



The yellow panel with a purple circle on the Progress Flag represents people who identify as intersex.

Johna Talks: Understanding Intersex

The basic definition of intersex is having innate sex characteristics that do not fit medical norms for female or male bodies.

There are over thirty different intersex variations. This phenomenon is not just a human thing, it occurs all throughout our animal kingdom as well. At one point, people believed these individuals were different, and since they did not fit, they would be made to fit. It seems that when people don't know about it, they think the issue does not exist.

Intersex individuals have been around long before the time of Hippocrates. In the past century, they have endured non-consenting surgeries to maintain the gender binary. Doctors over the past century encouraged parents of intersex children to have their adolescent intersex

children undergo body modification in the name of medical necessity for conformity.

Today anti-trans laws continue to enforce these surgeries. These same laws prohibit the gender care that the trans communities desperately need.

Intersex Awareness Day first took place in 2004. This year it is on October 26. Intersex Day of Solidarity is November 8. Just last year on Intersex Solidarity Day, Governor Hochul signed legislation to develop an outreach program about the impact of medical treatments on Intersex individuals.

Email Johna at jmelius@sageupstate.org or call the office at 315-478-1923 ext. 3 with any Transgender related topics you are interested in learning more about.

Tabling Events This Month

Stop my the SAGE table if you are attending any of these events!

Onondaga County Senior Fair

Tuesday September 10, 9 am - Noon
SRC Arena (at Onondaga Community College) 4585 W Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215

Oswego County Senior Fair

Tuesday, September 17, 2- 5 pm
Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center, 26 East First St, Oswego, NY 13126

Cayuga County Senior Resource Fair

Wednesday, September 25t 8:30am to 1:00pm
Fingerlakes Mall, 1597 Clark Street Road, Auburn NY

Pride Oswego

Saturday September 14, 11 am
13 W Oneida St, Oswego, NY 13126

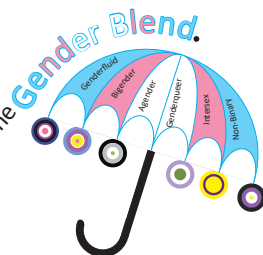


Scrabble Tournament: 9/17

On the 3rd Tuesday of the month, Game night will be a Scrabble Tournament. To sign up, please contact Leslie by 9/16 at 315-478-1923 or llamb@sageupstate.org



Do you identify under the Transgender Umbrella? Or are you questioning? Then come join us at the



3rd Saturday of every month.
Available in-person or Zoom from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.