

## Gender Variant Children - survey

Graduate Program in Sexual Health  
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Gender Variant Children: Views of Professionals, Parents & Transgender Adults  
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Dear Professional,

I would like to invite you to participate in this research identifying the needs of children with gender variance and the needs of their parents. The ultimate aim is to develop an evidence-based supportive approach and environment for gender variant children.

This will be a study exploring, the childhood experiences of transgender adults and the experiences of parents who currently have a child with gender variance or who have raised a child with gender variance. Professionals working with the transgender community are being invited to include the voice of experience in contributing to understanding the support needs of parents and their children with gender variance.

Your participation in this research is entirely voluntary and no individual will be identified in any report of the results.

Submitting a completed questionnaire/survey is an indication of your consent to participate in the study. You can withdraw any time prior to submitting your completed questionnaire/survey. Once you have submitted your questionnaire/survey anonymously, your responses cannot be withdrawn.

The study is being conducted by Elizabeth Anne Riley and will form the basis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at The University of Sydney under the supervision of Dr Gomathi Sitharthan, Research Coordinator, Faculty of Health Sciences.

Please pass this survey on to any professional, parent or transgender individual; .who may be interested in participating.

Preliminary results will be presented at the WPATH conference in Oslo, 2009.

To take part in this survey, click or cut & paste the link below:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228CP3PGE8H>

I look forward to your participation in this research.

If you would like to know more at any stage, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Anne Riley, PhD student (health Sciences) at [eril6366@usyd.edu.au](mailto:eril6366@usyd.edu.au), or Dr Gomathi Sitharthan, Research Coordinator at Cumberland Campus C42, East Street (PO Box 170), Lidcombe NSW 1825, Australia. Telephone: +61 2 9351 9584 or at [g.sitharthan@usyd.edu.au](mailto:g.sitharthan@usyd.edu.au)

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Anne Riley

Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of a research study can contact the Senior Ethics Officer, Ethics Administration, University of Sydney on (02) 9351 4811 (Telephone); (02) 9351 6706 (Facsimile) or [gbriody@usyd.edu.au](mailto:gbriody@usyd.edu.au) (Email).