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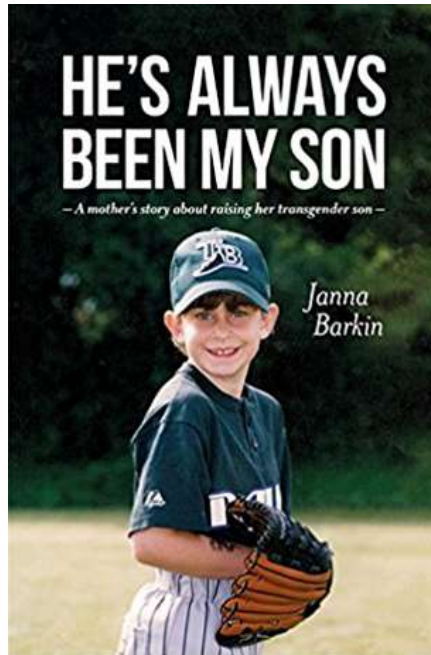
**Janna Barkin (she/her) and Gabriel Barkin (he/him)**

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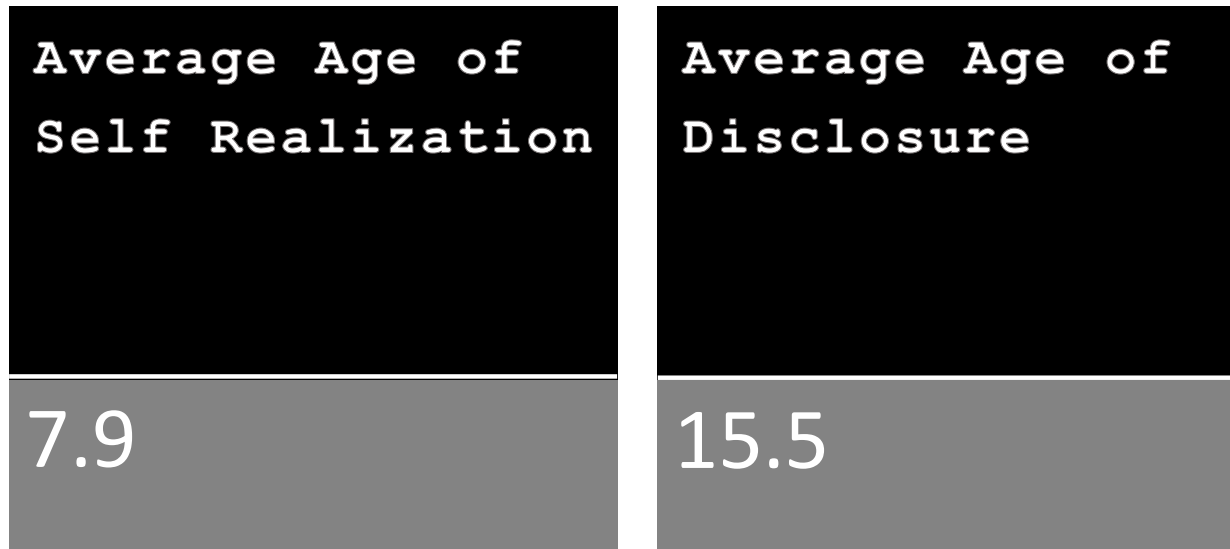


# Gender Identity Is Established Early

- According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, by age 4 most children have a stable sense of their gender identity...
- *This is true for all kids, regardless of their gender.*



## It Might Be Years Before T/NB Youth Discuss It



Savage & Lagerstrom (2015)

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"I wish to be a grampa."



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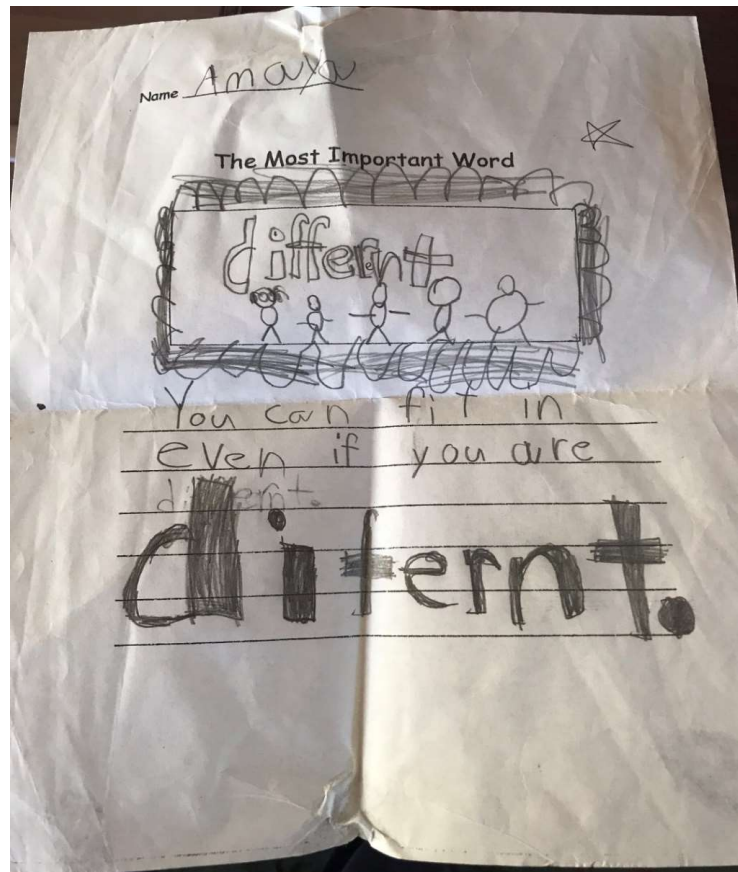
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## Seeking Congruence – Tattoos



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I am unique because I am a girl dressed as a guy. I also act like a boy. Everytime I meet someone new, they think I am a boy. That is why I am unique.

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## ***Families in Transition***

When one person in the family transitions, the whole family goes through a transition.

- “My son is now my daughter.”
- “My father is now my mother.”
- “My granddaughter is now my grandson.”
- “My sister is now my sibling.”



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# Gender Dysphoria



Complete (for now) .

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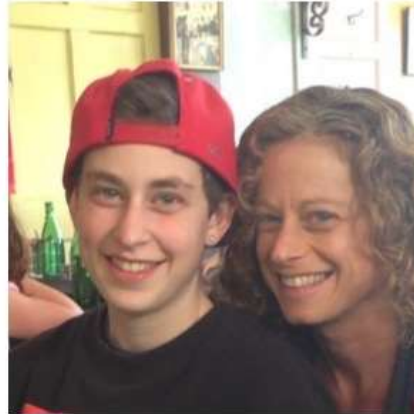
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