

To: **The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva**
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Geneva, Switzerland

Re: Parents' Rights in Education, Oregon, United States of America is in full support of the
Protection of the Family Resolution.

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Oregon families have the primary right and responsibility to guide the education and health care services their minor children receive. Parents and guardians are the final authority in deciding what is best for their children and have the right to expect full disclosure of any and all services, content and materials disseminated to their child while at school. However, after years of 'blurring the lines' between Oregon education and Oregon health care, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), partnering with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Planned Parenthood and other tax-funded entities, have been incrementally activating an adult cultural agenda on children. With several years of Oregon legislation paving the way, there is now evidence that this has led to the silencing of parents and to what can arguably be characterized as child endangerment or child abuse.

An appointed, not elected, Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) in their August, 2014 meeting voted to allow minors to be counseled toward gender transformation/genital mutilation and Oregon taxpayers will pay the bill. Dr. Paul R. McHugh, former psychiatrist-in-chief for John Hopkins Hospital, has written a great deal about this transgender process and his professional conclusion is that it is never appropriate for children. Dr. McHugh was instrumental in John Hopkins being the first medical center in the United States to do the transgender surgeries for adults. It was discontinued because this process failed to change the quality of life for the better for its patients.

There are serious risks involved in hormone treatment and puberty blocker treatments as reported in a [June 30, 2015 FRONTLINE article by Priyanka Boghani](#) titled 'When Transgender Kids Transition, Medical Risks are Both Known and Unknown'. Boghani writes that, "...the use of puberty blockers to treat transgender children is what's considered an 'off-label' use of medication – something that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, because there is not enough research...".

It is unknown exactly how hormone treatments and puberty blockers impact young people's brain development, the long-term implications on their bone growth and emotional well-being. Hormone treatment and puberty blockers in young people can reduce or even eliminate fertility. Minors in Oregon cannot even get a tattoo or ear piercing without parental consent. Yet, according to HERC, life altering and often permanent consequences of sex reassignment treatment should be made available for 15 year old children, even without parental knowledge or consent. This treatment may be initiated through counseling or referrals from School-Based Health Centers.

In Dr. McHugh's book titled "Transgender Surgery Isn't the Solution" he states that, "Subjecting children to such psychological turmoil is tantamount to child abuse".

Equally putting children at risk and driving a wedge between parent-child relationships is Oregon's K-12 Comprehensive Sexuality Education curricula. For example, the lesson plan found on page 63 of ODE's "approved" 'Making a Difference' curriculum (used in school districts across the state and nation), includes classroom discussions and activities around the topics of oral sex, masturbation, grinding, sexual fantasy, vaginal intercourse, anal sex, massage and touching each other's genitals. This is touted as "abstinence-based sexuality education" for 11 year old boys and girls.

Another example of ODE-endorsed curriculum is 'Making Proud Choices' which is one of Planned Parenthood's most sexually explicit curriculum in the United States of America; it targets 11-13 year old minors. A lesson plan in Making Proud Choices states that: "Sex is more fun when condoms are used because...You can use condoms as a method of foreplay; You can think up a sexual fantasy using condoms; You can have fun putting one on your partner while pretending you are different people or in different situations; Condoms make erections last longer".

Camelia Hison, Vice President of Education for Planned Parenthood of Columbia-Willamette, announced in an August 26, 2015 email that "Planned Parenthood-Willamette is the largest provider of sex education in Oregon and Southwest Washington". Such Comprehensive Sexuality Education curriculum, also endorsed by SIECUS and Advocates for Youth, is neither healthy, developmentally appropriate nor scientifically accurate.

Youth involved with Planned Parenthood Southwest Oregon and Planned Parenthood Columbia-Willamette receive training at the Peer Education Institute (www.peereducationinstitute.org) and are instructed to return to school classrooms to "educate" their peers in comprehensive sexuality. These youth are neither qualified nor certified to teach in Oregon's schools, yet the ODE invites and supports their presence in the classroom. Too often parents are not timely notified of PP's being invited into their child's classroom, and are rarely notified of the explicit, developmentally inappropriate content of the PP "lesson plans".

The above examples of curriculum approved and promoted by the ODE to school districts across the state of Oregon are touted as "in the best interest of the health and safety of children" – when in fact they put children's health and wellbeing at grave risk; children cannot 'unsee or unhear' these explicit concepts, visuals and activities. Despite one's cultural, religious or political background, parents have the final authority, inalienable right, responsibility and duty to determine what materials, concepts and services their children will be subjected to. To do otherwise is acting against the legal rights of parents; creating a wedge between the parent-child relationship, when parents are entitled to protect, guide and nurture their children.

The OHA, ODE, Planned Parenthood, Oregon Teen Pregnancy Task Force, Cascade Aids Project, Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force were steering Committee members of an annual Oregon Adolescent Sexuality Conference (ASC; www.parentsrightsined.net), the largest of its kind on the Pacific Coast of the United States. This steering committee endorsed concepts and materials which were exposed to children as young as eleven years old which included how to make anal sex more pleasurable, dry humping, using sex toys and lube, mutual masturbation and even the use of drugs and avatars to enhance sexual experiences. Educators, counselors, health care providers, and minors were encouraged to share the information provided at this conference (which was touted as exhibiting "best practices" and "in compliance with the law") with adults, students and peers in school districts across Oregon.

At the 2012 ASC, president and CEO of SIECUS, Monica Rodriguez, was a keynote speaker and endorsed the World Health Organization's 1999 Declaration of Sexual Rights which blatantly negates the national laws and constitutions of sovereign nations and which does not respect the liberty of parents who have the immutable right to protect the lives of their children.

After national attention and public outcry about the content exposed to minors at the 2014 ASC, Oregon parents, guardians, law enforcement, legislators, school boards, superintendents and media quickly expressed their shock about what was being touted as "healthy and safe" for children at the Oregon ASC. After over thirty years, the *shared value* that it is the *responsibility* of adults to protect minors from pornographic and erotic sexually explicit content was instrumental in canceling the 2015 ASC. Many Oregon school boards and superintendents are no longer succumbing to "institutionalized obedience", no longer allowing themselves to be enticed and entangled by grant dollars, "free" curriculum and training as they are beginning to doubt the credibility and judgement of the ODE, OHA and other entities.

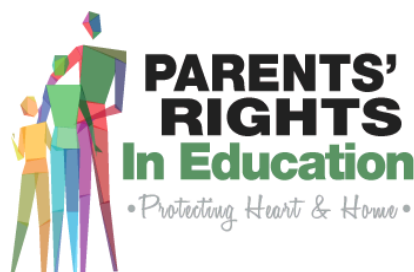
Students from many of Oregon's School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) were encouraged to attend the annual Adolescent Sexuality Conferences. Oregon has approximately 74 Certified SBHCs ([Oregon Health Authority's 2014 School-Based Health Center Standards for Certification](#)). Many School-Based Health Centers are located around either PP Columbia-Willamette or PP of Southwestern Oregon. These clinics can and do provide invasive physical exams, intrusive psychological counseling, medications, vaccines, IUDs, referrals to PP and other community clinics without parental knowledge or permission. This is especially important as Oregon leads the nation in providing tax-funded sex changes for minors without parental consent. Oregon also has laws which attempt to trump the legal rights of parents (See: [Oregon Health Authority's Minors Rights: Access and Consent to Health Care](#); ORS 109.610, 640; ORS 109.675; ORS 109.640; [U.S "Protection of Pupil Rights Act"](#)).

There is an assertion that SBHCs "support academic success with little or no cost to the school or district". Oregon SBHCs, after over 20 years, have failed to show empirical evidence to support claims of lower absenteeism, improved academic outcomes or a rise in graduation rates. Ironically, when asked about this, Interim Director Tammy Alexander of the Oregon School-Based Health Alliance (OSBHA) admitted in March 2015 that there are no Oregon studies that show SBHCs have accomplished any of these goals.

Oregon K-12 public school officials have enough challenges to deal with and were not elected nor hired to deal with medically inaccurate and extremely explicit sexuality education or invasive health-related services which could harm children and trivialize the dignity of the families whom they serve. Families across the state of Oregon (and nation) are taking a stand against state, national and international decisions and policies which act outside their mandates, exploit and overly-sexualize children, put minors health and safety at great risk and promote gender confusion.

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Respectfully Submitted by **Parents' Rights in Education**, October 29, 2015.



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