

# Beyond Pink and Blue

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Answer is a national organization dedicated to providing and promoting comprehensive sexuality education to teens and the adults who teach them.

# Two Primary Programs:

- 1) Sex, Etc.  
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- 2) Sexuality Education  
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## Sex, Etc. Talks Teen Pregnancy With a Teen Mom



By Meg Gibbon, 19, Contributor  
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Are you a teen living with a disability? Your sexual health matters! If you're one of the first 50 people to take this survey you'll get a \$20 Amazon.com gift card.

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**Forums Open 7 Days a Week**

Got a question about **sexuality**? You're not the only one. Go to the Forums and join the conversation!

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**Q:** What do parents say about **sex ed**?

**A:** National surveys show that most parents want schools to teach **sexuality education** to their children. In most communities, polls show that nine out of 10 parents want their children to have good **sexuality education**.

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I highly suggest that you think about fundraising and participating in AIDS Walk New York next year. It was an unforgettable and enlightening experience.

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Texting, chatting and social networking has its ups and downs.

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Have you ever hooked up with someone you didn't like?

- A More than once.
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- D Why would I do that?

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### JOIN OUR NETWORK



# GROUP ASSUMPTIONS

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1. Everyone here is invested in working with young people more effectively.



# Group Assumptions

2. We will not always agree,  
and that's okay!



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3. Everyone here is equal and welcome.





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4. Any question/comment is relevant.



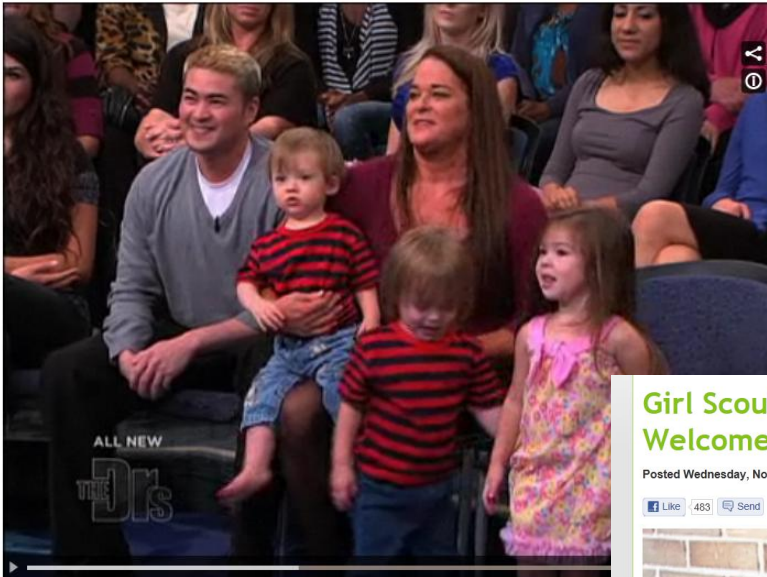
# Group Assumptions

5. This will be an interactive learning environment.



# Transgender Issues in the News

## Pregnant Man Thomas Beatie Introduces Three Children, Considers Hysterectomy



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DANCING WITH THE STARS

## Chaz Bono's *Dancing with the Stars* Portrait Revealed

Tuesday September 06, 2011 09:40 AM EDT



He's already one of the most talked-about contestants on season 13 of *Dancing with the Stars*. And with the competition a little less than two weeks away, Chaz Bono's official *DWTS* portrait has been released.

In the photo, a smiling Bono, 42, is suited up in black pants, black

## Girl Scouts of Colorado Officially Welcomes Transgender Girls

Posted Wednesday, November 2, 2011 by Shay O'Reilly

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SOURCE: 9 News

Montoya, a transgender girl who has expressed a strong female identification since age 2, was initially denied admission to the Girl Scouts.

When Bobby Montoya expressed her interest in joining a Denver Girl Scouts troop last week, the troop leader told her mother that the 7-year-old would not be allowed to join because she had "boy parts."

Montoya, a transgender girl who has expressed a strong female identification since age 2, was devastated. Her mother went to the media, alleging that the troop leader had also referred to Montoya as an "it."

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# Transsexual Woman Gwen Araujo Murder Story

Arden : DE : USA | Aug 27, 2010 at 5:29 AM PDT  
By [TracyJackson](#)

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The story of Gwen Araujo, a transgender teenager, who was brutally killed by four men, who tried to check her genitals, will be broadcasted today on the Lifetime Movie Network at 8 pm.

Gwen Araujo was killed in 2002 in Alameda County when she was invited to a party of four men named Magidson, Cazares, Merel and Nabors. Gwen Araujo previously had some intimate moments with two of the four men, but they did not know that she had the genitals of a male.

At the night of the party, they forcefully checked her genitals and got tempestuous after seeing her private parts. The four men then beat her violently and choked her in rage. Later, they buried her four miles away from the party venue.

Two of the men were charged with second degree murder and are serving their sentence in prison.

The murder of Gwen Araujo gathered shown in TV movie, "A Girl Like Me;

TracyJackson is based in Athens, Illi for Allvoices.  
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## Police Arrest Suspect In Murder Of NJ Transgender Woman

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Police Arrest One Suspect in Killing of Transgender Woman

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## Transgender murder, hate crime conviction a first

April 22, 2009 | By Jim Spellman CNN

A Colorado man was convicted of first-degree murder and a bias-motivated crime and sentenced to life in prison for killing a transgender teen he met on an online social networking site.

It was the first time in the nation that a state hate crime statute resulted in a conviction in a transgender person's murder, the advocacy group Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said.

Seated in the front row of the courtroom, the family of Angie Zapata broke out in tears as the verdicts against Allen Andrade were read Wednesday.

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# Biological Sex vs. Gender Identity

## **Biological Sex:**

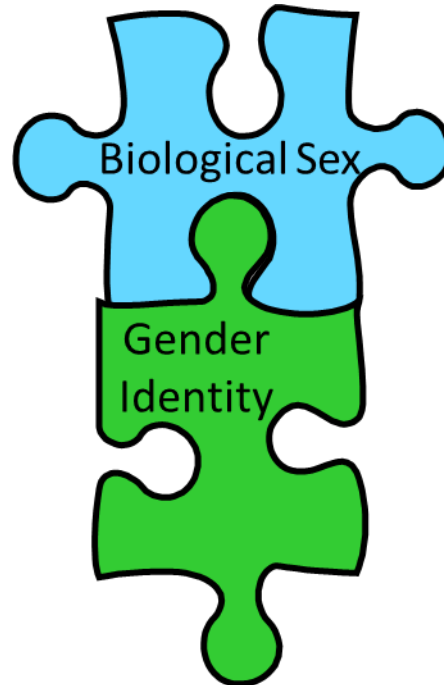
The chromosomes and anatomy someone is born with that determine if a person is boy or a girl.

## **Gender Identity:**

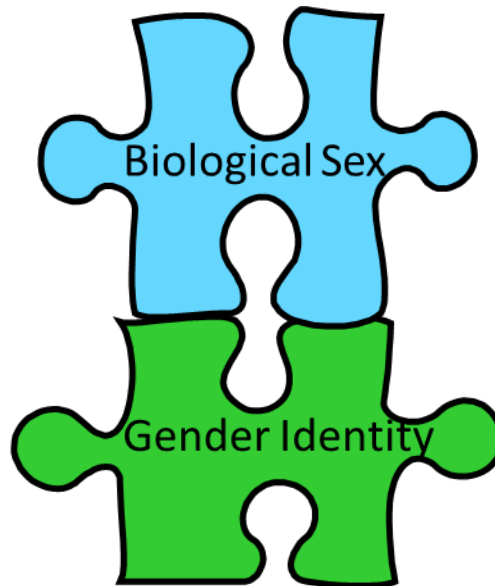
The feeling that I am male, female or somewhere in between.



**For most people, our biological sex  
and gender identity will match.**

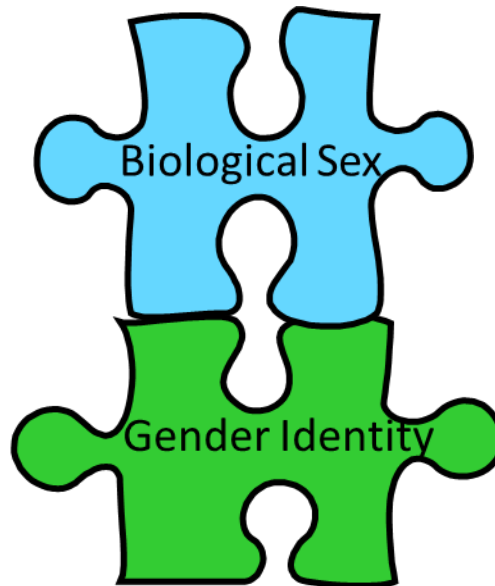


**But for some, it does not. A person who feels that their biological sex does not align with their gender identity often identifies as Transgender.**



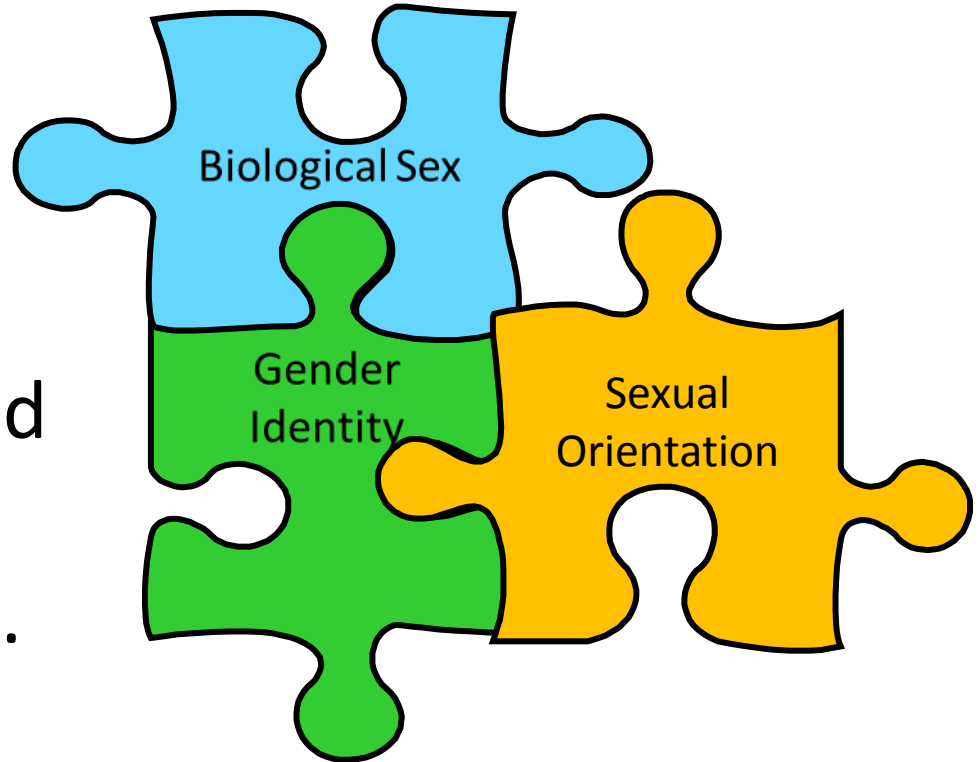
# Transgender:

A person who feels that their biological sex and gender identity do not match up.



So...

We understand  
biological sex and  
gender identity, and  
now we add in  
sexual orientation.



When is gender identity formed?



# Written by the parents of a 7 year old:

“Over this past year, Andrew constantly expressed a wish for a magic wand, and when pressed, shared that the wand would turn him into a girl. We saw him go through depressive phases where he stated he hated his name and wished to be “nobody” or “to be dead”. He would often emphatically state “I am not a boy (or a son, or a brother)” when others referred to him as such.”

“This past spring, Andrew took on a “Violet” or “Miss Violet” persona when playing school or store with his sister, and sometimes when we called his name, he would insist on being called Violet. This summer, during a family therapy session, Andrew requested to be called Violet and referred to as “she” all the time. She reports she has thought about the name change since Pre-K!!!”

## Clip from Our America with Lisa Ling

# Ways people deal with gender non-conformity

- **Forcing children to conform**, which is out of concern, again, for child's safety and well-being, but can end up doing more damage emotionally and psychologically.



# Ways people deal with gender non-conformity

- **Hiding “behaviors” at home**, which is an attempt to normalize within the safety of home, but adds message of shame
- **Putting the child in therapy to “change” their gender identity**, which is both impossible and harmful





# And the most supportive way...

**Being where the child is**, meaning, letting the child dress the way she or he wants to, using the new name she or he has selected, and basically treating her/him as the gender she or he **IDENTIFIES** as.



And the most important...

- ***Watching for teasing/bullying, as we would with any other child***



# Making schools more inclusive

- Can you bring in books and newspaper articles about people who are transgender?
- Can you make sure curriculum includes transgender issues/people/history/events, etc.?



# Making schools more inclusive

- Can you have a unisex bathroom at your agency or school? Can there be one bathroom (that is not used very much, such as in the nurse's office) which is open to anyone?
- Do forms or surveys HAVE to have people mark either male or female? Can you leave a blank line and allow people to write it in?



# Making schools more inclusive

- Does your school have a GSA? Is it open to transgender students?
- Do particular activities have to be divided by "boys" and "girls"? If so, how do you make sure to protect everyone in the room?



“We have watched over the years as she has struggled when groups in camps or at school are broken down into boys and girls and she stands in the middle all alone and terrified, wondering “can I go where I truly want to be?” She is always aware of being different, and we felt our hearts break this year when she said “I am the only one like me in our whole school” ...This is not “just a phase”, nor is it a choice that Violet is making. Her gender identity is as innate as her being right-handed.”

# Reflection



Write down at least one thing you can do in your work to be more inclusive and welcoming of transgender people.

# Resources

- **Gender and Sexuality Advocacy and Education Program:**  
[www.childrensnational.org/gendervariance](http://www.childrensnational.org/gendervariance)
- **Gender Spectrum:** [www.genderspectrum.org](http://www.genderspectrum.org)
- **TransKids Purple Rainbow Foundation:**  
[www.transkidspurplerrainbow.com](http://www.transkidspurplerrainbow.com)
- **TransYouth Family Allies:** [www.imatyfa.org](http://www.imatyfa.org)
- **Blog of a father of gender-variant son:**  
[www.acceptingdad.com](http://www.acceptingdad.com)



# Books for Children and Tweens:

- **All I Want To Be Is Me**, available at [www.alliwanttobeisme.com](http://www.alliwanttobeisme.com)
- **The Sissy Duckling**, Harvey Fierstein and Henry Cole, 2002. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, Ages 4-8
- **It's Okay to Be Different**, Todd Parr, 2001. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company. Megan Tingley Books, Young children
- **Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores**, James Howe and Amy Walrod, 2003. New York, NY: Aladdin Paperbacks, an imprint of Simon and Shuster Children's Division, Young children
- **Girls Will Be Boys Will Be Girls**, J. T. Bunnell and Irit Reinheimer, 2004. Brooklyn, NY: Soft Skull Press, Young children

“We know our decision to allow Violet to live as Violet means we may lose some friends and family (although thankfully our immediate families have been overwhelmingly supportive), that we will have to deal with awkwardness and discomfort (ours and others!), that educating others and advocating for Violet in school and other realms will become at least a part-time job, and that we will have moments of great doubt. These consequences, however, are inconsequential when we are talking about our child’s life.”

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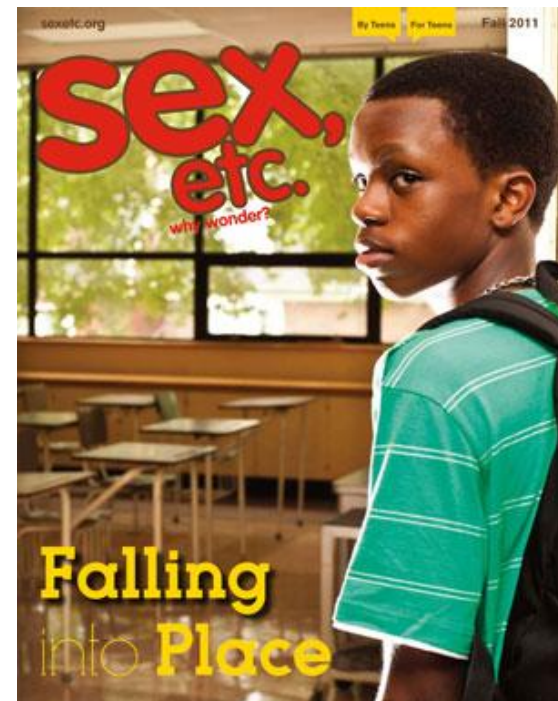
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Welcome!

Welcome to LGBTQ Issues in Schools our online workshop all about the issues LGBTQ students face. I'm Nora Gelperin the Director of Training at [Answer](#), a national sex education organization based at Rutgers University. We, at Answer, created LGBTQ Issues in Schools and our other online workshops, *Sexuality ABCs* (Abstinence, Birth Control and Condoms) and *STD Basics*. We had a lot of help from our teen editorial staff of *Sex, Etc.* (whom you see above), our entire training department and many national experts, whom you can read about in the Course Reviewers section.



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