

DEFINITIONS

Alliance: A system which welcomes and incorporates all respectful forms of sexuality as a normal variation in a system based on love, friendship, and acceptance; a Gay-Straight Alliance would be a system in which “gay” (homosexual) and “straight” (heterosexual) people form effective relationships and work for acceptance of all people.

Ally: A non-gay person whose Total Behavior is characterized by antiheterosexism; creates and seizes opportunities to work counter to heterosexism and homophobia; uses correct words to describe sexuality; use non-heterosexual bias language; may wear a pin or symbol to show alliance and support; will explain symbol when asked.

Bisexuality: The Quality World picture of emotional and sexual attraction may be felt for both sexes.

Heterosexuality: The QW picture of emotional and sexual attraction is felt for person of a gender other than his or her own.

Homosexuality: The QW picture of emotional and sexual attraction is felt for persons of the same gender.

Sexual Behavior: Total behavior, which can indicate sexual action or sexual abstinence.

Sexual Identity: One’s personal self-evaluation based on information, Total Behavior, and a focus on what gender that person is most sexually attracted to.

Sexual Orientation: Based on our QW pictures and feeling behaviors, the sex or sexes to which we are most attracted to on many levels; seems to be driven by genetics.

Transsexual: Refers to a strong feeling component of Total Behavior, which suggests a person’s biological gender identity and a person’s anatomical gender is incongruent; the person often feels trapped in a body that is the wrong gender.

Transvestite: Also known as a Cross Dresser, refers to a person who dresses in what is typically dress for persons other than the gender of the transvestite; for erotic pleasure, may feel quite natural to the person; may be homosexual, heterosexual, transsexual, or just participates in the behavior and enjoys the gender that he/she is.

Out: Can mean several things, including: coming out being a process or coming to integrate sexual orientation with the total self; the act of telling others of your gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender orientation; can indicate being open about one’s orientation with some persons, but still hidden with other persons.

In The Closet: Also referred to as “closeted”, which means that one’s LGBT identity is concealed; some choose to give the impression of heterosexuality, as a means of self-protection.

Gender Identity: This is the gender that an individual person most believes, through their Total Behavior and QW pictures, is the gender that they most identify with.

Gender Role: The cultural and societal expectations that exist as a result of what gender we most identify with. These expectations are expressed through our Total Behavior, which, alternate to gender identity, is always chosen.