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Specific sections of **Transgender Emergence: Therapeutic Guidelines for Working with Gender-Variant People and Their Families** address the needs of gender-variant people as well as transgendered children and youth. The issues facing gender-variant populations who have not been the focus of clinical care, such as intersexed people, female-to-male transgendered people, and those who identify as bigendered, are also addressed. For a complete list of contents, visit our Web site at www.HaworthPress.com.

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