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