

### Institutional inclusivity: Resource guides to support transgender staff/students

- Issues for LGBTQ+ physicists
- Recommendations
- PNNL's Employee Resource Guides







SUPPORTING TRANSGENDER STAFF AT PNNL

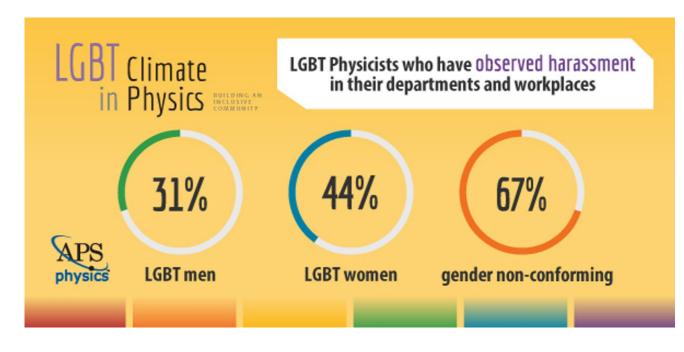
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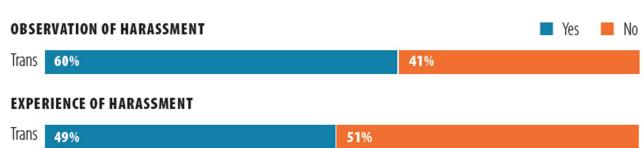
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# **Current status: Summary from APS Climate Survey**

- 1. LGBTQ+ physicists have faced uneven protection and support from legislation and policies.
- 2. The overall climate experienced by LGBTQ+ physicists was highly variable.
- 3. In many physics environments, social norms established expectations of closeted behavior.
- 4. Isolation was a common theme for many LGBTQ+ physicists.
- 5. A significant fraction of LGBTQ+ physicists have experienced or observed exclusionary behavior.
- 6. LGBTQ+ physicists with additional marginalized identities faced greater levels of discrimination.
- 7. Transgender and gender-nonconforming physicists encountered the most hostile environments.
- 8. Many LGBTQ+ physicists were at risk for leaving their workplace or school.
- 9. LGBTQ+ physicists reported trouble identifying allies to help mitigate isolation, exclusion, or marginalization.





36%

Considered leaving their workplace or school in the prior year



## **Recommendations from APS Survey**

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"I've identified two professors at [University] who are okay working with queer, LGBTQ people and one of them was actually my thesis advisor. And the reason I was able to identify him was because he had a little rainbow sticker on his window. And I would kind of see some of these... and that was kind of a cue for me to be a little more comfortable around him in terms of just talking about my family life or just opening up in general..."



# **How PNNL Has Approached DEIB**













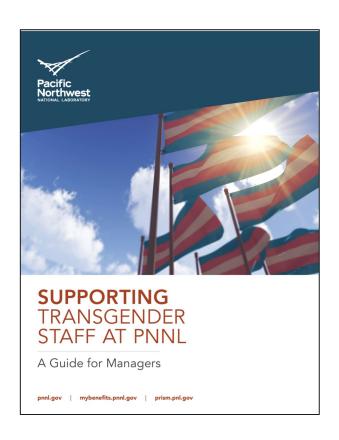


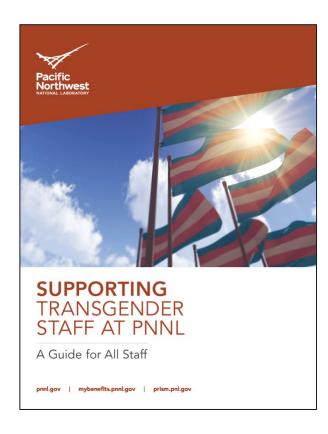


Eight Employee Resource Groups: <a href="https://www.pnnl.gov/diversity-inclusion">www.pnnl.gov/diversity-inclusion</a>



## **ERG's Developed Resource Guides**





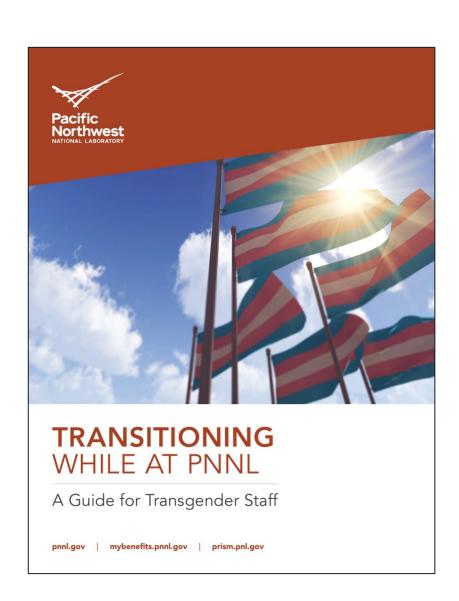
- PNNL's non-discrimination and antiharassment policy
- Clarifications on common terminology
- Guidance on names/pronouns
- Information that dispels common misconceptions
- Specific examples of how to support your colleagues
- Links to external resources

www.pnnl.gov/diversity-inclusion

"I deal with not having my choice of pronoun respected every day. Sometimes these situations affect me deeply on an emotional level and affect my ability to work for several hours." – APS Climate Survey



# **Specific Guidance for Transitioning Staff**



#### Answers common questions such as:

- Am I protected and welcome at PNNL as a transgender person?
- How to communicate to managers and colleagues that I am transitioning?
- What information is kept confidential?

#### Provides useful information for:

- How to transition at work, including a workplace transition planning guide.
- How to change your name, gender, and photos in internal system?
- External Resource Links
- Community Support Organizations
- Legal Resources
- Medical Resources



#### **Concluding thoughts**

2015 LGBTQ+ Climate Survey is still relevant today and their recommendations can be used in the current LRP to improve DEIB efforts in nuclear physics.

PNNL ERG efforts as examples of ways to further support our LGBTQ+ colleagues and are openly available to adopt at your own institutions.

