

Participants Needed: Gender Exploring, Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth

What are the goals of this research study?

The Gender Development Program at Children's National Health System is studying the relationship between the experience of being transgender, gender exploring, or gender non-binary in youth and behavioral and biological measures of gender (including genes and neuroimaging). The aim of this research is to develop improved measures of gender and gender-related needs in youth. David Call, MD is the Director of the Gender Development Program and John Strang, PsyD is the Primary Investigator for the research program.

Who can be part of this research study?

Young people who are gender diverse, transgender, or gender exploring (ages 13-21) and who are developing typically or who have developmental differences (such as autism) may be eligible to participate.

What will participants be asked to do?

The young person will be asked to complete questionnaires and game-like tasks and provide a genetic sample (either saliva or a cheek swab) during an in-person clinical or research visit. Some youth will also be invited to consider participating in the neuroimaging (MRI) part of the study that takes pictures of the young person's brain.

What are the benefits of taking part in this research study?

Youth and parents will be compensated for their time. The results of this study may provide information that could help create more precise gender evaluation methods and individualized gender-supports for gender diverse youth in the future.



I'm interested! How do I participate?

If you have questions or would like to join the research study, please contact:

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