

After reviewing the literature of mental health researchers with extensive experience in dealing with children suffering from Gender Identity Disorder the American College of Pediatricians (ACOP) noted:

*Even children with Gender Identity Disorder (when a child desires to be the opposite sex) will typically lose this desire by puberty, if the behavior is not reinforced. Researchers, Zucker and Bradley, also maintain that when parents or others allow or encourage a child to behave and be treated as the opposite sex, the confusion is reinforced and the child is conditioned for a life of unnecessary pain and suffering. Even when motivated by noble intentions, schools can ironically play a detrimental role if they reinforce this disorder. (ACOP letter to all 14,800 U.S. school district superintendents available [here](#).)*

Dr. Kenneth Zucker, the researcher referred to by ACOP, is head of the Child and Adolescent Gender Identity Clinic in Toronto, Canada and has treated over 500 children with Gender Identity Disorder. In the vast majority of cases he has documented, therapy focused on reducing the psychopathology within the family and child has resulted in the child's acceptance of their birth sex. (See, for example, Zucker K, Bradley S., *Gender Identity Disorder and Psychosexual Problems in Children and Adolescents*, The Guilford Press, New York, NY, 10012, 1995.)