



## LGBT Project: Name and Gender Marker Changes

### **Who needs a legal name change?**

Anyone who wants to update the name on their government-issued IDs (BMV ID or driver's license, social security card, passport, birth certificate).

### **Who needs a legal gender change?**

People who want to update the gender marker on their Indiana birth certificate. You don't need a legal gender change to update the gender marker on your passport, social security card or BMV ID.

### **Do I need to have surgery or be on hormones to legally change my name or gender?**

NO! You don't need to be seeing a doctor or have any medical transition to get a name or gender marker change.

### **Who can change their name or gender marker?**

Adults (17 and older) who are not in jail or prison or registered lifetime sex offenders can change their name. Anyone can change their gender marker.

A minor's parent or guardian can change their name or gender marker. Parents do not have to agree with each other for a minor to get a name or gender marker change. There are a lot of rules about whether a parent must agree to the name change. If you have questions about your situation, please contact us at [lgbtgroup@ilsi.net](mailto:lgbtgroup@ilsi.net) or 317-829-3180.

### **Do I need a lawyer to change my name?**

For help with minor name and gender marker or gender marker only cases, please complete an online intake [here](#) and put LGBT name change in the problem description. Someone from the LGBT project will contact you to follow up and get more information. You can also call us at 317-829-3180 or email us at [lgbtgroup@ilsnet](mailto:lgbtgroup@ilsnet) to schedule a phone intake.

### **How do I start a legal case to change my name or gender marker?**

Fill out legal forms and follow the step-by-step instructions at [Name and Gender Marker Forms](#).

The packets will also tell you how to prepare to talk to the judge and what will happen in court.

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