

The Story of LGBTQ+ MEMPHIS is not just about visibility. It's about resilience with rhythm! It's about the way people keep living fully, loving loudly, and building community even when the environment feels uncertain. You can see it in how "showing up" becomes a practice, not a slogan. The community's perseverance lives in the city's creative pulse, where music, art, and nightlife are more than entertainment. They are spaces to exhale and be affirmed. And beyond the visible moments, queer Memphis is built in everyday courage: naming yourself correctly at work, setting boundaries with family, loving who you love in public anyway. In Memphis, resilience isn't stiff or joyless; it has rhythm because people insist on celebration and care at the same time, making home not just where you live, but where you are held.

Community Resources:

[MidSouth LGBT Chamber of Commerce | LGBTQ+ Business Network TN, MS, AR](#)

[Memphis Pride Fest | Powered by Mid-South Pride](#)

[OUTMemphis](#)

PRIDE June 4-7

Educational Resources:

[Patient-Centered Care for LGBT Individuals with Dr. Potter](#)

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE – Let's Play A Game

Interactive Matching Game: How well-versed are you on terminology related to the LGBTQIA+ community? Study the terms below and click on the "click me" button to play a matching game. Let's see how many you can get correct!

Terms:

LGBTQA+: A common abbreviation that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning, asexual and aromantic. The "+" is used to make space for other identities that are non-heterosexual and non-cisgender that may not be specifically listed.

Gender Identity: "One's internal sense of being male, female, neither of these, both, or another gender(s)" (TSER, 2017). There are many different gender identities, and, because it is a person's *internal* sense of self, you cannot know someone's gender identity just by looking at them.

Gender Expression/Presentation: "The physical manifestation of one's gender identity through clothing, hairstyle, voice, body shape, etc. (typically referred to as masculine or

feminine). Many transgender people seek to make their gender expression (how they look) match their gender identity (who they are), rather than their sex assigned at birth (TSER, 2017).

Microaggressions: Brief and commonplace verbal, behavioral, or environmental indignities, whether intentional or unintentional, that communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative [slights and insults towards member(s) of an oppressed group]

Ally: In the most general sense, an ally is “a person who is a member of the dominant or majority group who works to end oppression in their personal and professional life through support of, and as an advocate for, the oppressed population.”

Stealth: “This term refers to when a person chooses to be secretive in the public sphere about their gender history, either after transitioning or while successfully passing. Also referred to as ‘going stealth’ or ‘living in stealth mode’”

Transfeminine: 1. A term used to describe those who were assigned male at birth but identify as more female than male.

Transmasculine: “1. A term used to describe those who were assigned female at birth but identify as more male than female.

Dead Name: The birth name of a transgender person who has changed their name as part of their gender transition.

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