



Tribal Youth Perspective:

Sexual and Gender Identity in Indian Country



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Before we get started...

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Vision:

Envisioning a future where Indigenous youth thrive through traditional life ways.

Purpose:

Enhancing the opportunities for Indigenous communities to expand their potential in protecting and nurturing their most sacred asset – the youth.

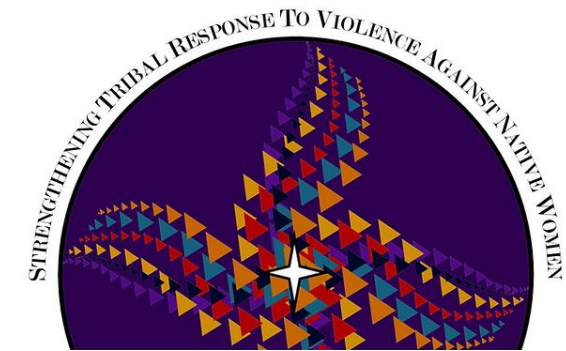




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Tribal Healing to Wellness Court



**Capacity Building
CENTER FOR TRIBES**



Walking on Common Ground



▶ OPENING

Woksape - Words of Encouragement



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Oglala Lakota

TYRC Young Leader



PRESENTERS



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Recent HS Graduate



Misty Sandoval

Dine and Seminole

TYRC Young Leader

College Graduate

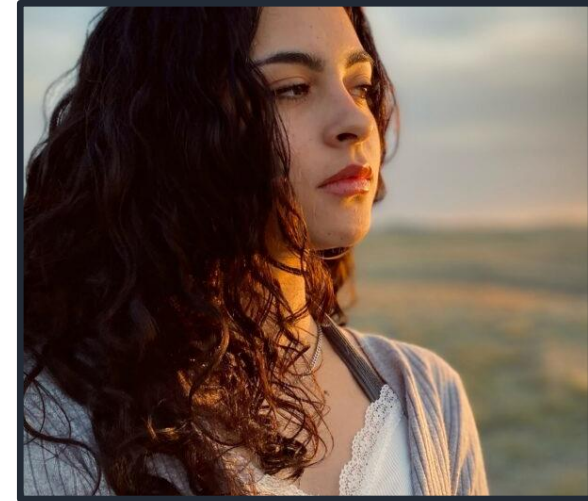


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▶ Learning Objectives:

- ❖ Increase understanding of youth perspectives on gender identity/expression and sexual identity
- ❖ Understand current challenges faced by LGBTQIA2s+ youth
- ❖ Brainstorm supportive practices and programming for LGBTQIA2s+ youth



TRADITIONAL CONCEPTS OF LGBTQIA2S+ RELATIVES

MODERN DAY LGBTQIA2S+ RELATIVES





POLL QUESTION:

I have an LGBTQIA2s+ family member or friend.

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

SACRED SAFE SPACE

This is a virtual sacred safe space. We seek to respectfully learn and ask questions. Thank you to our youth panelists for participating. If there is any question you do not feel comfortable answering, we honor your right to limit what you share in this group.



▶ YOUTH DISCUSSION

Questions:

- How do you identify?
- What is your experience in sharing your authentic self with family and community?
- What general feelings does your generation have on sexual and gender identity?
- How do you feel older generations address sexual and gender identity in your community?



PRONOUNS

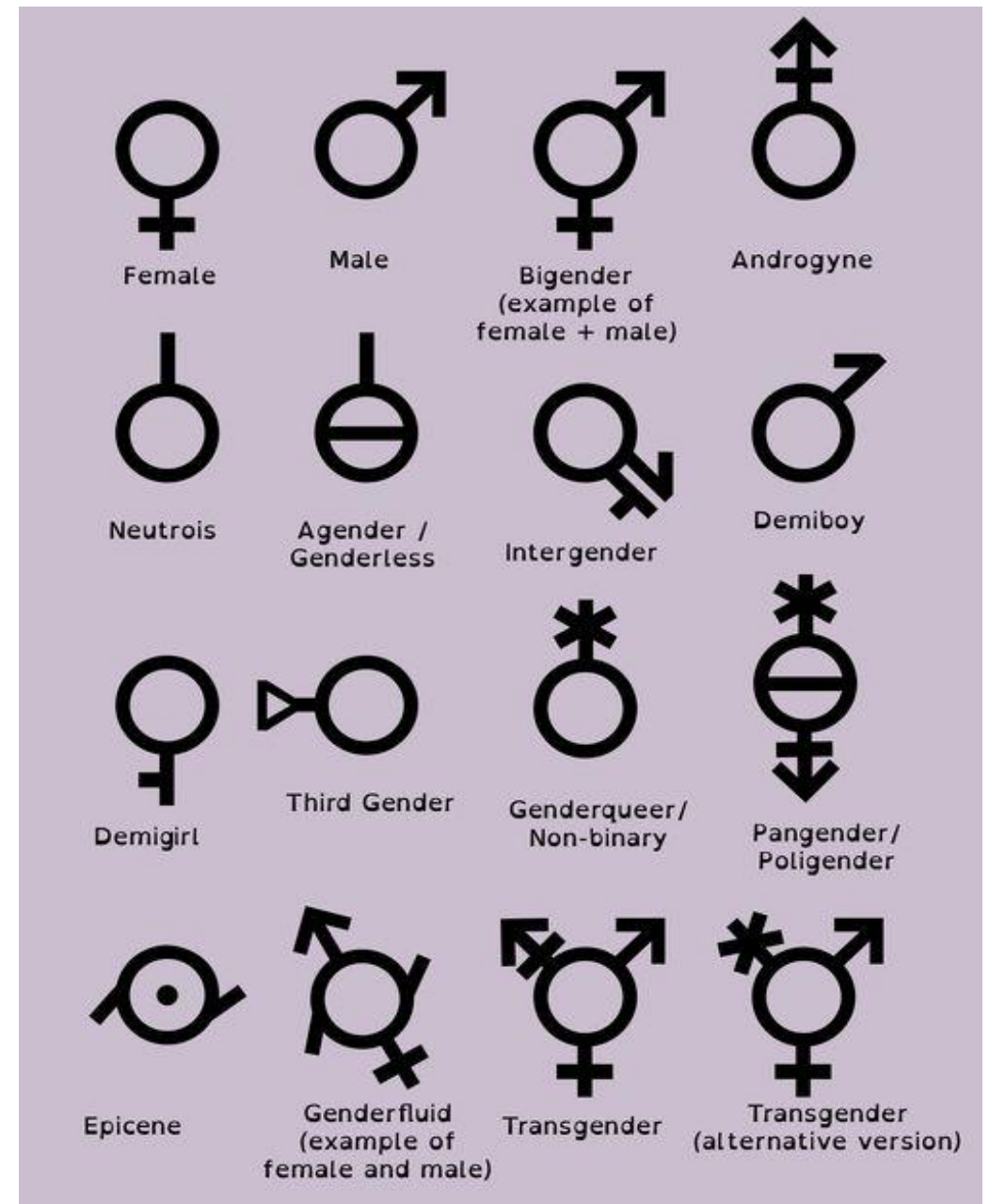


- What are yours?
- Why does it matter?
- What does it feel like to be misgendered?

GENDER IDENTITY

Hot Topics:

- ❖ Sports
- ❖ Ceremony
- ❖ Parenting



▶ HOW CAN TRIBES & PROGRAMS SUPPORT?

❖ Government

- Proclamations
- Ordinances
- Legislation

❖ Events

- Color Run
- Youth PRIDE Camp
- Drag Show
- Parade

❖ Programming

- Traditional Teachings
- Webinars
- Resource Development



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SUPPORT NEEDS FROM YOUTH



What can family, community, and sovereign tribal nations do to better support you and your peers?

A large, conical teepee stands in a grassy field under a clear sky. The teepee is primarily white with a colorful pattern of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue sections. The base of the teepee features a decorative border of red and white triangles. A black speaker is visible on the grass to the right of the teepee.

Please Type Questions In The Chat

▶ Thank You



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