

Legal Resources for the Trans & Gender Diverse Community

A Handout by the WA Medical-Legal Partnership (WA MLP)

How to Use This Handout

These resources are for the trans and gender diverse communities of Washington State. This handout is meant to be interactive, containing several web links so you can access documents online. You can hover your mouse over the link name to click, or press CTRL + click.

If you received this as printed, most of the links can be found with Google. Check the suggested search terms to find them online. We hope this helps you or a loved one looking for information.

Changing Legal Name and Gender Markers in WA State

- [Name Change Guide by QLaw](#). Start here for comprehensive information on the name change process and required forms. *Google: "Washington Law Help QLaw name change"*
- [Sample Doctor Declaration for Minor Name change](#). To support a youth name change request, a medical provider may write a letter of support. A declaration from a medical provider can be helpful if only one parent is supportive of the name change. *Accessible on DropBox.*
- [Gender Marker Changes](#). Northwest Justice Project's publication explaining how to change your gender marker with various administrative agencies. *Go to www.washingtonlawhelp.org and search: "Gender Marker Change"*
- [Petition Documents - Name Change Pleadings by County](#). This folder contains petition documents by county in Washington State. Identify the county of residence and complete the forms as needed. *Accessible on DropBox.*

Potential Hurdles to Gender Marker, Name Change Process

- [Slide Show Presentation - Gender Marker / Name Change Legal Issues](#). This powerpoint contains a summary of common name change complications, such as fee waivers, minors with only one consenting parent, and getting a name change while incarcerated. *Accessible on DropBox.*

Medical Benefits and Health Care

- [Medicare for Transgender Older Adults](#). This sheet is current as of June 2016. To see other links with more updated information, click this resource. *Google: "LGBT Aging Center, Medicare for Transgender Older Adults"*
- [Supportive Medical Providers Directory](#). Find a healthcare provider in WA State that can offer gender-affirming care. *Google: "Ingersoll Gender Center Providers"*

Schools & Education

- [Prohibiting Discrimination in Public Schools](#). This is a guide intended for school districts to help them implement anti-discrimination requirements. For parents, it also functions as a "know your rights" guide. *Accessible on DropBox.*

Employment

- [Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Employment](#). A guide from the WA State's Human Rights Commission on anti-discrimination laws based on sexual orientation and gender identity. *Google: "HUM WA employment sexual orientation and gender"*