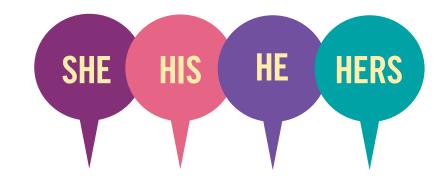
# **GENDER-SPECIFIC & GENDER-NEUTRAL PRONOUNS**

**GENDER-SPECIFIC PRONOUNS** 

are the ways we refer to each other in the third person. People who are transitioning in some way **might choose to change their pronouns**.



**GENDER-NEUTRAL PRONOUNS** 



I saw Lauren come to work today and **they** seemed really happy. I wonder if it has anything to do with **their** weekend. I hope I see **them** soon to hear all about it!

I saw Lauren come to work today and **ze** seemed really happy. I wonder if it has anything to do with **hir** weekend. I hope I see **hir** soon to hear all about it!

#### ASK

You cannot tell someone's name or pronoun just by looking at them.

ZIE [ZEE] Hir [hear]

## RESPECT

If someone takes the time to let you know their name and pronoun, use and respect it. It's not up to you to decide someone else's identity.

## PRACTICE

If you have difficulty using someone's pronoun and name, practice. Ask co-workers, peers, and friends to point out when you've made a mistake.

Hi everyone, my name is Lauren. My pronouns are she and her. **ASK:** If you find yourself unsure of someone's pronoun, be attentive to how others refer to this person. If you are still unclear or concerned that people might be using the incorrect pronoun, politely and **privately ask that person what pronoun they use.** 



Start meetings with everyone introducing themselves and stating their pronoun. All name tags and name plates can also have a spot to show someone's pronouns.

HELLO my name is

LAUREN

PRONOUNS: She & Her

#### **#TRANSINCLUSION**

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