

### **Name in the Program**

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*Gemma speaks with two teachers who run an after school drama club. Today is the day for the final performance and the teachers are doing finishing touches to the program.*

Please credit me in the program as Bobby. Even though I have been going by Gemma and she/her pronouns all year, my parents still call me Bobby. They know that my pronouns are she and her and that I go by Gemma, but they don't respect it. They keep going on and on about how I am their baby and that they know me better than anyone else. I know and appreciate that they made me, but they have to let me go eventually. It's all good. Just put Bobby in the program. My parents found out I was trans when they saw one of my college applications. I had filled out the pronouns section with she/they. I accidentally left my computer open. I guess that was a good thing because they had to know somehow. I just wish I had been able to tell them on my own. I also wrote that my name was Gemma. They were very upset that night and they asked me why I wasn't going by the name they gave me. We argued. I told them that I respected them but I was not Bobby. They brought up therapy and it was a whole thing. I told them I didn't need therapy and that I was the clearest I had ever been. I am Gemma, but it's been weeks and they are still upset, so for this program just put me down as Bobby. I will deal with it. My parents don't understand that I am not who they think I am or who they want me to be. Isn't it okay to be who I want to be? I am graduating high school this year and this program has helped me find myself so much! I am so happy with who I am becoming. One day they will accept it and understand, but until then, just put in the program that I am Bobby. Thanks for respecting me during this program.



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