

The **GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT** offers:

- **INDIVIDUAL PEER COUNSELING**

a chance for transgender and transexual people to talk with people like themselves who have worked through similar problems and life transitions.

- **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL** to medical and social services providers.

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- **HIV/AIDS PREVENTION and INTERVENTION SERVICES.**

- **SUPPORT GROUPS**

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- The **ANNUAL TRANSGENDER AND TRANSEXUAL HEALTH EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE.**

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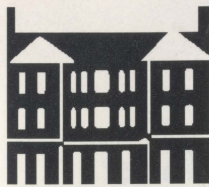
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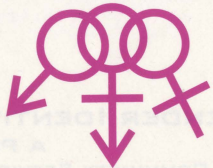
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What Does Transgender Mean?

Transgender is an umbrella term encompassing the diversity of gender expression including drag queens and kings, bigenders, crossdressers, transgenderists and transsexuals.

What is Transsexuality?

Transsexuals are people who find their gender identity - the sense of themselves as male or female - in conflict with their anatomical sex. Some transsexuals may live part time in their self-defined gender. Many desire to live fully in their self-identified gender. Some undergo hormone therapy and sex reassignment surgery.



What Are Issues Transgender People Face?

Transgender and transexual people have received a great deal of publicity recently but less real understanding. No matter how many talk shows or hit movies feature transgender people, our society still looks at the transgender and transexual experience as "abnormal" or sometimes "sick" and "perverted".

For many transgender people this results in secrecy, shame, depression and fear. This leads to increased isolation. It can also lead to compulsive behavior, exploitation, rage, guilt, addiction and even suicide. Much of these difficulties result from the mistaken belief that transgender and transexual experiences and identities are a sickness we can somehow "cure".

HIV and AIDS prevention & intervention are also issues for transgender and transexual people. Often HIV/AIDS educational materials are not sensitive or relevant to transgender people. This can increase risk for HIV.

In recent years, more people have recognized that transgender and transexual people need to accept themselves and adapt their lives to their inner feelings. In order to better accomplish this, transgender people have created community support networks and organiza-

tions to end isolation, to heal from internalized shame, to decrease risk for HIV/AIDS and substance abuse, and to enable working together to combat prejudice and discrimination.

How The Gender Identity Project Can Help...



In the tradition of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center's commitment to fostering empowerment for lesbians and gay men, the Center's Gender Identity Project offers transgender and transexual people an opportunity to discover who they are in an atmosphere of self-acceptance and to build community.

The Gender Identity Project's community-based approach works to help transgender people to become freer to celebrate their identities and experiences.

