



RENAISSANCE

GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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Unfortunately I have no back issues for distribution - our facilities are limited space-wise for keeping old materials. Our next issue will be out within a couple of weeks. Thanks for your subscription. -Jude

Dear Lou-

This is in response to your request for information concerning Renaissance: Gender Identity Services (R:G.I.S.).

R:G.I.S. is a nonprofit community-based human services organization specializing in gender identity conflicts and related matters. Organized in 1975 as an educational and referral service, R:G.I.S. was expanded in 1976 to provide a full range of community services through the following divisions:

- . Counseling Services.
- . Educational Services.
- . Legal Research.
- . Veterans Services.

Despite its relatively brief existence, R:G.I.S. has become internationally recognized as a leading source of information on gender identity conflict and related matters. "Legal Aspects of Transsexualism," a recent publication of the Legal Research Division, has been rated as the most authoritative and comprehensive text ever published on the subject.

Counseling Services Division.

The Counseling Services Division, under the direction of Jude Patton, a social ecologist, provides peer-counseling and crises intervention as well as evaluation and screening, group and private therapy, through cooperating professionals.

The gender dysphoria program, which serves the Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego county areas, is under the direction of William G. Heard, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist. Conducted in accordance with the "standards of care" guidelines recommended by the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, it provides for initial or prescreening evaluation, psychological/psychiatric assessment, medical examination, psychological support through private and group therapy, a one- to two-year living experience, and final psychiatric evaluation prior to referral for sex reassignment surgery.

R:G.I.S. provides peer-counselors that are degreed, postoperative *transsexuals*, with majors in one or more of the following subject areas: human services, religion, and social ecology.

Educational Services Division.

The Educational Services Division, under the direction of Jude Patton, provides the following services to the community.

- . Inservice training for community based service organizations, professionals and para-professionals.
- . Public seminars.
- . Lectures to college and university classes.
- . Publishes a quarterly newsletter as well as maintaining a reference library pertaining to sexual minorities.

The "Renaissance Newsletter" is available to interested persons for \$3 per year. Write: Renaissance Educational Services, P.O. Box 11341, Santa Ana, California 92711.

Legal Research Division.

The Legal Research Division, under the direction of Joanna Clark, a human services worker, currently publishes the following:

- . Legal Aspects of Transsexualism (\$5.00).
- . Medicare/Medicaid Data Sheet (\$1.00).
- . Birth-Certificate Data Sheet* (\$1.00).

*Data sheets are currently available for Arizona, Alabama, Alaska, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

The division also maintains a resource file on past and present court cases, legislation, and federal and state agency policies as they relate to transsexuals. Write: Renaissance Legal Research Division, P.O. Box 2476, Mission Viejo, California 92690.

Veterans Services Division.

The Veterans Services Division, under the direction of Carol Katz, a veterans benefits counselor, provides assistance to both pre- and postoperative transsexuals who are serving in the armed services or have achieved veteran status. Services provided include:

- . VA benefits counseling.
- . Assistance in getting name and sex changed on official records.
- . Referral services.

R:G.I.S. is a nonprofit organization and, as such, obtains its funding through donations from supporting members and/or grants. Services are provided at nominal cost.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Jude Patton at (714) 836-1803; Joanna Clark at (714) 493-0397; or Carol Katz at (213) 257-0500.

Thank you for your interest in Renaissance.

Sincerely,

Jude Patton