minimize

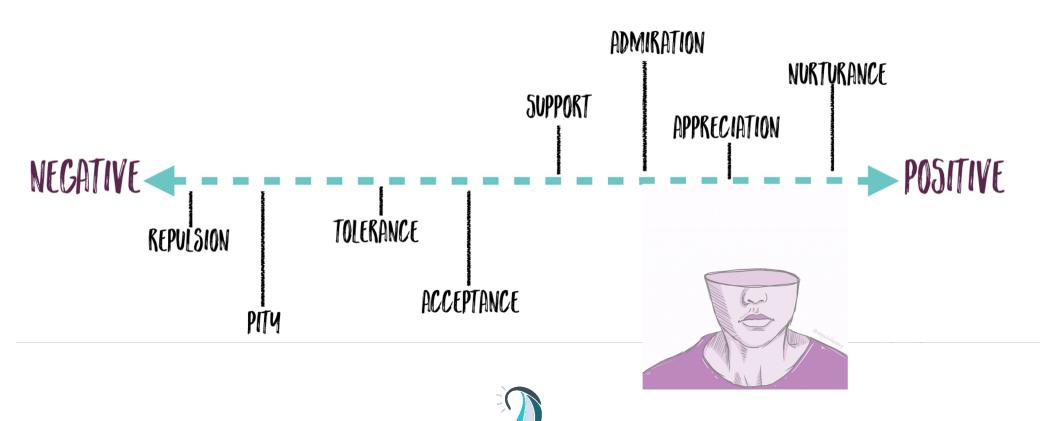
Look for supports

Notice resiliency

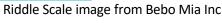




### Riddle Scale









## Thank you!

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