



Position Statement on Civil Marriage and Civil Rights

The American Psychoanalytic Association (APSAA) endorses full local, state, and federal recognition of same-sex and same-gender civil marriage with all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities it confers.

APSAA opposes discrimination in the right to access the institution of civil marriage based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

APSAA opposes the invalidation of marriages involving one or more transgender individuals, as well as the invalidation of any marriage based on the actual or perceived sex of the individuals involved, or whether the sex or gender identity of either one may have appeared different in the past or may change in the future.

Civil marriage confers important social, legal, and psychological benefits. Limitations on access to marriage and the invalidation of marriages unjustly deprive same-sex and same-gender couples and their families of these benefits. Additionally, these limitations and invalidations unjustly expose these couples and their families to harassment, discrimination, and violence.

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