SOGIE Data Collection Guidelines & Suggestions

Some pointers when collecting SOGIE data and asking questions relevant to sexual orientation/identity/expression.

Name
What is your chosen name? What is your "dead" name?

**When working with trans-identified folks, oftentimes they will have both a chosen (preferred) name and a "dead" (assigned at birth) name. In most ECR softwarese, there is a Message Board feature where you are able to capture a client's chosen name and pronouns, even if the "dead" name is required as the primary. This will allow staff to see immediately if the individual uses a different name/pronouns than what was assigned at birth. *Whenever/wherever possible, always use client's chosen name.*

Pronouns
What are your pronouns? What pronouns do you use?
(he/him/his, she/her/hers, they/them/theirs, zy/zym/zyrs)

Birth sex question
What was your assigned sex at birth? What is the sex on your birth certificate?
(e.g. male, female, intersex, other)

Gender identity question
What is your gender? How do you identify your gender?
(e.g. male, female, non-binary, trans-masculine, trans-feminine, two-spirit)

Sexual orientation question
What is your sexual orientation? What sexual orientation do you align with?
(e.g. lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, asexual, heterosexual)