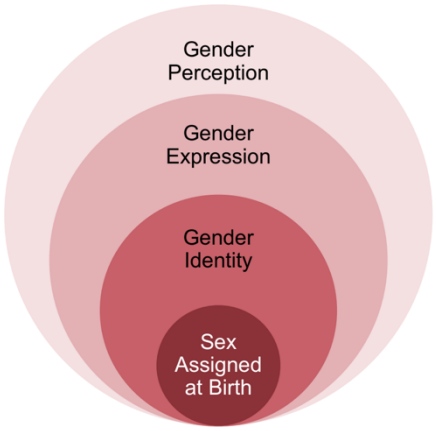
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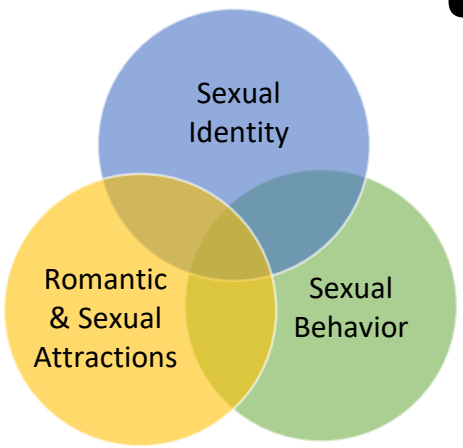
Gender



- Gender refers to a person's inner sense of being a woman, man, something else, or having no gender at all
- Gender identity does not always align in a traditional sense with the sex a person is assigned at birth (typically female, male, or intersex)
- Gender Identity may also change over time for some people

Sexuality

- Sexuality (or Sexual Orientation) refers to how a person defines their physical, emotional, and romantic attachments to other people
- The three primary components of sexual orientation are *attraction, behavior,* and *identity,* all of which may change over time for some people
- Some of the more common sexual orientation identities are lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and straight, though there are many more



Language Matters



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