



# transgendering our kids

**AN IFA SPECIAL REPORT ON THE EPIDEMIC OF IDENTITY REJECTION IN OUR NATION'S CHILDREN AND SEVEN WAYS TO PRAY ABOUT IT.**

The Lord has brought this issue to us at IFA repeatedly; we have shared articles, prayer requests, email alerts. We know this is big. Consuming. Dark. Heavy. Sad. But believers need to know not only what is happening, but also why and how, and how we can pray. It may be uncomfortable to read about, but your prayers are needed for our nation's children.

**As you read this special report, be in prayer:**

**PRAY** for each person listed in this guide to understand that true identity is only found in knowing our Creator. ([Gn 1:27](#), [Mt. 19:4](#))

**PRAY** that light would shine on the practices that are already entrenched in schools and medical communities. ([Eph 4:17-19](#))

**PRAY** for God's will to be done in our nation, for changed hearts and laws for the protection of our children. ([Heb. 12:14](#))

## Made in God's image, altered by activists

**Pray. This is a hard, heart-wrenching, unthinkable topic. You will likely learn things you did not want to know. We are approaching this topic with a balance of careful words, yet with enough description to clearly share with you what is happening to our children. This issue needs much prayer, but also strong voices who can expose and stand against the abuse.**

For decades, the gay movement has been beating the drum of "born this way" to claim that they were born with the sexual attraction toward the same sex, contrary to the Bible. "It's who we are made to be," they would claim, adults choosing a lifestyle that is not God's design. Eventually letters and lifestyles were added to L and G to include BTQ and a growing number of choices, identities, and preferences. It seems that the 2015 Obergefell decision, nationally and legally requiring same-sex marriage opened the floodgates for a rapid and exponential growth in sexual identity additions.

What happened next many of us were unprepared for and are shocked by—grooming and instructing young children in sexual interests and choices, and the transgendering of our children—both emotionally and physically. We are here. It happened so fast that much of this has not even been on the radar of many Americans, and yet it is happening in every state, and in many schools and homes.

The exponential increase in kids identifying themselves as transgender has [grown at least 300%](#) in the last decade in America. In the UK, one gender clinic reported a **4,000% increase in the number of children seeking to [transition gender](#).**

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**"We're ruining an entire generation of young people, and it's serious business. . . . That is child abuse...We need to be calling it what it is."**

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**—Walt Heyer,  
former transgender**

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This trend surprises us, but it has not caught God unaware. As Creator and loving Father, surely His heart is breaking for these children and families. We can take comfort in the fact that He is able to change hearts and minds. We can join Him through prayer and action. **Pray for discernment and direction on this issue.**

## Genesis 1:27

*So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

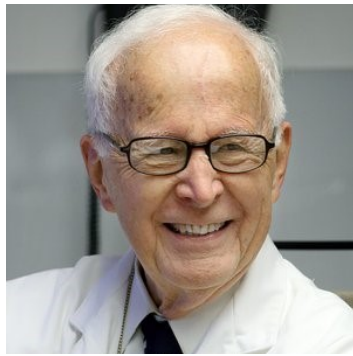


# 1. Pray for health professionals

Pray that today's health professionals understand the true science behind gender identity issues and not perpetuate the symptoms.  
Pray Jeremiah 29:11.

## Gender Dysphoria *is* a thing. Gender Identity *is not*.

There is a legitimate mental health condition that leads people to believe that they are living in the wrong body—that they “feel” like the opposite sex. It is called **Gender Dysphoria**. What is interesting, however, that instead of treating the disorder, psychiatrists, plastic surgeons and counselors today have chosen to feed into the disorder. Most treatment plans propose a physical “solution” that actually perpetuates and affirms the wrong perceptions, the broken image, of the mental disorder.



**Dr. Paul McHugh**, psychiatrist and Director of the Department of Behavioral Science at Johns Hopkins Hospital likens it to treating someone with body dysmorphia or anorexia. It starts with an overvalued idea. In the case of anorexia, it is overvalued to be thin. **Treatment for someone with anorexia isn't to join them in their overvalue of thinness, offering affirmation that they indeed should become thinner and lead them to physical treatment so as to validate their faulty thinking. Instead, clinical treatment for anorexia is to help change behavior and thinking, so that patients develop healthy and accurate views of themselves.** Dr.

McHugh says that **gender dysphoria is similar and treatment should be too**, but what is happening is the opposite. **Instead, the current standard of care for gender dysphoria is “affirmative care” where the patient actually self-diagnoses, and the doctors “aid” them by affirming their thoughts, and providing encouragement, hormone therapy, even surgery to support their mental disorder.** This departure in treatment is crazy, literally.

McHugh challenged psychiatry colleagues who were performing these kinds of surgeries to conduct follow-up research to sex-change operations. The results were disturbing. Most “hadn't had any improvement in any of their psychosocial issues that were the whole reason for doing it in the first place,” McHugh recalls. In fact, many of the patients had become suicidal and depressed and regretful of their surgery.

A [comprehensive, 30 year study](#) confirmed this in 2011, concluding that patients who undergo sex reassignment surgery were at higher risk for suicide, attempted suicide, and criminal behavior.

**Dr. McHugh has long been vocal about the dangers of “collaborating with madness” instead of studying, curing, and ultimately preventing it, one of only a handful of health professionals who have been vocal about the treatments for people with gender dysphoria.** McHugh doesn't doubt that many doctors are motivated by economic and political factors instead of scientific evidence. Instead of using the clinical term “gender dysphoria” now doctors are using the term “transgender,” indicating that they have bought into the delusion. Planned Parenthood has joined in “treatment” for gender dysphoria, offering hormone therapy as a new service.

*There are 215 doctor residency programs in pediatric gender affirmation therapies across the nation, training new pediatricians in gender transition as if it is medical science.*

# 2. Pray about the forces behind it

Pray for the spirit behind the movement, contributing to the crisis of Identity in our nation and the destruction of the family.  
Pray Romans 9:20.



## What is behind the move to transgender kids?

We know that ultimately the source of this great lie that our culture is embracing is the father of lies, who is intent to destroy God's "very good" creations, and to harm each person's image of ourselves as God's workmanship.

The transgender movement is the newest installment in the push to derail our Judeo-Christian culture through social engineering.



**Educating Hearts.  
Inspiring Minds.**

One group that is behind [such activity](#) is [The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning \(CASEL\)](#). This group sounds like it has a laudable mission—promoting understanding, happiness, discovery, and interpersonal harmony. Schools now teach the **"whole child."** This could be a good thing, but in practice it becomes a means of reforming children's values, ideas, and relationships. Parents, and the family, are relegated to the sidelines, rather than the center of a child's life. These learning systems actually undermine the family, on purpose—it is the value of collectivism.

**There are three phases of moving toward collectivism (Stella Morabito, Senior Writer at The Federalist and former intelligence professional):**

**Phase 1: Propaganda (tell people how to think and feel and believe)**

**Phase 2: Agitation (work to make it universal)**

**Phase 3: Compliance and Conformity (controls to assure that all are in line)**

You can see all three phases in operation right now in the transgender movement.

**Propaganda** is telling us that we should accept transgenderism as legitimate. Our media is saturated with positive depictions of gender transitioning. In fact, one of the key means of children's exposure to transgender

is through social media, especially the "recommended for you" on YouTube.

**Agitation** is the public shaming of anyone who questions or opposes transgenderism. Books, media, stories, curricula, speakers positively portray transgender and acceptance of it, while demonizing Christians or others who believe differently. **Compliance and Conformity** is what we see with laws that are being proposed (such as HR5) and passed on the national and state levels promoting sexual orientations and gender identities, with penalties for noncompliance through our speech, hiring, practices, beliefs, and more.

**Indoctrination of young children to accept and embrace the normalcy of transgenderism is happening from early elementary. Books, curricula, and programs in our schools are contributing to the destruction of the value of traditional family and the discarding of scientific and biblical identity.** The state steps in to "help" facilitate the relationships between children, and even between parent and child, controlling what information and perspectives parents should be exposing their children to "because they know better as experts."

By isolating and labelling those who are hesitant or who disagree as "homophobic," a bigot, or using hate speech, it is easier for the messages to pervade the schools. It seems kind and accepting, but it is actually controlling and narrow-minded. What is the end goal in all of this? **Some say the end goal is the total disengagement of body from soul.**

Prayer Notes

*In a 2019 CDC-sponsored study, an average of 1.8% of high school students identify as transgender. Some studies are as high as 6%.*

*There is a 4,000% increase in kids today identifying as transgender, according to a study reported by [CBN News](#).*





# 3.

## Pray about the influence

Activist groups, pop culture in our schools, and medical practices all are pushing transgender ideas. Pray Romans 1:21-22.

*Drag Queen Story Hour at libraries across the nation are admittedly a grooming exercise for kids to accept the LGBTQ lifestyle. Drag Queen Story Times are approved by the American Library Association.*

### How are our children so greatly influenced?

**Children as young as 4 are being transitioned to the opposite sex by their parents and doctors.** What is shocking is that no long-term studies have addressed the physical effects of taking hormone-altering drugs such as Lupron, especially in children. Still, clinics, hospitals, and counselors advocate for this extreme method of treatment, with dangerous side-effects for adults and children.

The seed of gender questioning is being planted through [children's books](#), all kinds of media, including all streaming and social media, especially You Tube, and peer influence. In fact, a [Brown University study](#) found that peer influence (the study author called it social contagion) can be a large factor in explaining gender dysphoria in some children. (However, Brown has removed the study and all references to it because transgender advocates said it was anti-transgender.) Schools are also teaching stories of gender transition, often without parents' prior knowledge.

Normal play that crosses traditional gender roles is now an indicators of gender identity! Add some encouragement from a teacher, or counselor, or a parent, and virtually **any child can be directed to embrace transgenderism.**

**The Kelsey Coalition** has [documented stories](#) of parents whose rights have been violated by "the system" because they did not embrace their kid's gender changes, that were led by an intervening adult. **These parents feel powerless.**

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"We are manufacturing transgender kids. We are manufacturing their depression, their anxiety, and it has turned into a huge industry that people are profiting from after kids' lives are completely torn apart."

—Walt Heyer, Founder of Sex Change Regret

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**Walt Heyer**, founder of **Sex Change Regret**, was a victim of sex identity abuse—his grandmother dressed him as a girl from a young age. It was confusing for him and led to questioning his sexuality and eventually a sex change surgery. He regretted it later and transitioned back to a man after years of living as a woman, and now helps others "de-transition." Speaking about the current trend of child transitioning, Heyer pulls no punches. **"That is child abuse. We need to be calling it what it is. It's not affirming a child. It's causing them to be depressed and anxious about who they are."** Heyer has been outspoken as an opponent of chemical and surgical sex changes as a way of "dealing" with gender dysphoria.

"It's really beyond my understanding why we are even having this discussion because it shouldn't be happening. **I don't believe any doctor who injects a young person with hormone blockers should have a license to do so,**" Heyer declares.

# 4. Pray for awareness

Is this really happening outside of California?  
The answer is YES!  
Pray Matthew 24:4.



## Transgendering children is happening across the nation, and yes, even in the heartland.

Before you dismiss transgendering children as just a Blue State aberration, you might be surprised to know that there are currently [nearly 50 clinics](#) that conduct surgical treatments for transgender conversions, and hundreds of outlets that distribute hormone therapy drugs, including **Planned Parenthood**. Pediatric transgender treatment is available in every state, and clinics exist at [prominent children's hospitals](#).

What does the medical community think about this? Sadly, it seems the majority of the professional organizations are on board. There are currently [215 residencies](#) for pediatricians in transgender protocol and therapies. However, there may be a silent majority who are afraid to speak out. Fortunately, there are also some brave physicians and medical experts who are speaking out against the trend of disfiguring children for the sake of feelings.

**Dr. Michael Laidlaw**, an endocrinologist from California, is one who is bucking the trend, and loudly. He shared at a recent panel discussion hosted by The Heritage Foundation, that “**there is no objective test to diagnose this**, yet we are giving very harmful therapies on the basis of no objective diagnosis.” That means there is no blood test, no brain scan, no genetic testing that is done before choosing to declare a child “transgender” and begin physical treatment, as reported by Brandon Showalter of [The Christian Post](#).

To “treat” these children, doctors intervene. Such interventions can include puberty blockers (which disrupt the natural maturation of the body), cross-sex hormones (which flood the body with hormones natural to the opposite sex), and surgery to remove healthy but

unwanted reproductive organs and perhaps to craft faux organs natural to the opposite sex. Girls as young as tweens have gotten double mastectomies. Later, as they get older, they can choose the surgery to fashion a male organ from a skin graft from their forearm, which results in an organ for show—no function.

Two doctors prominent in medically transitioning children are **Ileana Sherer** and **Johanna Olson-Kennedy**. These two doctors and promoters of child transgenderism, are flippant about the treatments they perform, as seen in this [video](#), Johanna Olson-Kennedy explains that life-altering decisions are solid in the hands of adolescents. According to reporting from Christian Post, Ileana Sherer tells about giving puberty blockers to 8 and 9 year olds without hesitation. Olson-Kennedy’s [youngest patient](#) is 3 years old. Yes, 3 years old!

**There is big money in it for them** and the other surgeons who are taking these cases. Olson-Kennedy is currently receiving a \$5.7 million grant for her research from the National Institutes of Health, using children as study subjects. [Surgeries are up 198% in one year!](#)

Endocrinologist Laidlaw disagrees with selling these surgeries as low-risk and **refers to puberty blockers as a form of “chemical conversion therapy.”** Speaking out as a medical professional of any kind can get you in hot water. Laidlaw tells [Christian Post](#), “I have been told by a Kaiser doctor: ‘Well, I can’t say anything about this or I may lose my job. I have a family to feed . . .’”

*“Without my knowledge, a pediatric endocrinologist taught my daughter—a minor child—to inject herself with testosterone.”*

*—Mother whose minor daughter was given medical transgender therapy against her wishes.*

*“An 18-month-old, born a girl, understood her gender before her grammar.*

*“I a boy,” she repeatedly told her parents.”*

*—Dr. Johanna Olsen-Kennedy a leading pediatric transgender doctor and promoter.*

**“Imagine giving 8-year-old girls testosterone. They are in 3rd or 4th grade. This is unbelievable. But this is going on.”**

**—Dr. Michael Laidlaw, Endocrinologist**



# 5 Pray for transgender movement leaders

People embracing this lifestyle need a touch from God. to have their eyes opened to the truth of identity in Christ.  
Pray Romans 5:8.



Children—even toddlers are targeted with the transgender and gay pride message.

Retailers such as Target take the LGBTQ message straight to kids with their PRIDE clothing line and accessories. With donations going to GLSEN from Target's profits, this line includes everything from PRIDE hoodies to PRIDE labeled products such as shampoo and baby onesies. There is no mistaking that this message is directed at children and students.

There are multiple groups who are enabling and championing child transgendering. We are asking that you pray for these people. Pray that their hearts would be changed and their eyes would be opened.



## Eliza Byard Executive Director, GLSEN

Byard stepped in to serve as Executive Director of Gay and Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in 2008 when Kevin

Jennings, GLSEN's founder, departed for the Obama Administration's Department of Education. GLSEN's profile in schools has skyrocketed in recent years, partnering with retailers such as Target and the National Education Association. The goal that Jennings outlined in his book, *Queering Elementary Education*, has come to fruition with GLSEN curriculum used as a part of Common Core education modules in public schools from K-12.

## Medical Associations

The following professional medical associations have embraced the transgender trend for children. Their influence is great due to their professional association authority.

**American Academy of Pediatrics**  
**American Medical Association**  
**The Endocrine Society**



## Government Officials

Former Pennsylvania Department of Health Secretary **Dr. Rachel Levine** has been selected by President Biden to fill the role of the **Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services**. Levine is a transgender

"woman." His radical beliefs include that children can and should undergo surgery and hormone treatments.



## The Pritzker Family

Prominent in influencing, supporting, and donating to causes that support the transgender agenda, the billionaire family includes Illinois Governor **J.B. Pritzker**, former Obama Administration Commerce Secretary **Penny Pritzker**, and pictured above **James (now transitioned to Jennifer) Pritzker**.



## Jazz Jennings & TransKids Purple Rainbow Foundation

Jazz Jennings is a celebrity transgender teen. Jazz's journey has been chronicled for years on a TLC show, with the purpose, in

Jazz's own words, "to normalize and bring acceptance to the transgender lifestyle for kids." After years of hormone therapy, Jazz recently underwent surgery to remove his penis and create a fake vagina. *I Am Jazz*, a children's book telling his story, has been featured at *kindergarten* story time events without parents' permission.

## Doctors

These are the leading doctors who are performing therapies and surgeries on children and promoting trans-philosophy at seminars and conferences.



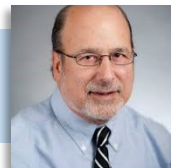
**Michelle Forcier, MD**  
Hasbro Children's Hospital  
Providence, RI

**Ilana Sherer, MD**  
Sutter Health  
Dublin, CA



**Johanna Olson-Kennedy, MD**  
Keck School of Medicine  
University of SoCal

**Norman Spack, MD**  
Children's Hospital  
Boston, MA



**Diane Ehrensaft, PhD**  
Child/Adolescent Gender Center  
UCSF



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## Pray for those speaking truth

There are some who are going against the grain, exposing, and cautioning about this issue. Pray for them. Pray Ephesians 4:15.



## Pray for those who are telling the truth.

There are a few brave people who are speaking out about the transgender issue, many at great risk to their own careers. Pray for these doctors, health professionals, and journalists. Pray for strength as they oppose professional and cultural norms.



**Dr. Michael Laidlaw**  
**Endocrinologist,**  
**Sutter Health**

Laidlaw is a vocal voice of reason within the medical community, exposing the untested medical therapies given to children.



**Dr. Michelle Cretella**  
**Executive Director,**  
**American College of**  
**Pediatricians**

Cretella has been relentlessly vocal about the harm of the transgender issue.



**Walt Heyer**  
**Former Transgender**

Heyer lived for over 20 years as a transitioned female. He has founded the group **Sex Change Regret**.



**Dr. Paul Hruz**  
**Professor,**  
**Wash. Univ. of School**  
**of Med., St. Louis**

Hruz speaks out about the lack of testing of the drugs and surgical therapies for children.



**Dr. Quentin Van Meter**  
**Ped. Endocrinologist**

After studying with one of the foremost early transsexual proponents at Johns Hopkins, Van Meter calls the transgender epidemic "[a cult](#)."



**Dr. William Malone**  
**Endocrinologist**

Co-author of the rebuttal to the Endocrine Society's gender affirming treatment" (GAT) which approves treatment for children, which is untested.



**Dr. Paul McHugh**  
**Psychiatrist**  
**Johns Hopkins**

He shut down the Hopkins gender transition clinic in the 70s (it has reopened). He has cautioned about the dangers of accepted treatments for gender dysphoria.

### Pro-Family Policy and Professional Organizations

The following foundations and organizations are speaking out about the harm, danger, and immorality of transgendering our children.

[American College of Pediatrics](#)

[Family Research Council](#)

[The Heritage Foundation](#)

[Dr. James Dobson and Family Talk](#)

### Journalists

The following journalists have been covering the sobering reality of the transgender movement for children, telling stories the mainstream media will not. Pray that their platform would continue and that their work would be impactful to expose the harm of the children's transgender movement.

[Jennifer Bilek, The Federalist](#)

[Brandon Showalter, Christian Post](#)

[Leo Blair, Christian Post](#)

[Sam Smith, Christian Post](#)

[Michael Gryboski, Christian Post](#)

[Abigail Shrier, Wall Street Journal](#)

[Madeleine Kearns, National Review](#)

### Unlikely Advocate

[Woman's Liberation Front](#), a radical feminist group

### 1 Corinthians 13:6

*Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.*

### Galatians 6:7-8

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction, whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*



# 7 Pray for hope and healing for families

Many families didn't expect to be dealing with the transgender issue. Help is scarce. Pray for groups and ministries who can offer help. Pray Romans 15:13.

Pray for these states who have at least one [hospital](#) with a full-blown pediatric "gender affirming treatment" unit (not including individual medical practices). Ask God for healing and freedom for these children who are being seen by the thousands in these states:

California  
Colorado  
Connecticut  
Florida  
Hawaii  
Illinois  
Iowa  
Maine  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
Michigan  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
New York  
Ohio  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island  
South Carolina  
Texas  
Virginia  
Washington  
Washington, D.C.  
Wisconsin

There are many more groups that exist to help children transition gender than groups that help families in a transgender crisis. This growing epidemic of child identity-alteration is taking a toll on families. Pray for biblical and godly support, education, and counseling for families. Join us in prayer for hope, answers and a reversal of this trend.

## The Kelsey Coalition

An [online resource group](#) for parents who are pressured to support transgenering their child, or have lost influence of their child to the therapists or doctors who are advocating for gender-affirming therapy.

**The Kelsey Coalition** offers resources, studies, fact sheets, helpful information, and connections with others who are facing the same issues. Pray for this group to be an effective source of information, comfort, and education.

**We wish there were additional organizations to share here who are helping families dealing with this issue, but the sad fact is there are no other known groups.**

**That, in itself, is a prayer point.**

## Prayer Points

**1 Pray for health professionals** to understand the true science behind gender identity issues and not perpetuate the symptoms. Pray Jeremiah 29:11.

**2. Pray about the forces behind the movement**, contributing to the crisis of identity in our nation and the destruction of the family. Pray Romans 9:20.

**3. Pray about the influence** of activist groups and pop culture in our schools and medical practices. Pray Romans 1:21-22.

**4. Pray for awareness.** Is this really happening outside of California? The answer is YES! Pray Matthew 24:4.

**5. Pray for transgender movement leaders** to have their eyes opened to the truth of identity in Christ. Pray Romans 5:8.

**6. Pray for those speaking truth**, going against the grain, exposing, and cautioning about this issue. Pray Ephesians 4:15.

**7. Pray for hope and healing for families** dealing with the transgender issue. Pray for groups and ministries who can offer loving help. Pray Romans 15:13.

*Prayer Notes*