Addressing gender identity related stigma & marginalization in qualitative research

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are you a boy or a girl.

no
“I can’t say who I am unless you agree I’m real.”

-- Amiri Baraka
What you *know* influences what you *see*...
STIGMA
Outreach & Recruitment

- Trust
- Transparency
- Inclusivity
- Affirming
If I don’t see it, it doesn’t exist...
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Do you identify as: FTM
Trans
Androgynous
MTF
AG
bi-gendered
Transgender

Drag queen
Drag king
Boi
Gender different
2 spirit
Femme Queen

Volunteers Wanted for a Research Study
There’s no place like home?
The experiences of unstably housed transgender and gender non-conforming youth/young adults
OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH PROJECT!

Exploring Gendered Pregnancy Norms with Butch-identified Lesbians and Genderqueer Individuals

1. Do you identify as:
   - Genderqueer?
   - Butch?
   - Masculine of center?
   - or something else similar?

2. Have you been pregnant?

If yes, we want to talk to you about your experiences!
Contact Dr. Jama Shelton at jshelton@hunter.cuny.edu or 646.797.6107 for more information or to schedule an interview.
Queer & Trans Women who have experienced identity-based family rejection, a community-based research project for you

Do you identify as a queer &/or trans woman, aged 25-45, with personal experience of family rejection based on your gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation (at least 5 yrs ago)?

We want to hear from you

What’s involved?
You are being invited to complete a survey & participate in a 60-min interview with us.

Who are we?
Alex & Jama: We are two queer & trans researchers focusing on the long-term impact of identity-based family rejection and trans health.

To participate or for more information please email Max at:
Max.Ferguson@camh.ca
(emails are confidential)

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Data Collection & Analysis

- Trust
- Transparency
- Inclusivity
- Affirming
- Contextually specific

HOW?
“I can’t say who I am unless you agree I’m real.”

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Considerations

• Involve members of your target population in every step of the process, if possible.
• Use the words people use to describe themselves.
• Be clear about (and communicate) the practical utility of the project.
What words do you use to describe your gender?

If you *had* to choose one of the following words to describe your gender, which would you choose?
Sexual Health/Behavior Data

What words are you using to describe body parts? sexual acts?

How can you make these more inclusive so that people remain engaged?
Analysis
Considerations

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• Use the words people use to describe themselves.
• Contextualize the findings within the current (and historical) sociopolitical context.
Ideological

Institutional

Interpersonal

Internalized
Thank you!

Questions?

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