



SUMMARY: VIRTUAL COMMUNITY EVENT FOR PARENTS

Executive Orders

An executive order is a directive from the President on how legislation will be enforced and how federal agencies and rules will function.

Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling

This executive order targets transgender students and DEI in K-12 education. It instructs several departments to produce a strategy to eliminate federal funding for schools promoting “gender ideology” or “DEI.” It includes guidance meant to discourage teachers from providing support for social transition.

Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government

This is a broad executive order that erases federal recognition of transgender identities.

- It recognizes only two “not changeable” sexes, male and female.
- It attempts to block federal funding to any projects or programs that promote “gender ideology.”

Keeping Men Out of Women’s Sports

K-12 schools and colleges and universities letting transgender women compete in women’s sports will be investigated for Title IX violations and may lose federal funding as a result.

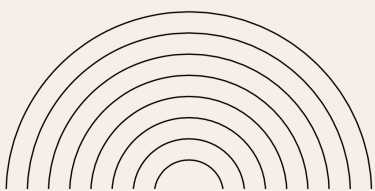
This order also limits trans women athletes from obtaining a visa to enter the US.

Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation

This executive order limits gender-affirming care for transgender youth, which is defined in the order as anyone under the age of 19.

Many providers in Colorado and across the country are pausing gender-affirming care for youth due to several factors:

- This includes clear threats to federal funding, which means they could lose the ability to serve their adult trans patients as well as all other patients.
- It also implies that the government may seek to criminalize doctors who continue to provide gender affirming care.





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With Denver Health & TRUE Center stopping gender affirming care (surgeries and hormone therapy) for people under 19, where can we go for care?

- It seems to be that the larger hospitals and organizations whose focus is on gender affirming care are the largest targets of the current government administration, and therefore are the most likely orgs to stop their care of transgender youth early.
- From what we are hearing from parents, individual providers in private practices or who are part of a larger hospital are more likely to continue providing puberty blockers and HRT for a longer period of time. This is not a guarantee, just what we are hearing in our parent community.
- Efforts are being made to identify providers who are still doing this work and to protect them from scrutiny. As options are found we will communicate about how to access that information. Do you know of a provider still providing gender affirming care? Share that information [here](#).

When hospitals and providers say that “hormone therapy” is stopping for those under 19, does that mean both puberty blockers and HRT?

- Yes.

Given the current president’s administration, there is concern about privacy with family’s medical records. Can providers and hospitals destroy our records?

- No, they cannot. There are legal requirements for how long medical providers must retain records and how they handle those records. See [medicalrecord.com](https://www.medicalrecord.com) for more information. Denver Health and the TRUE Center have committed to only hand over medical information if legally required to and stated that they would fight unlawful attempts to gain access in court.

My child is currently on puberty blockers or HRT, will I be able to get them next month/year?

- There is just no way to know. We suggest that everyone currently receiving gender affirming care with medical providers reach out to their specific provider to talk through a plan personalized for their child.

My child has an appointment with Denver Health/TRUE Center, but we know they won’t be able to get the prescriptions they actually need, should we cancel the appointment?

- We would encourage you to keep any appointments you have for your child with their current provider and consider asking them to provide your specific prescription and medical records to you to help with the transition to a new provider, should you seek care elsewhere. What we are hearing is that it is easier to get continuity of care than to start new care. This applies whether you are seeking a new provider here in Colorado or abroad in a different country.

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How do we support our children's mental health through all of this?

- While this is a personal decision, there are many resources available for children and parents. See RMEQ's [Behavioral Health page](#) for information on crisis support and mental health support.
- Community is more important than ever right now. Check out RMEQ's [Youth Program page](#) for information on activities and events for kids.

Is there a risk of criminal charges in the future for parents like us who support our trans children?

- There is no way to know this right now. It is our hope that this won't happen, and yet, there is an [active lawsuit](#) from Texas about this currently. We suggest that each family take the steps that make them and their child feel the most safe.

Should we be preparing to leave the country in order to get the care we need for our trans children?

- This is a deeply personal decision. [Lawsuits](#) have already been filed that challenge these executive orders, but there is no way to know what the coming weeks, months or years will hold. Every family must make the decisions that are best and feel the safest for them.

Should we change our child's marker on their passport or other federal documents?

- Currently, the State Department and the Social Security Administration have officially stopped making gender changes and are enforcing that federal identification, including passports, must match sex assigned at birth. If you have not already changed your child's passport or federal documents, it is recommended that you do not start that process now. While it is not a positive experience to have your child use their old pronouns or dead name while traveling, it may be the safer option at this time.
- If your child's birth certificate and state issued identification (if they have one) show the correct gender marker without an "amended note" and they have never applied for a passport before they MAY get through the process and get the appropriate passport.

Should we change our child's name or marker on their license or birth certificate?

- There are some states (Colorado is one of them) in which you can update your child's birth certificate without it stating it is amended. This allows an updated birth certificate to look like an original. If it is important to your family to update them, we would encourage you to do it quickly. Also, keep in mind what your child's federal documentation shows. It is generally best that they match.





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How will the executive order focused on “radical indoctrination” affect our children’s safety at school? Will it affect GSAs??

- Schools may be restricted from using a student’s chosen name and pronouns or allowing them access to bathrooms that match their gender identity without parental permission.
- The Executive Order challenges protections for trans students under Title IX, which could make it harder for them to access sports teams, facilities, and equal treatment in schools.
- Federal funding may be taken away from schools that teach LGBTQ+ inclusive curriculum or that support LGBTQ+ students, including GSA and other student clubs.

How do we become advocates and activists in this fight? How do we mobilize our community to fight for our children?

- We will be sharing more information on how to organize and advocate in the coming weeks. There are many ways that parents can get engaged in both public and private ways. Stay tuned for more information!

What support is there for us as parents?

- As parents, it is our instinct to focus on the care of our children first and foremost, and it is so important that we also take care of ourselves right now. Connect with your community, other parents who understand what you’re going through, find the right therapist to support your mental health needs, and focus on self-care.
- If you’re seeking therapy as a parent, please see RMEQ’s [Behavioral Health page](#) for information on crisis support and mental health support.
- If you’re looking for support through community, please see RMEQ’s [Parents & Family page](#), which contains information on our monthly parent groups, as well as additional resources.

Will there be more meetings like the Virtual Community Meeting for Parents on February 5th?

- It is our goal to continue researching and exploring the impacts of these executive orders, current and potential lawsuits, and any other legislation that may impact the LGBTQ+ community. We will continue to share and educate as we learn more.
- We are launching a speaker series for parents of trans kids in the next month. Our first speaker will be a trans doctor whose practice has focused on gender affirming care. More details and information coming soon in our Youth & Family Newsletter as well as our [Events page](#)!