Montana Trans Health Guide
Inclusive, Friendly Healthcare Providers Throughout Montana
Billings Specific Resources

Therapists
Ashlee Owens, LCSW
Transformative Counseling, LLC
512 N 29th St, Suite 101, 202
Billings, MT 59101
(406) 697-2952
http://trcounsel.com
info@trcounsel.com

Donna Juhl, MA LCPC
704 N 30th Street
Billings, MT 59102
(406) 255-7727

Sicily Morris, LCPC, LAC, MAC, SAP
110 Grand Ave
Billings, MT 59101
(406) 850-3085
http://kaleidocounseling.net
kaleidoscopecounseling505@gmail.com

Tiffany Garner, MS LCPC
South Central Treatment Associates
Grand Ave Professional Building
304 Grand Ave.
Billings, MT 59101
(406) 259-1602
(406) 246-4566

Ginny Prior
2475 Village Ln, #102
Billings, MT 59101
(406) 259-7288

Medical Doctors and Endocrinology
Planned Parenthood of Montana
1844 Broadwater #4
Billings, MT 59102
(406)656-9980
http://plannedparenthood.org

Jennell Duey MD
Billings Clinic West / Family Medicine
2675 Central Ave Lamplighter Square U14
Billings, MT 59102
(406) 238-2900

Brian Schnitzer, MD
Family Practice/Family Medicine
3419 N Central Ave
Billings, MT 59102
(406) 245-6336

Laser Hair Removal / Electrolysis
Rose Ellen Paris
(406) 672-6729

Shilo Medical Clinic
1655 Shiloh Rd. Suite E
Billings, MT 59102
(406) 252-0022

Bozeman Specific Resources

Therapists
Belgrade Counseling Services
129 Village Dr #303
Belgrade, MT 59714
(406) 388-1607

Caitlin Brandl, PCLC
Bridger Peaks Counseling
676 S. Ferguson Ave #6
Bozeman, MT 59718
(406) 813-1566
https://bozeman cancounseling.org/
caitlin@bridgerpeaks counseling.com

D Gregory Smith MA, LMHC, LCPC, STL
202 S Black Street, Suite 502
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 578-0222
http://dgsmith.org

Erin Clark MSW, LCSW
Advanced Counseling of Bozeman
300 N Wilson Ave, Suite 3005-10
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 660-3166

Glee Dunbar, MSW, LCSW, MHPP
108 West Main St, Suite 202
Manhattan, MT 59741
(252) 945-3122

Hannah Wilson, MS, LCPC
Community Health Partners
214 E Mendenhall St
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 522-5328

Jana Lehman, MS, LCPC, LAC
Lehman Counseling Services, LLC
1934 Stadium Drive, Suite C
Bozeman, MT 59714
(406) 600-1872

Jennifer Goldman, LCPC, LLC
2023 Stadium Drive, Suite 1C
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 570-3188

Jenny Fiebig, LCPC
Gallatin Psychotherapy
1902 W Dickerson St
Bozeman, MT 59718
(406) 582-0500
http://gallatinpsychotherapy.com

Kael Fry, MS,MFT
Transitions Counseling, LLC
5 West Olive Street
Bozeman, MT 59715
(608) 644-5142
Bozeman (Con’t)

Therapists
Laura Bailey, MS, LCPC
301 N Wilson Ave
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 522-7357

Phronsie Sprenger LCSW, CST
Big Sky Sex Therapy
416 N 7th Ave
Bozeman, MT 59715
https://phronsiesprengertherapy.com/

Shaun Phoenix, LCPC
17 S 5th Ave
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 580-0562

Stasia Owen, MS, NCC, LCPC, SEP
Metta Counseling Services
2415 West Main Street, Ste 2
Bozeman, MT 59718
(406) 565-4640

The Help Center
Sexual assault counseling, suicide intervention, appropriate referrals. Walk-in counseling
421 E Peach St
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-3333
1-800-273- TALK – 24 hour crisis line
http://bozemanhelpcenter.org

Human Development Clinic
Sliding fee scale with services ranging from $5 to $30 per appointment and offer evening hours for appointments.
1501 S 3rd Ave
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 994-4113
http://montana.edu/hhd/humandevelopmentclinic.html

Medical Doctors and Endocrinology
Bridgercare
1288 N 14th Ave, Suite 201
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 587-0681
http://bridgercare.org/
bridgercare@bridgercare.org

Dr. Angie Ostrowski
Bozeman Health Pediatrics
937 Highland Blvd #5320
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 414-4900

Dr. Andrea Cady
Dr. Katherine Mistretta
Bozeman Creek Health
316 E Babcock St
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 585-0022

Dr. Rebecca Hintze
Community Health Partners
214 E Mendenhall St
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 585-1360

Pharmacies
Price Rite Pharmacy and Medical Supply
910 N 7th Ave
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 587-0608

Laser Hair Removal / Electrolysis
Jess Brown
Egztact Electrolysis
1127 Harmon Stream Blvd, Suite 205
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 585-4635
http://mthairremoval.com
info@mthairremoval.com

Wendy Peters
Pure Dermatology
1188 North 15th Ave, Suite 1 & 2
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 586-7873

Other Resources
Montana Gender Alliance Bozeman
A support, discussion and activism group for individuals of trans* identity.
Contact Kael Fry at (608) 234-8763 for location and details

AIDS Outreach
Provides HIV testing, direct outreach, support and assistance for HIV+ persons and their families, caregivers. Support group for HIV+ persons.
601 Nikles Drive, Suite 2C
Bozeman, MT 59718
(406) 451-5718
http://aidsoutreachmt.org
info@aidsoutreachmt.org

Montana State University Queer-Straight Alliance
Student-led organization at Montana State University that focuses on developing community, fostering education, and empowering actions from and regarding LGBT+ persons. Open to all.
Meetings on Mondays at 7pm in SUB 235 at MSU during the fall and spring semesters.
http://montana.edu/qsa/
qsamsbozeman@gmail.com

MSU LGBTQ Mentoring Program
Pairs upperclassmen, faculty, and staff who are secure in their LGBTQ identity with LGBTQ students needing support.
http://montana.edu/diversity/programs_events/lgbtq_mentoring.html
lgbtq@montana.edu
Bozeman (Con’t)
Other Resources
PFLAG
A group of parents, families, friends, and allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer in the Gallatin Valley.

Meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm at Christus Collegium.
25 Bridger Peak Rd
Belgrade, MT
(406) 579-9102
http://pflagbozeman.org/
info@pflagbozeman.org

Great Falls Specific Resources

Therapists
Center for Mental Health
915 First Avenue South
Great Falls, MT 59403
(406)761-2100

Shirley Cayko, LCSW
Tim Dallacqua, LCSW
Great Falls LGBTQ Center
600 Central Ave, Ste 323
Great Falls, MT 59401
(406) 290-7338
(406) 453-0589
gflgbtq@gmail.com

Vonnie R. Brown, LCSW
1321 8th Avenue North, Ste #105
Great Falls, MT 59403
(406)452-2662

Medical Doctors and Endocrinology
Dr. Barry Cohan, Endocrinology
Great Falls Clinic
1400 29th Street South
Great Falls, MT 59405
(406) 454-2171

Dr. Emilia Plyoplys, MD
Great Falls Plastic Surgery
Performs FTM top surgery & MTF breast augmentation, FFS and body recontouring surgery
400 13th Ave S, Ste 205
Great Falls, MT 59405
406-455-2821
http://montanaplastics.com/

Planned Parenthood of Montana
211 9th Street S.
Great Falls, MT 59401
(406)454-3431
http://plannedparenthood.org

Other Resources
Great Falls LGBTQ+ Center
Their mission is to enhance and sustain the health and well-being of the LGBTQ+ community by providing activities, programs and services that will empower our community to embrace and support our cultural diversity.

Free Counseling / Trans* Support Group / Rapid HIV Testing / LGBTQ+ Resources
600 Central Ave, Ste 323
Great Falls, MT 59401
(406)290-7338
http://greatfallslgbtqcenter.org
gflgbtq@gmail.com

Helena Specific Resources

Therapists
Richard Emery, Ph. D, LCP
535 Saddle Dr.
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 449-8813

Medical Doctors and Endocrinology
David A. Krainacker, MD
Helena Physicians’ Clinic Family Practice
3330 Ptarmigan Lane
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 442-3570
https://sphealth.org

Planned Parenthood of Montana
1500 Cannon
Helena, MT 59601
(406)443-7676
http://plannedparenthood.org

Laser Hair Removal / Electrolysis
Latha S. Vellanki, MD
Helena Dermatology & Laser Clinic P C
1 Medical Park Dr
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 443-7200

Bitteroot Electrology
25 S Ewing St Ste 212
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 227-7026

Other Resources
Montana Gender Alliance Helena
A support, discussion and activism group for individuals of trans* identity.
Contact Kael Fry at (608) 234-8763 for location and details
Kalispell / Whitefish

Therapists
Brad Nelson, LCSW
723 5th Ave E Ste 110C
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 261-6447
bradleynelsonlcsw@gmail.com

J. Sky Cove
Intermountain Kalispell Community Clinic
322 2nd Ave W., Ste A
Kalispell, MT 59901
http://intermountain.org
jsky@intermountain.org

Lauren Priddy-Beck, LCPC
22 2nd Ave W #3100
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 781-8321
http://flatheadcounseling.com

Rhea Simonson, MA, LCPC
2165 9th Street W, Ste 5
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
(406) 662-8331
https://snowyowltherapy.com
snowyowltherapy@gmail.com

Medical Doctors and Endocrinology

Alan Rice, MD – Pediatric Endocrinolgy
Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes Center
Kalispell Regional Hospital
430 Windward Way, Suite 101
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 758-7888

Helen Weems, MSN, RN, APRN
All Families Healthcare
737 Spokane Ave
Whitefish, MT 59937
(406) 730-8682
http://allfamilieshealth.org
info@allfamilieshealth.org

Steven Gordon, MD
The Bridge Medical Center
5938 US Highway 93 South
Whitefish, MT 59937
(406) 863-9300
http://bridgemedicalcenter.com
info@bridgemedicalcenter.com

Other Resources

Glacier Queer Alliance
GQA is focused on providing positive, safe, community resources, events and spaces for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations in the Flathead Valley.

Columbia Falls, MT 59912
(628) 245-4287
http://glacierqueeralliance.org
info@glacierqueeralliance.org

Livingston Specific Resources

Medical Doctors and Endocrinology
Dr. Rebecca Hintze
Community Health Partners
126 South Main St.
Livingston, MT 59047
(406) 222-1111
http://chphealth.org/
rebhintze@gmail.com

Laser Hair Removal / Electrolysis
Kay Bergsing, CPE
124 East Callender
Livingston, MT 59047
(406) 222-5583

Missoula Specific Resources

Therapists
Anna Peterson, LCPC Ed.D.
Anna Peterson has experience in counseling trans* and gender diverse youth and adults.

129 West Kent Ave
Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 531-0659
annalogology@protonmail.com

Anne R. Harris, LCPC
Anne Harris has experience in counseling trans* and gender diverse youth and adults.

127 N Higgins, Suite 301
Missoula, MT 59802
Email: annerharris@gmail.com
(406) 240-9057

Brie Shulman, LCPC
734 S 1st St West
Missoula, MT 59801
(585) 330-0780
bshulmanlcpc@outlook.com

Cory Davis, PhD
2307 Stephens Ave
Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 829-2725

Debby Florence, LCSW
725 W Alder, Suite 18
Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 412-6556

Love Lives Here Flathead
Love Lives Here hosts events that promote education and increase equality for communities that face discrimination.

Whitefish, MT 59937-0204
(406) 309-5678
http://loveliveshererflathead.org

Glacier Queer Alliance
GQA is focused on providing positive, safe, community resources, events and spaces for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations in the Flathead Valley.

Columbia Falls, MT 59912
(628) 245-4287
http://glacierqueeralliance.org
info@glacierqueeralliance.org
Missoula (Con’t)

Therapists

Heidi Elwood, LCSW
Convergence Counseling
1001 SW Higgins Ave, Suite 207
Missoula, MT 59803
(406) 274-0971

Jennifer S. Robohm, Ph.D.
Director, Clinical Psychology Center
Dept. of Psychology
The University of Montana
1444 Mansfield Ave.
Missoula, MT 59812
(406) 243-6890

Jenny Vaile, LCSW
16840 Beckwith, Suite 11
Frenchtown, MT 59834
(406) 241-6564
jennifervailclcs@gmail.com

Medical Doctors and Endocrinology

Jean Baumgardner, NP
Caitlin Blau, MD
Partnership Health Center
401 Railroad St W
Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 258-4789
http://missoulacounty.us/community/
partnership-health-center

Partnership Health Center has a sliding scale fee for all patients based upon income. Partnership also has an on-site pharmacy that utilizes the sliding scale fee.

Dr. Jeff Adams
Curry Health Center
The University of Montana
634 Eddy Ave.
Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 243-2122
http://umt.edu/curry/
contactcurry@msou.umt.edu

Dr. Eric Ravitz & Dr. Joey Banks
Blue Mountain Clinic
610 N. California
Missoula, Montana 59802
(406) 721-1646
http://bluemountainclinic.org/services/trans-intersex-care/

Mary Owens, Nurse Practitioner
Planned Parenthood of Montana
219 East Main Street
Missoula, MT 59802
http://plannedparenthood.org
406-830-3491

Dr. Judy Visscher
Western Montana Clinic
500 W Broadway St. #5
Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 721-5600
http://westernmontanaclinic.com

Surgery

Dr. Clark O Taylor, MD, DDS
Surgical Arts Centre
805 S Reserve St
Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 549-6600
http://surgicalartsmt.com/
clark@surgicalartsmt.com

Dr. Stephen Hardy
Northwest Plastic Surgery Associates
2802 Great Northern Loop
Missoula, MT 59808
(406) 728-3811
http://nwpsa.com/

Pharmacies

Palmers Drug
Specializes in compounding
914 SW Higgins Ave
Missoula, MT 59803
(406) 549-4125
http://palmersdrug.com

Partnership Health Center Pharmacy
401 Railroad St. W
Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 258-4138 / (406) 258-3138

Laser Hair Removal / Electrolysis

Bitterroot Electrolysis
1104 W Main St
Hamilton, MT 59848
(406) 381-3184

Elizabeth Henderson
Freedom Electrology
220 Ryman St
Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 542-2978
Hairfreewithme@gmail.com

Rose Ellen Paris
(406) 672-6729

Voice Therapy

RiteCare Language and Hearing Clinic
The University of Montana
Lower Level, Curry Health Center
634 Eddy Avenue
Missoula, Montana 59812
Phone: (406) 243-5261/(406) 243-2405
Fax: (406) 243-6678
rosemary.johnson@umontana.edu
http://soe.umt.edu/csd/RiteCare.html

Other Resources

Gay Men’s Task Force
GMTF provides free and confidential rapid HIV, HEP C & syphilis testing as well as providing support, discussion and event programming for the LGBTQI+ communities of Montana.

Missoula, MT 59807
(406) 829-8075
http://gaymenstaskforce.org
hello@gaymenstaskforce.org
Missoula (Con’t)
Other Resources
LGBTIQ+ Alcoholics Anonymous – Rebellion Dogs
Meets Monday of each week from 6-7pm at the Western
Montana Community Center. Email info@gaymontana.org
for more information

Montana Gender Alliance Missoula
A peer-led support, discussion and activism group for
individuals of trans* identity.
Contact Heidi Ellwood at (406) 274-0971 for location and
details.

Open Aide Alliance
Offers free and confidential HIV&HCV testing, self-
administered gonorrhea/chlamydia testing, in addition to
providing a syringe exchange program.

Youth Resources
EmpowerMT
EmpowerMT creates a more just and inclusive society by
developing youth and adult leaders who work to end
mistratment, correct systemic inequalities and strengthen
communities across Montana.

Youth Forward
A safe drop-in space for LGBTQ+ identifying teens to explore
relevant topics and connect with other queer youth. Meets
weekly on Wednesdays from 5-7pm. Ages 13-19

Be You Crew
A safe drop-in educational support group for LGBTIQ+
identifying youth and allies. Providing terminology and
information to create positive allies and empowered queer youth!
Meets on Thursdays from 4-5:30pm. Grades 4-7ish.

Polson / St. Ignatius
Resources
Therapists
Meg Anderson, MSW

Megan Bailey, LCSW
Sunburst Mental Health
109 1st Ave
St Ignatius, MT 59865
(406) 745-3681

Sunburst Mental Health offers mental health services,
medication management and case management.

Website Resources

TSRoadMap.com
“Transsexual transition is simply a journey. Just like a
trip, you decide your destination, the time you’ll need to get
there, and the money you’ll spend.” Transsexual Road Map is a
travel guide to set priorities and choose your route. Its about
making informed purchasing decisions and setting realistic,
achievable transition goals. http://tsroadmap.com

PinkEssence.com – MTF Resource
Online social networking and forums for the
transgender and trans-questioning community. General
discussion, conference and event listings, surgical and hormone
discussions, spouse support, political and activism resources.

- Montana Morning Glories chapter
  o Montana Chapter of transgender and trans-ally
    individuals. General discussion and resources
    for upcoming events around Montana.
  http://pinkessence.com/

Hudson’s Guide – FTM Resource
This Guide is intended to provide information on topics
of interest to female-to-male (FTM, F2M) trans men, and their
friends and loved ones. Non-trans men have also found the
pages on men’s grooming and clothing to be helpful.
Transsexual, non-transsexual, intersex, transgender,
genderqueer, questioning, and “just plain folks” are all welcome.
http://ftmguide.org

National Center for Transgender Equality
Dedicated to advancing the equality of transgender
people through advocacy, collaboration, and empowerment
http://transequality.org/

Recommended Youtube Channels (FTM)
http://youtube.com/user/ALionsFears
http://youtube.com/user/jeyyounit1

Recommended Youtube Channels (MTF)
http://youtube.com/user/Grishno
http://youtube.com/user/PrincessJoules
http://youtube.com/user/ThePrinceSane

Recommended Youtube Channels (Non Binary)
http://youtube.com/user/MissPancake52

For more website resources, please check out the
Center’s trans health resource page
http://gaymontana.org/transgender-health/
Androgyny (also androgynous, bi-gendered, no-gendered): A person [a] who identifies as both or neither of the two culturally defined genders; and/or [b] who expresses and/or presents merged culturally/stereotypically feminine and masculine characteristics, or mainly neutral characteristics. May or may not express dual gender identity.

Assigned Gender: The announcement by doctors (It's a boy/girl) based on what your physical anatomy looks like. Based on this, you are supposed to grow up, to be and exist within a certain set of gender roles.

Binary Gender System: A culturally defined code of acceptable behaviors which teach that there are men and women, who are masculine and feminine, and that there is nothing outside this system. The problem that occurs when we talk about gender is that everything is set in the binary system, but the gender issues that we are talking about exist in a multi-gender system and do not neatly fit into a binary system.

Binding: The practice of taping or compressing the chest or "breast tissue" so that one can pass as a man, this is done with extremely tight bras, elastic bandages, and other methods.

Bottom Surgery: "below the waist", to either create a vagina (for a male-to-female, MTF) or a penis and testicles (for a female-to-male, FTM). There are many different issues that cause each person to make the decision to either have or not have the surgeries. Some factors include: desire, expense, physical health, age, and access to medical care and information. There are also many difficulties that can occur with these surgeries, which will factor into each individual's decision-making.

Butch: Used to identify a person who expresses and/or presents culturally/stereotypically masculine characteristics. Often a person who self-identifies to a great degree with the stereotypically masculine end of a gender characteristic spectrum. Can be used either as a positive or negative term.

Cisgender: A term used to refer to individuals whose physical sex is consistent with their gender identity from birth.

Coming Out: The process of becoming aware of and understanding and accepting one's own sexual orientation/gender identity. Also the ongoing process of decision-making about the level of openness a person feels in disclosing this information to another person or people.

Cross-Dressing (Also Transvestite, Transvestitism): A person who wears the clothing considered typical for another gender on occasion, but does not desire to change their gender. Reasons for cross-dressing can range from a need to express a feminine or masculine side to attainment of erotic/sexual/fetish gratification. Cross-dressers can be of any sexual orientation, but within this community, there is a large percentage of heterosexually/straight-identified individuals.

Cross-Living: Cross-living is cross-dressing full-time (which is also referred to as 24/7), and living as the gender which you perceive yourself to be.

Drag (also Drag King, Drag Queen, Female/Male Impersonator): Wearing the clothing of another gender, often with exaggerated cultural/stereotypical gender characteristics. Individuals may identify as Drag Kings (female in drag) or Drag Queens (male in drag). Drag often refers to dressing for functional purposes such as entertainment/performance or social gatherings. Drag has held a significant place in GLBT history and community.

F2M/FTM (Female to Male): Used to identify a person who was female bodied at birth and who identifies as male, lives as a man, or identifies as masculine.

Female Bodied: A person who was assigned a female gender at birth, or a person who has had their genitals surgically altered to be a woman.

Gender-Bender (also Gender-Blender): A person who merges characteristics of all genders in subtle ways or intentionally flauts merged/blurred cultural/stereotypical gender nonns for the purpose of shocking others, without concern for passing.

Gender Dysphoria: An intense continuous discomfort resulting from an individual's belief in the inappropriateness of their assigned gender at birth and resulting gender role expectations. Also, clinical psychological diagnosis, which offends many in transgender communities, but is often required to receive hormones and/or surgery.

Gender Queer: A term which is used by some people who may or may not fit on the spectrum of trans, or be labeled as trans, but who identify their gender and their sexual orientation to be outside the assumed norm.

Gender Reassignment Surgery--GRS (also Sex Reassignment Surgery--SRS): Permanent surgical refashioning of genitalia to resemble the genitalia of the desired gender. Sought to attain congruence between one's body and one's gender identity.

Genetic: Often used to refer to the assigned gender at birth. Also used to refer to the discussion of the chromosomal makeup of an individual. Can be seen as a derogatory term in the trans community when used in certain connotations.

Getting Read (Clocked): Being detected as a person who is cross-dressed.

Hir: Used in place of him/her, a new pronoun for those folks who stand outside the binary system that we have in this society.

Homophobia (also Biphobia): The irrational fear of love, affection, and erotic behavior between people of the same gender. Expressed as negative feelings, attitudes, actions or behaviors against those perceived as non-heterosexuals. Often directed at those perceived as expressing and/or presenting culturally/stereotypically non-heterosexual characteristics and/or Homophobia (also Biphobia): (con’t) - blurred gender roles. Biphobia also includes refuting the existence of bisexuality by believing every individual is either homosexual or heterosexual.

Homosexual: An individual who is emotionally, spiritually, physically, and/or sexually attracted primarily to those of the same gender. One's sexuality is not affiliated to one's gender, sex, gender identity or gender expression.

Hormone Therapy (also Hormone Replacement Therapy, HRT, Hormonal Sex Reassignment): Administration of hormones to affect the development of secondary sex characteristics of the opposite assigned gender; this is a process, possibly lifelong, of using hormones to change the internal body chemistry. Androgens (testosterone) are used for female-to-males, and Estrogens are used for male-to-females.

In the Closet: Not disclosing (coming out) or being secretive about an individual's own sexual orientation and/or gender identity.
Internalized Homophobia (also Internalized Transphobia): The belief that same-gender sexual orientation and/or gender identity is inferior to heterosexual orientation and/or masculine or feminine gender identity. The internalization of negative messages, feelings about oneself and one's group, and the beliefs about how people like you should be treated, which often leads to self-hate and difficulty with self-acceptance. Also, irrational fear of breaking cultural or stereotypical gender roles.

Intersexed (also Hennaphrodite): An Individual born with full or partial genitalia of both genders, or with underdeveloped or ambiguous genitalia. Surgery is common in infancy, when a singular gender is assigned. Many who have surgery develop a sense of loss of an essential part of themselves.

M2F, MTF, Male-to-Female: Used to identify a person who was male bodied at birth and who identifies as a female, lives as a woman, or identifies as feminine.

Male Bodied: A person who was assigned a male gender at birth, or a person who has had their genitals surgically altered to be a man.

Non-Op: Individuals who have not attained and may not desire to attain gender reassignment surgery, and may or may not take hormone therapy. For many individuals, self-identification and self-expression, through cross-living or other methods of gender identity achieve harmony or congruence between one's body and one's gender identity and there is no need felt for surgical reconstruction.

Pansexual (also Omnisexual): An individual who is emotionally, spiritually, physically, and/or sexually attracted to those of any gender or physical makeup.

Passing: The ability for a person to present themselves in another gender than which they live full-time or in which they were assigned at birth.

Pre-Op (also Pre-Operative): Transsexual individuals who have not attained gender reassignment surgery, but who desire to and are seeking that as an option. They may or may not cross-live full time and may or may not take hormone therapy. They may also seek surgery to change secondary sex characteristics.

Post-Op (also Post-operative): Transsexual individuals who have attained gender reassignment surgery, and/or other surgeries to change secondary sex characteristics.

Presentation: The totality of one’s appearance when dressing, including voice, behavior, appropriateness of clothing for the situation, etc.

Queer: Used to identify someone who aligns themselves with the trans, bisexual, lesbian, and gay (GLBT) community, a term which is often taken back in a positive way for self-identification, and a term historically used only in a negative context to ridicule and label anyone not conforming to heterosexual persons and societal gender expectations.

Real Life Test (also Life Test): A period of time required of individuals seeking gender reassignment surgery during which they must live full-time expressing and presenting the gender in which they identify. Many doctors require a Real-Life Test of two or more years before advancing to surgery.

Secondary Sex Characteristics: The changes that occur when a person reaches puberty. They include but are not limited to: facial and body hair growth, muscle development, voice changes, breast development, and the ability to reproduce.

Sex Assignment: The declaration, by doctors, based on what your external genitalia looks like, which gender you are; therefore you are supposed to grow up and exist within a certain set of gender roles.

Standards of Care: A set of minimum guidelines formulated by the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, Inc. (HBIGDA) for care of transsexual individuals and providing requirements for consumers and service providers. These standards of care are now outlined by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health.

Shape Shifter (also Metamorph): Used by some people who choose not to identify as transsexuals, to express their belief they are not changing their gender, but changing their body to reflect their inner feelings and gender identity.

Top Surgery: Surgery "above the waist," usually breast augmentation for MTFs and breast reduction for FTM s. There are many different issues that cause each person to make the decision either to have or not have the surgeries, some factors include: desire, expense, physical health, age, and access to medical care and information. There are also many difficulties that can occur with these surgeries, which will factor into each individual's decision-making process.

Trans (also Transgender): Those who transgress societal gender norms; often used as an umbrella term to mean those who defy rigid, bipolar gender constructions, and who express or present a breaking and/or blurring of cultural/stereotypical gender roles. This includes: androgynes, cross-dressers, gender-benders, intersexed individuals, shape-shifters, transvestites, and transsexuals.

Transgender Community (also Gender Community): A loose association of individuals and organizations who transgress gender norms in a variety of ways. Celebrating a recently born self-awareness, this community is growing fast across all lines. The central ethic of this community is unconditional acceptance of individual exercise of freedoms including gender and sexual identity and orientation.

Transgenderist: People who choose to cross-live full time, but who choose not to have Sex Reassignment Surgery/Gender Reassignment Surgery. They may or may not have some surgeries, and they may or may not use hormones.

Ze: Used in place of she/he, a new pronoun when you need to talk about an individual whose gender does not neatly fit into a particular box.

Transition: The period during which a transgender individual (usually transsexual) begins to live a new life in their gender. Also, includes the period of full-time living (Real Life Test) required before gender reassignment surgery.

Transphobia (also genderphobia): The irrational fear of those who are perceived to be breaking and/or blur cultural/stereotypical gender roles, often assumed to be queer. Expressed as negative feelings, attitudes, actions or behaviors against those perceived as breaking and/or blurring cultural/stereotypical gender roles.

Transsexual (also Female-to-Male (FTM/F2M), Male-to-Female (MTF/M2F), Pre-Operative, Post-Operative, Non-Operative): A person who, through experiencing an intense long-term discomfort resulting from feeling the inappropriateness of their assigned gender at birth and discomfort of their body, adapts their gender role and body in order to reflect and be congruent with their gender identity. This may include cross-living, synthesized sex hormones, surgery and other body modification which may or may not lead to the feeling of harmony between a person's body and gender identity. The use of the word of 'transsexual' is being phased out, as many believe that it implies sexuality as the root of an individuals gender transition.
About the Western Montana Community Center

The Center is an open affirming environment for peoples of all sexual orientations and gender identity expressions. We empower our community through education, advocacy, and collaborative networking. We strive to be Western Montana’s voice for the LGBTIQ community and allies.

We are proud to be a volunteer-based, community funded organization where we strive to make our little corner of Montana a better place to live!
Questions, Comments, Need to Talk?

General Questions / Comments
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Phone: (406)543-2224

Need to Talk?
Contemplating Suicide?
Trans Lifeline is here to help!
Trans* run / trans* led suicide prevention
US: (877)565-8860
Canada: (877)330-6366

The Trevor Project
24/7/365 Lifeline
866-4-U-TREVOR (866-488-7386)

TrevorChat
online instant messaging support
http://thetrevorproject.org/get-help-now

TrevorSpace
An online international peer-to-peer community for LGBTQ young people and their friends.
http://thetrevorproject.org/get-help-now

TrevorText
text base support
Text “START” to 678678

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