

PRESS RELEASE

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Coalition Demonstrates Against American Academy of Pediatrics Policy on Medical Transitions for Minors

Orlando, FL – This weekend, a diverse coalition will demonstrate against the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) policy supporting medical transition for minors at their annual conference in Orlando, Florida. Our peaceful protest will take place **September 28th and 29th from 9:00am to 2:00pm outside the Orange County Convention Center.**

The coalition represents parents of children affected by gender distress who have not received evidence-based care; gay and lesbian adults who see the medicalization of children as a harm against the LGB community; feminists who are concerned about the rights of women and girls; and whistleblowers from pediatric gender clinics, including [Jamie Reed](#) from a recently closed Missouri center.

The AAP faces increasing [scrutiny](#) for supporting medical transitions for children and adolescents as European nations roll back these unproven, and in some cases irreversible, interventions, including puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgeries. The British Parliament banned the use and importation of puberty blockers this year following a [comprehensive review of the medical evidence](#).

Despite the growing concerns, the AAP has selected Admiral Rachel Levine, the Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, as keynote speaker. Admiral Levine, an adult transwoman who supports youth sex transitions, has been criticized for his office's involvement in removing age restrictions and youth safeguarding from the 2022 World Professional Association of Transgender Health (WPATH) practice guidelines.

In contrast, another recent [medical conference](#) in Orlando invited detransitioners to speak, highlighting the deepening divisions within the medical community on addressing gender distress in young people and providing care to those harmed by current practices. WPATH's former president acknowledged that detransition is "off limits for many in our community."

As Florida Pediatrician Dr. Patrick Hunter emphasizes, "The medical profession must hear these stories, address the ethical scandal we are right in the midst of, and act to right these wrongs and prevent future harms to others."

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