

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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