

Let's Talk About Pronouns

What Are Pronouns?

Pronoun: A set of words in a language that are used as substitutes for nouns or noun phrases and whose referents are named or understood in the context - Merriam-Webster Dictionary

Why do they matter?

Pronouns provide understanding and context when speaking to others. Many also see pronouns as a label, and to use the correct pronouns when addressing someone shows respect. Choosing not to use someone's identified pronouns can make that person feel disrespected, invalidated, dismissed, and alienated

How does this impact advocacy?

Sexual and domestic violence impacts people of all gender identities. Sharing our pronouns can create a safe space for survivors to disclose their experiences, allow for the acknowledgement of the survivor's gender identity, create a welcoming environment for all survivors, and reduce barriers to seeking services.

Subjective	Objective	Possessive
she	her	hers
he	him	his
they	them	their
xe	xem	xyrs
e/ey	em	eirs
elle	elles	se

[Click here to see more!](#)

Please reach out to info@acesdv.org with any questions or concerns about using gender inclusive language with survivors.



TO END SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

RAINBOW COLLECTIVE