



# Trans Health Project

*Working for Transgender Equal Rights*

## American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

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### **About the organization:**

The mission of the 9,600-member American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry is to promote the healthy development of children, adolescents, and families through advocacy, education, and research, and to meet the professional needs of child and adolescent psychiatrists throughout their careers.

### **Statements:**

- [Practice Parameter on Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual Sexual Orientation, Gender Nonconformity, and Gender Discordance in Children and Adolescents](#)

Stewart L. Adelson & American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Committee on Quality Issues, *Practice parameter on gay, lesbian, or bisexual sexual orientation, gender nonconformity, and gender discordance in children and adolescents*, 51 J. Am. Acad. of Child & Adolesc. Psychiatry 957 (2012).

"Children and adolescents who are growing up gay, lesbian, bisexual, gender nonconforming, or gender discordant experience unique developmental challenges. They are at risk for certain mental health problems, many of which are significantly correlated with stigma and prejudice. Mental health professionals have an important role to play in fostering healthy development in this population. Influences on sexual orientation, gender nonconformity, and gender discordance, and their developmental relationships to each other, are reviewed. Practice principles and related issues of cultural competence, research needs, and ethics are discussed."

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