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## Children's Healthcare Canada Supports Gender Affirming Care

Children's Healthcare Canada believes every child and youth, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation, deserves timely access to healthcare services that align with their developmental journey.

As an association representing healthcare delivery organizations serving children and youth, our unwavering commitment and focus is to ensure that every child, youth and family receives highly tailored, comprehensive and evidence-informed services. Healthcare interventions are always carefully considered, and confirmed through dialogue between highly trained healthcare providers, their patients and families.<sup>1</sup> Services for youth exploring gender identity are no different.

Patients, their families and their clinicians need to be respected in making the right decisions for care, whether in the gender clinic, the orthopaedics clinic, or the Emergency Department. Our members are dedicated to delivering highly specialized, individualized care for children and youth, and maintaining the confidential rapport that exists between patients and their healthcare providers.

All children and youth deserve acceptance and understanding. Children's Healthcare Canada remains a steadfast advocate for Canada's youth, including those exploring gender identity and sexual orientation.

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<sup>1</sup> Vandermorris, Ashley, Metzger, Daniel L. Position Statement An affirming approach to caring for transgender and gender-diverse youth. Canadian Paediatric Society. Published June 2023. <https://cps.ca/en/documents/position/an-affirming-approach-to-caring-for-transgender-and-gender-diverse-youth>

