ENTITLED TO TREATMENT

Medical Care for Transgender Adolescents in the Juvenile Justice System

Refusing timely medical intervention violates the law and damages the health of transgender youth.

To avoid legal liability and promote the well-being of all youth in the juvenile justice system, juvenile justice agencies should:

- Properly assess and treat gender dysphoria among transgender adolescents;
- Evaluate their healthcare policies and practices to ensure that transgender youth are receiving appropriate care;
- Identify regional gender identity clinics or physicians with experience treating gender dysphoria in adolescents;
- Permit transgender youth to continue to receive all transition-related treatment they started prior to involvement with the child welfare or juvenile justice agencies;
- Permit transgender youth to initiate or advance transition-related healthcare.