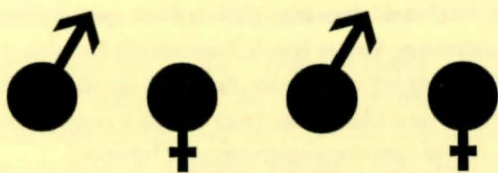


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WHAT'S THE
DIFFERENCE?

A.E.G.I.S.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE

A 501[C][3] MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

PURPOSE:

- Disseminate Information about Gender Issues
- Archive & Distribute Reference Literature
- Educate & Train Health Care Professionals
- Promote Non-judgemental Treatment of Persons with Gender Issues

RESOURCES:

AEGIS provides a variety of educational resources for the professional and transgendered person. Personal membership in AEGIS is \$36 a year and includes two issues of *Chrysalis*, a magazine for professionals and consumers, and four issues of AEGISNews, our quarterly newsletter. Professional membership is \$60 a year and includes additional alerts and advisories.

AEGIS publishes and distributes the *Transition Series* of monographs which can help transgendered people to make important life decisions. AEGIS also distributes the milestone publication *Gender Dysphoria: A Guide to Research*.

AEGIS consults an interdisciplinary advisory board on important issues, and regularly issues public service messages and advisories for professionals and transgendered persons.

AEGIS maintains the *National Transgender Library and Archive* and provides reprints of important gender research materials. AEGIS also maintains a Database of Professional Services in order to make free referrals. If you'd like to be included in the database, please contact the AEGIS office.

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IFGE

INTL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION

A 501(C)(3) MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

PURPOSE:

- Service Partner with Health Care Community
- Academic Partner for Gender Education
- Understanding and Acceptance of Gender Diversity
- Advocate Freedom of Gender Expression

RESOURCES:

Membership in IFGE is \$25 per year and includes a quarterly newsletter, plus special discounts on IFGE publications and products.

IFGE's primary publication is a magazine, *The Transgender Tapestry Journal*. It provides a forum for reasoned discourse about gender and related social issues. For many people, it provides first-contact with the transgender community. Subscriptions are \$40 for 4 issues.

IFGE also sells printed, audio and video materials from a wide variety of publishing sources. Titles cover the spectrum of gender issues. Ask for a catalog of available materials.

IFGE hosts the annual "Coming Together — Working Together" convention for the transgender community. Held in a different city each year, the convention is dedicated to the development of community leadership and education about gender/social issues. The 1996 convention (our 10th Anniversary) will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from March 24th to the 31st. Inquire about registration fees and rates.

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OUTREACH INSTITUTE

OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES

A SERVICE ORGANIZATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

PURPOSE:

- Promote Understanding of Gender Role/Identity
- Offer Resources to Health Care Professionals
- Personal Growth of Individuals w/Gender Related Issues
- Inform the Public about the Full Diversity of Gender

RESOURCES:

The Outreach Institute offers seminars and workshops for Health Care professionals on a wide variety of gender related topics, including a Gender Attitudes Reassessment Program (GARP). The Institute maintains a Gender Awareness and Information Network (GAIN) for professionals to stay up to date on the latest thinking and research on gender issues. The Institute also refers clients to GAIN members within a 200 mile radius of their home.

The Institute publishes the *Journal of Gender Studies* twice a year. JGS has a professional orientation and delves into the humanistic challenges facing crossgendered individuals.

The Institute distributes information packets about special interests, such as: Crossdressers; Male to Female Transsexuals; Female to Male Transsexuals; Androgyny; and Spouses, Partners & Significant Others. The Institute also has available video tapes on a wide range of gender related topics about crossdressing/crossgender behaviors.

The Institute sponsors the annual Fantasia Fair, the oldest continuous crossdressing/crossgender event (21 yrs.) in the country. Held each October in Provincetown, Mass., the Fair gives adult males a chance to learn about their femininity and explore alternative gender roles.

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RENAISSANCE

RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

A 501(C)(3) MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

PURPOSE:

- Gender Education for Transgendered People
- Gender Education for Helping Professionals
- Gender Education for the General Public
- Develop Local Support Organizations

RESOURCES:

Renaissance sponsors local support groups where individuals can find safe space to learn about transgender behavior and discuss transgender issues. At present, there are four Chapters and 11 Affiliates in 10 states. The Renaissance philosophy is open, non-discriminatory support for everyone.

Renaissance publishes a monthly 24 page newsletter, *Renaissance News & Views*, that provides an open forum for discussion of gender-related social, political and legal issues, as well as basic information about events within the transgender community. An annual subscription is \$20. Renaissance also publishes a series of monographs on a variety of transgender topics. Most chapters and affiliates also publish monthly newsletters.

Renaissance operates a Speakers Bureau through its Outreach Program Office. Trained speakers are available for college, university and media venues.

Renaissance is a co-sponsor of S.P.I.C.E. (see the Tri-Ess panel) and will be co-host with the University of Pennsylvania for the 2nd International Congress on Crossdressing, Sex and Gender Issues in the Spring of 1997.

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TRI-ESS

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF

A 501[C][3] MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

PURPOSE:

- Multilevel Support for Crossdressers and Their Families
- Relationship Building in the Context of Crossdressing
- Outreach to Helping Professionals
- Public Education about Crossdressing

RESOURCES:

Tri-Ess provides support focused on crossdressers, their spouses, partners, and families through its nationwide network of 30 Tri-Ess chapters. These local groups offer a relaxed atmosphere for crossgender expression and an opportunity to socialize with one's peers. Support resources include a Big Sister Program, a Pen Pal Program, and Mail-Forwarding.

Membership in Tri-Ess national is \$35/person or \$45/couple, and includes a quarterly magazine, the *Femme Mirror*, with articles on a myriad of crossdressing related subjects.

Tri-Ess sponsors two annual events: the Holiday En Femme, which features fun outings and educational seminars; and the Spouses' and Partners' International Conference for Education (S.P.I.C.E.), which focuses on relationship-building issues.

In addition to educational pamphlets on crossdressing issues, Tri-Ess publishes a quarterly newsletter, the *Sweetheart Connection*, for spouses and partners of transgendered people. Most chapters maintain helplines and publish monthly newsletters.

Tri-Ess can provide speakers on request.

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FTM INT'L

FTM INTERNATIONAL

A NOT-FOR-PROFIT SERVICE ORGANIZATION

PURPOSES:

- Peer support for FTM transvestites & transsexuals
- Information and networking for FTM's
- Referral network for counseling & therapy
- Public education about FTM issues

RESOURCES:

FTM was founded in 1986 by author, activist, public speaker and prolific letter writer Louis G. Sullivan, who worked until his death in March, 1991, to promote greater understanding of female-to-male issues, options, and potentials.

FTM Int'l hosts two types of meetings: *Informational*—open to FTMs and other interested parties and centered around a topic to focus discussion. *Support*—support meetings are limited to self-identified FTM transvestites and transsexuals at any stage of the process, and women who are exploring those identities. We alternate these meeting types each month.

FTM Int'l publishes the *FTM Newsletter*, the widest circulated and most respected publication expressing the views of FTMs. A complete set of back issues is \$30. Subscriptions for professional service providers and researchers is \$25.

FTM also produces the *FTM Resource Guide*, a 26 page booklet. The guide is available for \$5 and contains a listing of professionals and clinics for gender dysphoria, as well as other groups and publications that FTMs may find helpful or informative. This Guide is revised and updated each July. Contact FTM if you would like to be listed in the guide.

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GET UNCONFUSED...

Many people, including some licensed professional counselors and therapists, confuse sex (male/female) with gender (masculine/feminine). So, it's not surprising that many consider transgender issues to be sexual issues. While sex and gender are intimately related, transgender issues are quite unique. In order to effectively deal with these issues you need good informational resources. That's what we offer.

GET INFORMED...

Much of what you may have read in textbooks and journals about transgendered behavior is just plain wrong. Even the new DSM-IV misses the mark. Transgendered behavior is not a recent phenomenon. It can be found in every culture and in every period of history. It is simply a natural variation of the human being.

Masculinity and Femininity are arbitrarily defined norms of society. These definitions change with culture and with time. Transgendered behavior is an outward expression of an inner feeling that conflicts with currently defined societal gender norms. Transgendered behavior is *not* a paraphilia, nor is it a sexual perversion. And, contrary to popular belief, transgendered behavior is exhibited by males and females alike.

If you have clients in your practice struggling with gender role/identity issues, you have an ethical obligation to provide them with the most current, up-to-date information about support and resources available to them.

GET CONNECTED...

The sponsors of this brochure provide educational and legal resources for the counseling professional and the transgendered person. We publish and distribute books, magazines, newsletters, monographs, proceedings, audio tapes and video tapes on every aspect of transgendered behavior. We also provide referral services to people seeking counseling and therapy.

Until recently, we dealt almost exclusively with transgendered people directly. Now professional counselors have the opportunity to learn, firsthand, what we have to offer in the way of information, education, and support. Please take the time to look over this brochure and feel free to contact any of us if you have questions.