

The Truth About Gender Affirming Care for Minors in Idaho

Policy discussions about the impacts of Gender Affirming Care for minors have been muddled by misinformation shared from organizations that were formed with the purpose of targeting this kind of care. Every major, reputable, medical association in the country including the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Psychiatric Association all support Gender Affirming Care for minors. The positions of these organizations were established over several years and with careful and thorough reviews. Organizations opposing Gender Affirming Care have existed for less than a decade and hold positions driven by ideology instead of science.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)	American College of Pediatrics
70,000 members	~700 members
Founded in 1930 to standardize best pediatric medical practices	Founded in 2002 to oppose LGBTQ+ families
Largest professional organization of pediatricians in US	Focused almost exclusively on an anti-LGBTQ+ agenda
Accredits continuing medical education (CME) programs for pediatricians	Reputation for promoting "junk science"
Publishes hundreds of peer-reviewed, evidence-based articles and journals on children's healthcare on topics from asthma to depression to development	Called out by National Institutes of Health and other national healthcare organizations for misusing or mischaracterizing their scientific work to achieve ACP's political agenda

What does GAC for Minors Look Like in Idaho?

The below data is from 8 physicians/clinics that offer GAC for minors in Idaho. This represents the vast majority of clinics offering this care.

Less than half of minors with gender dysphoria in Idaho are treated with prescriptions for puberty blockers or hormones, which are the only medications represented in the chart below. This doesn't take into account anti-depressants, etc.

Physician	All Pts	Gender Dysphoria minor	GC minors on Meds	% GD minors on meds	Notes
A	1300	20	2	10%	Primary care clinic
B	1500	15	0	0%	"
C	1500	20	1	5%	"
D		15	2	13%	"
E		8	1	13%	"
F		22	16	73%	Specialty/referral clinic
G		40	12	30%	"
H		148	96	65%	"
Total		288	130	45%	

Gender Affirming Care for minors is individualized, life-saving care that follows established standards of care informed by evidence-based medicine and supported by a consensus of medical professionals. Allowing government interference into this care will harm patients and their families.