



**“Accepting & Embracing Our Transgendered Youth!”**

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**BASIC CONCEPTS of HUMAN SEXUALITY**

<p><b><u>SEX!</u></b></p> <p>...Refers to BIOLOGICAL features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sex-typed Chromosomes</li> <li>• External Genitalia</li> <li>• Reproductive System             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hormones</li> <li>• Brain Structure</li> </ul> </li> <li>• General Anatomical Features</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>GENDER!</u></b></p> <p>...Refers to how one 'FEELS':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Embracing Masculinity and/or Femininity...</li> <li>• Acceptance of Sex Stereotypes associated with the gender one embraces...</li> <li>• Fulfilling expected gender roles associated with the gender one embraces...</li> </ul>
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**“Sexual Orientation”**  
*...to whom or what a person is attracted to...*

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**NORMAL DEVELOPMENT of MALES & FEMALES**

<p><b>FEMALES!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Primary Sex Traits</b> → 'sex organs'           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) XX Sex-typed</li> <li>b) Female Reproductive System</li> <li>c) Vagina / Clitoris</li> <li>d) Female Brain</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Secondary Sex Traits</b> → 'at puberty'           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e) Menstruation</li> <li>f) Breast Development</li> <li>g) Estrogen Surge</li> <li>h) Body Hair</li> <li>i) Increase Adipose Tissue</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>MALES!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Primary Sex Traits</b> → 'sex organs'           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) XY Sex-typed</li> <li>b) Male Reproductive System</li> <li>c) Penis / Testes</li> <li>d) Male Brain</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Secondary Sex Traits</b> → 'at puberty'           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e) Deepening of Voice</li> <li>f) Testosterone Surge</li> <li>g) Facial &amp; Body Hair</li> <li>h) Increase Muscle Tissue</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**NORMAL DEVELOPMENT of MALES & FEMALES**

**“CIS-GENDER”**

...those individuals that the *medical community and society* label as 'normally developed' males and females....

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**BIOLOGICAL 'ANOMALIES'**

<p><b>PUBLIC ANOMALIES!</b></p> <p>An 'overt' deviation from the norm!</p> <p><b>“We BELIEVE what we SEE!”</b></p> <p><small><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9E935yU8t-22s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9E935yU8t-22s</a> [Siamese Twins]</small></p>	<p><b>PRIVATE ANOMALIES!</b></p> <p>A 'covert' deviation from the norm!</p> <p><b>“We DOUBT what we CANNOT SEE!”</b></p> <p><small><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2F7642wv1Rk-23s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2F7642wv1Rk-23s</a> [Child Genius]</small></p>
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**'ANOMALIES' in HUMAN SEXUALITY**

**INTERSEX!**

- A term referring to infants born with 'ambiguous' genitalia or a variation of both sexes...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6t5d6C3YUQ>  
[ABC: Intersexed Children]

**TRANSGENDER!**

- A term referring to a person 'identifying' opposite his/her sex [i.e., external genitalia]...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8\\_uUj\\_EK2w8t8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_uUj_EK2w8t8s)  
[Laur Jennings with Barbara Walters]

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XXY – *Klinefelters Syndrome*  
 XO – *Turners Syndrome*  
 XY – *Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome*



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**'ANOMALIES' in HUMAN SEXUALITY**

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**'ANOMALIES' in HUMAN SEXUALITY**

- **Gender Identity Disorder [aka: Gender Dysphoria] per DSM-IV-TR**
  1. A strong and persistent cross-gender identification...
  2. Repeated stated desire to be, or insistence that he or she is, the other sex...
  3. Intense desire to be addressed by the opposite sex pronoun...
  4. Persistent preferences for cross-sex roles in make-believe play...
  5. Intense desire to participate in the stereotypical games and pastimes of the other sex...
  6. By adolescence, the disturbance is manifested by symptoms such as preoccupation with getting rid of primary and secondary sex traits through hormone therapy, breast augmentation, facial surgery, and/or sex reassignment surgery....

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFoe\\_0\\_gThw&t=149s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFoe_0_gThw&t=149s) [Middlesexes]

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**PARENTING our TRANSGENDERED YOUTH!**

- **Strategy #1** → *“Do NOT be afraid when/if your child begins to act differently” than what YOU expect him/her to act...*
  - **STOP / WATCH / LISTEN**
  - **BEGIN ASKING QUESTIONS** around 5 Years of Age
  - **UTILIZE Unanimated KID PROGRAMS** to determine your child’s understanding of MALE / FEMALE
    - **DO NOT IMPOSE** a GENDER on Your CHILD...
  - **BE PROACTIVE** in YOUR CHILD’S DEVELOPMENT

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**PARENTING our TRANSGENDERED YOUTH!**

- **Strategy #2** → *“Educate yourself about Intersexuality and Transgendering...DO NOT be AFRAID of or for your CHILD!”*
  - YOUR CHILD is NOT CONFUSED about His/Her GENDER...YOU ARE!
    - Seek out PROFESSIONAL Assistance...
    - DO YOUR RESEARCH...
  - REMEMBER: *the sooner parents ACCEPT their child’s circumstances, the easier the process will be for EVERYONE!*

<https://www.facebook.com/TheSceneVideo/videos/1445999785467370/> [Matthew]

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**PARENTING our TRANSGENDERED YOUTH!**

- **Strategy #3** → *“Address YOUR child by the desired PRONOUN and chosen NAME!”*
  - ONE of the FIRST THINGS a Trans-CHILD will insist on is the use of the PROPER PRONOUN...
    - ‘PRONOUNS’ are an aspect of HIS/HER IDENTITY...
  - The use of PROPER PRONOUNS acknowledges they are ACCEPTED...

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**PARENTING our TRANSGENDERED YOUTH!**

- **Strategy #4** → *“Join forces with your child’s school TEACHERS!”*
  - TRANS-Children tend to recognize their condition prior to beginning ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
  - REQUEST a MEETING with your CHILD’S TEACHER[s], COACHES, or ADMINISTRATION...
  - School Officials are your FIRST-LINE of DEFENSE against the CRUELTY that might be experienced at SCHOOL...
  - If appropriate, REQUEST a CLASSROOM PRESENTATION on TRANSGENDERING to educate the CLASSMATES!

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**PARENTING our TRANSGENDERED YOUTH!**

- **Strategy #5** → *Reach out and establish a community of TRANS-Families!*
  - DO NOT hide in the privacy and safety of your HOME!
  - Become an active MEMBER of the HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN...
  - Network with organizations such as GSA, GLAAD, and the local LGBTQ Community...
  - STRENGTH against PREJUDICE and DISCRIMINATION comes in NUMBERS...so, GET INVOLVED!

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**“Biology LOVES diversity...Society HATES it”**

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*“Final Thought”*

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