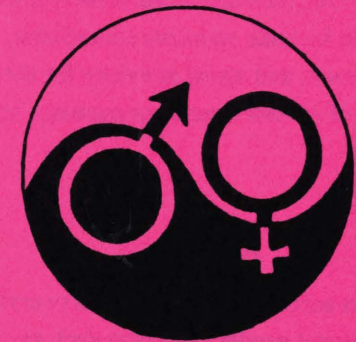


Gender Awareness and Involvement Network (GAIN)



GAIN is an organization for professionals who serve clients that seek counseling and guidance on issues related to gender conflict and gender dysphoria.

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GAIN Membership Application

Please complete and return with your \$75.00 remittance. Make checks payable to Outreach Institute.

Name _____ Address _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone: (office) _____ (home) _____ Best time to reach by phone _____

Membership includes one year's subscription to the Journal of Gender Studies (JGS), your choice of two information packets, and two consultations regarding clients, with the Director of GAIN.

Circle the two packets you wish to receive as part of your membership: I II III IV V

I am interested in participating in the Evaluation and Referral Network

Information Packets

Informational packets are collections of materials on topics of importance to the professional working with gender-conflicted people. Materials in the packets are of interest to clients as well as to professionals. Currently there are five packets available.

Packet I— The Needs of the Male-to-Female Transsexual

Packet II— The Female-to-Male Transsexual.

Packet III—Wives/ Partners/Significant Others of CD/TV/TS Persons

Packet IV—Crossdressing and Transvestism for CD's and TV's

Packet V— The World of Androgyny and Androgynes

Each packet contains reprints of informative and professional articles and a recent book. GAIN members are entitled to two packets free. Additional packets are \$30.00 each. Packets are available to nonmembers for \$30.00.

I want to purchase the following packets without becoming a member of GAIN or in addition to the two packets that are included in my membership fee. Please circle the packets desired and enclose \$30.00 for each. Make checks payable to Outreach Institute.

I II III IV V

I am interested only in a subscription to the Journal of Gender Studies. Enclose remittance for \$16.00 payable to Outreach Institute.

GAIN provides referral services and educational resources for health-care givers whose clients seek counseling on issues related to gender conflict and gender dysphoria. Members include helping professionals from the fields of education, medicine, guidance and counseling, sex therapy, ministry, law and law enforcement, and other human services. GAIN is the professional arm for The Human Outreach and Achievement Institute (HOAI). The Institute sponsors educational, personal growth, and social activities for the community of crossdressers, transsexuals, and androgynes.

Seminars

GAIN offers seminars that present an overview of aconventional gender behaviors such as transsexualism, fetish crossdressing, 'gender' blending (androgynous), and medically determined hermaphroditism. Having a clear idea of the gender conflict involved in particular gender behaviors is of help to healthcare givers in determining appropriate counseling or therapy strategies. Seminars are offered to mental health centers, graduate programs in schools of social work, sexuality clinics, and other professional therapy or counseling groups. Write to GAIN for the time and place of scheduled seminars or to arrange for a seminar in your geographical area.

Workshops

Workshops designed to provide healthcare givers with models of gender role, other than the

traditional male and female configurations and the subsequent patterns of behavior. Gender is viewed as a social construct. Gender "exercises" and "games" are introduced that help a health-care giver discern how a gender-conflicted person perceives his or her own gender role. This is especially helpful for the professional when mapping out a program of conflict resolution for a client. Workshops designed to last from half a day to an entire weekend are available. Write to GAIN for the time and place of scheduled workshops or to arrange for a workshop in your geographical area.

Presentations on the other issues are also available. Recent presentations have included "Gender Issues for the 90s," "Cross Dresser, Cross Gender, and Androgyne (CD/CG/AN) Issues and Lifestyles," "Social Dynamics of Gender Shift," and "Counseling Strategies for Helping Professionals Working with the Gender Conflicted."

Supervision

Professional health-care givers working with gender-conflicted people may occasionally want a consultation regarding clients who present especially complex gender issues. Telephone consultations with the Director of GAIN may be obtained by calling the Boston office. Members are entitled to two free consultations a year.

Journal of Gender Studies

Journal of Gender Studies (formerly the Outreach Beacon) is the official publication of HOAI. It includes professional articles of gender-related issues received from the clinical and academic communities. The content of a single issue may

range from an article on gender in the theater arts to notes on the feelings and experiences immediately following sex reassignment surgery in a major hospital. Contributions from GAIN members are welcome. Reviews of important books on gender issues are also included. A subscription to the Journal is included in the GAIN membership fee. The subscription rate for nonmembers is \$16.00 annually.

Evaluation and Referral Network

GAIN receives requests for professional referral from persons who are gender conflicted. After a brief but thorough clarification of the issues, the Director usually refers the person to an GAIN member within a 200-mile radius of the client's home. GAIN members who want to participate in this referral network should indicate their interest on their membership applications. Interested members will be sent a brief form to complete describing their training and experience in counseling and in the area of gender dysphoria.

Book Resources

GAIN works with a book distribution service in making available current titles on gender issues. A list of available books may be obtained from GAIN.

