

## Supporting Transgender & Gender Nonconforming Youth

### Workshop Options

Please select your preferred workshop:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00am SESSION  
(A, B, C, D, or E)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12:15pm SESSION  
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## Dane County Children, Youth and Families Consortium

The Dane County Children, Youth and Families Consortium began in the 1980's and is made up of a number of key agencies providing mental health services and supports for children, youth and families. The Consortium includes 30-40 agency members and human services systems representatives, a few of which are Madison Metro School District, Journey Mental Health Center, Rainbow Project, and Community Partnerships. The consortium meets periodically to discuss trends, needs and resources which pertain to the mental health needs of children and youth in our area. The area of gender identity and transgender youth was identified as an issue which many consortium members wanted more training.



**2nd Biennial Conference  
on Supporting  
Transgender & Gender  
Nonconforming Youth**

**Friday October 19, 2012  
8:30am—4:00pm**

**American Family Training Center  
Building A  
6000 American Family Parkway  
Madison, WI**

**Sponsored by the Dane County Children,  
Youth and Families Consortium**

In collaboration with the Canopy Center, Community Partnerships, Freedom, Inc., Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools, Madison Metropolitan School District, TransParent Group, and Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin

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Increase your understanding about the lives and needs of transgender and gender nonconforming youth and their families. Leave with best practices in creating safer environments for all youth.

## Agenda

8:00–8:30am	Registration
8:30–9:45am	Welcome and Keynote
9:45–10:00am	Break
10:00–11:15am	Session 1
11:15–12:15pm	Lunch (Provided)
12:15–1:30pm	Session 2
1:30–1:45pm	Break
1:45–3:00pm	Transgender Youth Panel
3:00–3:15pm	Break
3:15–3:45pm	Proud Theater Performance
3:45–4:00pm	Evaluation and Networking

## Keynote

### TRANSGENDER 101

Presenters:

M Adams, Freedom, Inc.

Abra Bankendorf Vigna, Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin

M and Abra will provide an overview to the language for discussing the needs and experiences of transgender and gender variant youth and introduce some of the most pressing social justice issues members of this community face.

## Session 1: 10am-11:15am

### A. One Family Physician's Journey In Caring for Transgender Youth

Learn what one family doctor in our community has done to support trans youth and families.

*Presenter: Kathy Oriel, M.D.*

### B. Our Schools—Getting Real: Supportive Practices for Transgender/Gender Nonconforming Youth

How can school districts both prepare in a general way and for the specific needs of transgender/gender nonconforming students? What are the issues (bathrooms, sports, informal practices, names, etc.) and how do these issues, which we typically address on an individual basis, fit the frame for gender inclusive practices for all? Information from one district's experience in inclusion work.

*Presenter: Liz Lusk, Madison Metropolitan School District*

### C. Color of Gender: Race, Class, and Gender Identity

Participants will explore the way culture informs our concepts of gender and gender identity. Through this exploration attendees will learn specifically about the experiences of Southeast Asian youth and how the intersection of gender, class, and race has impacted their gender identity and their concepts of gender. Staff from *Freedom, Inc.* will share tips on how to make programming and spaces more inclusive of Southeast Asian and Black Transgender and Gender Nonconforming youth.

*Presenters: M Adams, Aiden Lor, Zon Moua, Alix Shabazz, and Yee Thao*

### D. Gender Identity Formation in Early Childhood

Through role play and scenarios this workshop will encourage reflection on the development and reinforcement of gender ideas and provide opportunities to develop practical language for supporting children who are gender creative.

*Presenter: Emily Graf, licensed in Parent Education*

### E. Crossdressing: Its Place in the Transgender Community

Crossdressers are not well understood by many, both outside and inside the LGBT communities. In this workshop a self-identified male heterosexual crossdresser will discuss how crossdressing fits into the transgender spectrum and the larger LGBT communities. The presenter will use his own life experiences to illustrate the topics covered and attendees will leave with a greater understanding of the crossdressing community.

*Presenter: Wayne Gathright, Madison Area Transgender Association*

## Session 2: 12:15pm-1:30pm

### F. Clinical Approaches to Working with Trans and Gender Variant Youth:

This panel of therapists will discuss their work with trans and gender variant youth by addressing issues including: ways to support youth, when to continue working with a client, and when to refer to someone more experienced in the field. The intended audience is other mental health professionals.

*Presenters: Baine Alexander, Uplands Counseling Associates; Nyle Biondi, LLC; Dawn Brubakken and Kathy Webster, Midwest Center for Psychotherapy & Sex Therapy*

### G. Preventing and Addressing Gender Based Bullying and Harassment

How can we, as adults, work with young people, set up a school, classroom, or group environment where a diverse range of gender expressions are not only welcomed but celebrated? Attendees will leave this session with tools and strategies to work with targets of bullying, bystanders, and those who bully.

*Presenter: Brian Juchems, Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools*

### H. Compounding Variables: Anti-Transgender Hate Crimes and Sexual Assaults

Through a blend of didactic and experiential modalities, youth-focused national statistics on anti-trans hate violence will be presented, with a lens focused on the intersections of trans and other marginalized identities and experiences (race, disability, class, incarceration history, etc.)

*Presenter: michael munson, FORGE*

### I. Trans Youth Allyship for Adults

Participants will learn common mistakes we make as cisgender (not transgender) adults and how to forge better and deeper connections with the youth we serve. Learn more about the privileges we have as cisgender people and be given concrete skills so we can become better resources to our youth.

*Presenter: Emma Zeldin, Graduate Student with a focus on safety for trans and gender nonconforming youth*

### J. SoulCollage with Kay DeWaide

Let your subconscious come out to play! This session is an experiential art-making exploration of your own uniqueness through collage.

*Presenter: Kay DeWaide, Community Partnerships, and Sarassee Expressive Arts*

### K. Parent Panel: A Family Perspective

Parents of transgender and gender variant youth will share stories of how their families have negotiated this journey with their children.

*Facilitator: Charlie Byers, TransParent Group member*