

# DO'S & DON'TS

- DO:** ask people for their pronouns when it's safe and appropriate to do so.
- DON'T:** only ask people who you read as trans, or in a setting that may result in someone being outed.
- DO:** thank someone if they correct you on their pronouns, and work to do better.
- DON'T:** get mad at someone for correcting you.
- DO:** use neutral language when talking about someone if you do not know how they identify.
- DON'T:** assume! You know what they say when you assume.
- DO:** try to avoid misgendering people, and apologize in a healthy way if you mess up.
- DON'T:** misgender someone on purpose because you disagree with their gender or because you're mad at them or you think their pronouns aren't grammatically correct.
- DON'T:** assume the pregnant person = mother or that the other partner is father.
- DON'T:** assume number of partners or that the pregnant person has a partner at all.

The Gender Opossum says to remember:

- ▼ Quickly correct yourself
- ▼ Don't make it about YOU
- ▼ Apologize privately

