



Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth

WHEREAS, gender nonconforming and transgender children are at an increased risk of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant emotional impact that stigmatization has on transgender children and families; and

WHEREAS, gender nonconforming children often face psychological trauma and physical violence as they transition from their assigned sex to their affirmed gender identity; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Transgender Discrimination Survey, schools are one of the most unsafe environments for transgender children and adolescents because of the high frequency of bullying that occurs: almost 2/3 of transgender adolescents are verbally harassed and 1/3 subjected to physical harassment; 89.5% of transgender students do not feel safe in their schools; almost 50% of transgender students report regularly skipping school because of safety concerns; 15% of transgender and gender non-conforming students face harassment so severe that they drop out of school; 78% transgender and gender nonconforming youth report facing harassment (physical assault (35%) and sexual violence (12%) in grades K-12); and

WHEREAS, 41% of gender diverse individuals report attempting suicide, which is significantly higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, 50% of transgender Americans report having to teach their medical providers about transgender care and 19% report being refused care based on their gender identity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago supports policy and program initiatives to promote appropriate and inclusive healthcare services to transgender and gender nonconforming youth and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago supports policy and program initiatives to protect the civil rights of transgender and gender nonconforming individuals.