



American Psychoanalytic Association Denounces Court Decision on Conversion Therapy

New York, NY - November 25, 2020 - The American Psychoanalytic Association (APsAA) denounces the recent decision in the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals which voided local Florida laws designed to protect minors from the dangerous and fraudulent practice of conversion therapy.

“We know from well-documented research and clinical experience that “reparative therapy” may cause significant psychological trauma and contribute to increased risk of depression, anxiety, PTSD, drug and alcohol misuse or abuse, as well as suicidal thoughts and behavior,” said William Glover, president of the APsAA. “In our 2012 [position statement](#) we affirm the right of all people to their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression without interference or coercive interventions.”

Efforts to ban conversion therapy are supported by nearly all medical and mental health associations. The Human Rights Campaign provides a [list](#) of positions and statements from partner organizations such as the American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

APsAA is the oldest and largest professional organization for psychoanalysts in North America, representing 3,000 members, 33 approved training institutes, and 39 affiliate societies throughout the United States. For more than 100 years, the association has issued position statements on vital social issues. Visit apsa.org/position-statements.

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