INCLUSIVE WORK PLACE TIPS

People are who they say they are.

It is important to trust that someone's decision to present themselves as gender diverse is not made lightly or without due consideration.



TRANSGENDER SHOULD ALWAYS BE USED AS AN ADJECTIVE.

For example: "Susan is a transgender woman."



NEVER USE TRANSGENDER<u>ED</u>. THIS IS INCORRECT.

USE NON-GENDER SPECIFIC LANGUAGE.

"Are you seeing anyone?" INSTEAD OF: "Do you have a boyfriend/girlfriend?"

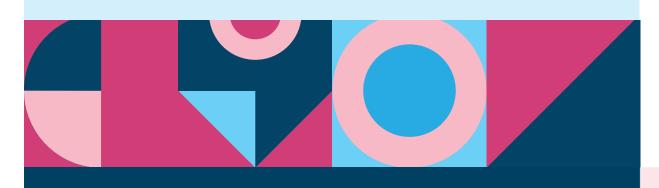
"How may I help you?" INSTEAD OF: "How may I help you, sir/ma'am?"



EDUCATE YOURSELF AND OTHERS ABOUT **GENDER DIVERSITY.**

It's part of being a good ally, and it's not going away. If you're unsure how someone identifies, offer your name and pronoun first. For example: "Hi my name is _____ and I use _____ pronouns. How about you?"

You can also say, "I want to make sure I don't make any assumptions, **can you share your pronouns** with me?"



DON'T MAKE ASSUMPTIONS about people's identities.

IT'S THE FUTURE!

If you make a mistake on the pronoun...

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apologize, and be honest about your familiarity. Let the person know that moving forward you will use the correct pronoun. NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO PREVENT SOMEONE FROM USING THE BATHROOM.

> California law states that trans people are able to use the bathroom that is in alignment with their identity.

WHEN YOU'RE NOT SURE what pronoun to use, stick to the person's first name or "they".

Avoid phrases that cast doubt **Never use words**

Don't assume

that someone who is transgender is also lesbian, gay or bisexual, or that the person will transition to become heterosexual.

Never ask transgender people about

EVERYONE



on the trans person's identity: "Susan was born a man." "She wants to be called..." "She calls herself..." "She goes by Susan." such as "it" or "whatever" when referring to someone who is trans or gender diverse.

how they have sex or what their genitals look like.

This is inappropriate in every situation.



