

## **ABSTRACT**

The title of this thesis is “Recognition of Transgender Identity in Family Communication”. This thesis is trying to describe about how is transgender showing their identity and how is the recognition from transgender’s family. Transgender is people who change their appearance different with their real gender, in this research the subject is ‘female to male’ transgender.

This research use functional theory from Ekman and Friesen(1997), thi theory emphasizes the elements of nonverbal message thas was originally informant in this research showed to the family through his appearance.

The research method is a qualitative research with study narative perspective, and the data collection technique is interview and observation with one core informant (transgender) and one proponent informant (family). The result of interview and observation will be analize from the infromant’s answer and researcher looking exprience poured into writing with conclusion, to be a transgender is a choice and behind the choice there is reason. Recognition of transgender identity on this research conveyed through nonverbal message, and the family can be accepted their existence and choice because economic needs.

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