

Lesson 7 – Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression

**Sample Court Order Re:
Transgender Youth’s Right to Healthcare in Detention**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA
COUNTY**

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| In the Matter of | : | |
| MINOR’S LEGAL NAME, | : | FAMILY COURT DIVISION |
| Minor Child. (DOB: _____) | : | |
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| | : | Petition # D |
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ORDER

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 2008, following a hearing held before the Court on _____, 2008, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that:

1. Mazzoni Center shall provide [legal name a.k.a. preferred name] with all recommended transition-related treatments in accordance with the medical and mental health assessments performed by Mazzoni health care providers on [date] and memorialized in the [date] report provided to the Court and attached hereto. These treatments shall include puberty-delaying hormone therapy and transgender-supportive counseling. The Mazzoni Center’s [date] report and recommendations are incorporated by reference and attached hereto.

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2. The City of Philadelphia Department of Human Services shall provide transportation for [legal name a.k.a. preferred name] from [current placement] to Mazzoni Center for such medical treatments.
3. Upon [legal name a.k.a. preferred name]’s transfer to [new placement], [new placement] shall provide the subject youth with all transition-related treatments recommended by Mazzoni Center in accordance with the medical and mental health assessments performed by Mazzoni health care providers on [date]. These treatments shall be limited to the treatments recommended by Mazzoni Center in the attached report dated [date] and shall include puberty-delaying hormone therapy and transgender-supportive counseling.
4. The City of Philadelphia Department of Human Services, or its authorized representative, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of [legal name a.k.a. preferred name] any and all forms necessary, including medical release and consent forms, to permit the administering of the medication for puberty-delaying hormone therapy treatment.
5. [Legal name a.k.a. preferred name] shall be referred to by the youth’s preferred name, [preferred name], and by [female/male] pronouns, in accordance with the youth’s gender identity. All written documentation should include the youth’s preferred name, [preferred name], as well as the youth’s legal name recognized by the court, but should use the youth’s preferred name and pronoun throughout.

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6. [New placement] shall permit [legal name a.k.a. preferred name] to dress and present in a manner that is consistent with the youth’s gender identity and shall not require [legal name a.k.a. preferred name] to have a [female/male] haircut.
 7. Consistent with the facility’s security policies, [new placement] shall provide [legal name a.k.a. preferred name] with safety and privacy when using the shower and bathroom and when dressing and undressing. [Legal name a.k.a. preferred name] shall not be physically searched for the purpose of determining the youth’s physical anatomy.
 8. There shall be no radical unproven procedures involved in this treatment and no procedures that do not fall within the framework of “general acceptance of the scientific community.”
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