## Transgender Affirmation in Our Schools:

Putting Children's Health and Well-Being at Risk



#### Overview

Schools are Encouraging Gender Confusion

**Gender Confusion and Adolescent Girls** 

Gender Affirmation and Girls' Rights

**Health Risks of Gender Transition** 

**Gender Transition and Suicide** 

How to Help Save the Kids

#### **Please Note**

This is <u>not</u> about being anti-gay or anti-trans. That is not what this is about.

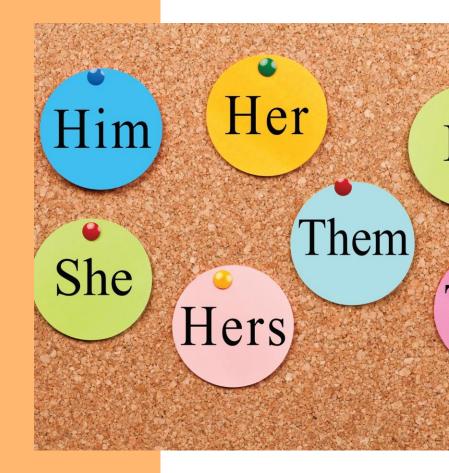
This is about protecting children's health and well-being.



**Schools are** encouraging kids to question their gender and hide it from their parents

#### **Pronouns**

Many teachers routinely ask kids what pronouns they want to use, even for children as young as elementary school.



#### **Gender Support Plans**



Schools have developed gender support plans for students without parental notification.

Image Source: Project Veritas

#### **Hiding Student Gender Identity**

Teachers will use different names and pronouns for kids without telling parents.

This includes changing the student's name and gender in electronic classroom records, with notes to indicate when parents do not know about the child's gender identity.

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- Ask what students are called at home.
- Be very mindful of not "outing" students



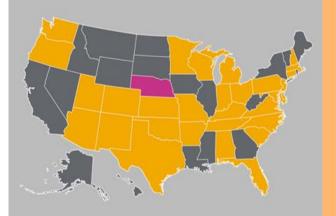
APS Gender Identity Policy and Procedural Directive

Students shall have the right to be addressed by name and pronouns corresponding to their gender identity.

#### RAINBOW LIBRARY

Over 4,600 schools in 30 states participate in GLSEN's Rainbow Library, reaching over 2.5 million students

- Participating Schools
- Planned for Spring 2023



#### **Rainbow Libraries**

Over 4,600 schools in 30 states have "rainbow libraries" of books that encourage gender confusion from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

#### **Teacher Training**

Teachers are being trained to believe that gender is just a social construct.



#### Slides from Teacher Training

#### Sex and gender are different.

#### Sex

- · Genitals
- · Internal reproductive system
- Gametes
- Chromosomes
- · Hormones

INTERSEX
MALE • FEMALE

#### Gender

- · Social labels-vary in every single culture
- · Roles, expectations, status
- · Internal sense of self; identity
- What we know about how we fit into our culture

AGENDER • NEUTROIS • MAN
PANGENDER • GENDERQUEER • WOMAN
BIGENDER • DEMIGIRL • NONBINARY

#### **Slides from Teacher Training**

#### Busting nonbinary myths

- Anyone can use any pronouns.
- There are no expression requirements.
- Nonbinary means a million different things to a million different people.
- You can't tell whether someone is trans/nonbinary unless they tell you.

#### **Slides from Teacher Training**

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#### they-as-default

Make they your default pronoun for everyone until proven otherwise.





Hendrix/Henny Olson (they/them), Program Coordinator

#### **Ungendering Language**

Students are being trained to "ungender" language by avoiding use of words such as Mom, Dad, brother, sister, etc.

#### Slides from Ungendering Language

### Microaggression

A statement, action, or incident that delivers indirect, subtle, or unintentional discrimination against members of a marginalized group.

\* Microaggressions have a macro affect. Regardless of the name, discrimination is still discrimination.



Here they are equating the use of the usual gender pronouns with discrimination

#### Slides from Ungendering Language

#### **Uninclusive wording**

English: dude, girl/gurl/gorl, guys, ladies, mom, dad, sister, brother, niece, nephew

Spanish: "-o, -os, -a, -as," Latino/a, amigo/a, "a todos," el/la, hermano/a, esposo/a, madre, padre, "Estoy cansado/a"

#### Let's try these instead!

English: Mx., friend, sibling, nibling, person, everyone, friends, icons, scholars, my community, people, folks, y'all, loved ones, parent

Spanish: "-e/es, -x, -i/is, -@, -u/us," Latinx, amigue, les/lues, espose, abuel@, niñx, hermane, les padres, "Estoy cansadx"

\*Avoid gendering objects altogether



## School Board Training

According to Andrew Sanchez (school board trainer in New Mexico):

"Parental rights end when you decide to send your kids to public school."



#### **Gender Closets in Schools**



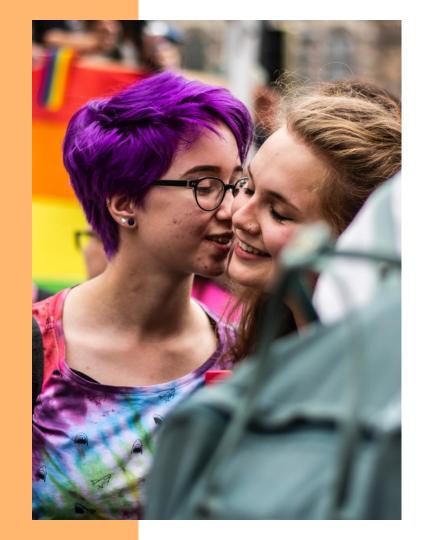
Multiple schools have received \$10,000 grants to build gender closets, where students can change their gender identity at school.



# Gender confusion and adolescent girls

#### Sudden Spike

Recently, there has been a sudden, severe spike in transgender identification among adolescent girls.



#### Diagnoses of youths with gender dysphoria surge

New diagnoses in the United States of patients ages 6-17

2017 15,172

2018 18,321

2019 21,375

2020 24,847

2021 42,167

Source: Komodo Health Inc

#### **Autism and Mental Health**



There are higher rates of autism, ADHD, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, depression, and schizophrenia in people who identify as transgender.

#### Social Media

In almost 2/3 of cases, internet and social media usage increased prior to adolescents coming out as trans.



Source: statsforgender.org

#### **Social Media**

Detransitioner Chloe Cole blames social media as one of the main triggers for her gender confusion.





#### Trans vs Gay/Lesbian

88% of transgender boys grow out of it and grow up to be homosexual.

92% of girls who de-transition are lesbian or bi-sexual.

Source: statsforgender.org



# Gender affirmation and girls' rights

#### **Bathrooms and Locker Rooms**

In many schools, trans students are allowed to use bathrooms and locker rooms that do not match their biological gender.

This threatens girls' rights to privacy and security.



#### Males Competing Against Girls

Girls are being put at a disadvantage as biologically-male transgender people are competing in girls' sports. Males are physiologically stronger and more powerful.





### 4 out of 5 kids grow out of their gender confusion.

Dr Riitakerttu Kaltiala, Finland's top pediatric gender specialist



Health risks of gender transition

#### **Preferred Pronouns**

Using children's preferred names or pronouns is "not a neutral act" and could be as severe an act as altering their bodies.



Source: Dr Riitakerttu Kaltiala

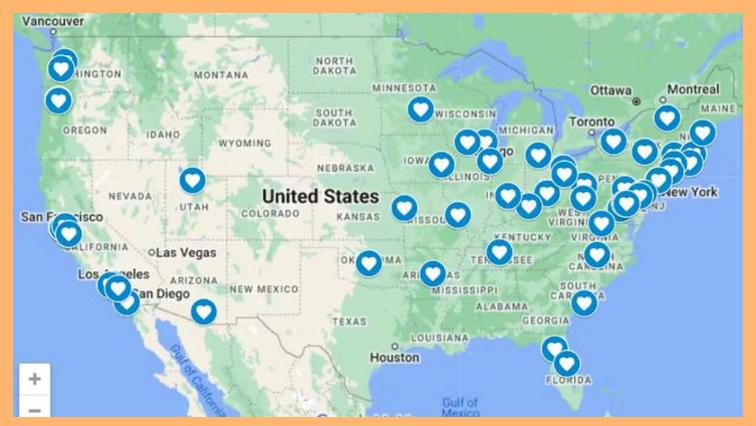


#### **Child Mutilation**

Children's bodies are being permanently mutilated, with breasts and genitalia removed.

Image Source: London Transgender Clinic

#### Children's Gender Clinics



#### Medical Gender Transition

Puberty blockers, hormones, and surgery "are generally irreversible and have a high probability of causing sterilization."

Source: AAPS



#### **Medical Gender Transition**

Puberty blockers, hormones, and surgery increase the risks of:

- Heart problems
- Venous thromboembolism
- High blood pressure
- Reduced bone density, osteoporosis, and fractures
- Significantly increased weight
- Hormone-dependent cancers



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## Gender-affirming care for minors is "medically and ethically contraindicated."

Association of American Physicans and Surgeons

#### **Detransition**

It's hard to get solid data because this is so new. Studies are looking at older generations.

There are online detransition groups with 25,000+ members.







#### **Detransition**

Many effects are permanent and cannot be reversed:

- Misdirected puberty and development
- Voice changes
- Masectomy
- Genital surgery
- Sterility







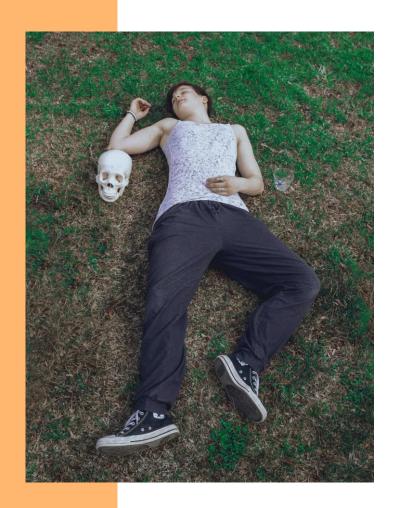




## Gender transition and suicide

#### A Big Lie

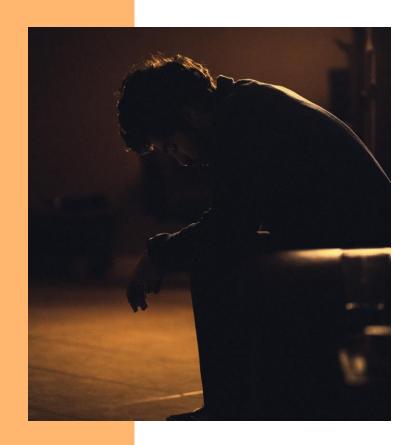
Parents are being deceived that gender transition will reduce the risk of their child committing suicide.



#### **30-Year Study**

Transgender people have a tendency towards lifelong mental health problems.

10-15 years after gender reassignment, suicide rate rose to 20 times that of peers.



Source: PLOS One

### Call for Moratorium on Transgender Treatment for Children



There should be no medical gender treatment for children under 18 years old.

There should be extensive counseling, therapy, and time required before medical gender transition is undertaken.

#### Laws Against Transgender Treatment for Children



European countries are backing off from transgender treatment for children, too.

- Sweden
- Finland
- United Kingdom

Image Source: MAP Project



# How to help save the kids

#### **Be Proactive**

Talk with kids and grandkids to make sure they have a safe person to talk to.

Prevent or carefully monitor social media usage.

Talk to teachers and school admins.



#### **Consider Home or Private School**

Homeschooling is not as hard as people think. It only takes 1-2 hours daily for K-5 kids.

There are homeschool groups and co-ops available nationwide.



#### **Distribute Cards Locally**

Hand out these cards or leave them in places where people will find them:

- on cars in parking lots
- at front doors
- in stores





### Please Share Widely

For more information, go to: www.askhealthyquestions.org/trans

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