

PFLAG v. Abbott FAQ

Why is PFLAG the plaintiff in this case?

PFLAG is suing to demand that the court block state investigations of all PFLAG families in Texas who are supporting their transgender children with medically necessary care.

What does it mean to be a member of PFLAG National?

PFLAG supports families, educates allies, and advocates for equality through a vast network of supporters, members, and chapters across the country, including 17 chapters in Texas. People who join PFLAG enjoy the community of participating in local meetings and events, educational opportunities, Pride celebrations, workshops, panels, family programming and so much more. PFLAG members have joined and paid dues to their local PFLAG chapter and directly to PFLAG National.

If I am a parent of a trans kid in Texas and a member of my local PFLAG chapter, is my family covered by this case?

Yes. PFLAG is asking the court to stop DFPS from investigating families simply for providing their children with medically necessary care. All dues-paying members of PFLAG in Texas are considered party to this case.

All families in Texas that include transgender loved ones can join PFLAG. You can learn more about becoming a member of PFLAG at [PFLAG.org/Membership](https://www.pflag.org/membership).

What if my family is currently being investigated by DFPS?

This guidance can also be found at:

https://www.aclutx.org/sites/default/files/updated_fact_sheet_for_transgender_health_care_in_texas.pdf

If you or someone you know is impacted or affected by this:

- Document what is happening and try to get as much information as possible.
- Remember that...
 - You and your family have a right to privacy.
 - **You do not have to disclose whether your child is transgender.**
 - You do not have to disclose any private medical information to anyone.
 - You have a right to an attorney.
- Do not allow a DFPS investigator into your home.
- Do not sign any document asking you to release any of you or your child's private records (medical or otherwise) without consulting with an attorney.
- Advise your child not to talk to DFPS without your presence or an attorney.

If you or anyone you know is impacted by this order or an investigation or report of child abuse for medically necessary health care for transgender youth, contact help right away:

- Lambda Legal: <https://www.lambdalegal.org/helpdesk>
- ACLU of Texas: <https://intake.aclutx.org/>

Stay up-to-date on any new developments at TxTransKids.org. For direct support, visit TxTransKids.org/help.

What are ways I can share my story as the parent of a trans kid in Texas?

The possibility of investigation by publicly sharing your story as a transgender youth, their parent, caregiver, or impacted health professional is real. However, your story can make a direct impact by having your testimony read by a volunteer ally at the [DFPS hearing on June 10, 2022](#). Visit TxTransKids.org/actions_events for all the details.

Ways to participate:

- **[Share Your Story](#)**: If you are a transgender youth, a parent or guardian of a transgender youth, or an impacted professional who works with transgender youth (healthcare providers, teachers) we invite you to share your testimony for a volunteer to read. [Sign up here to share your story!](#)
- Text the word Texas to 472-472 to call Greg Abbott and remind him that providing children life-saving, medically necessary healthcare is parenting at its best. Transgender youth deserve loving and affirming homes.
- [Send a message to DFPS](#) urging them to listen to the consensus of every credible medical association, and protect transgender kids and parental rights.
- Add joy to the world and declare your love and commitment to trans folks by writing a [Love Letter to trans Texans](#) from the Transgender Education Network of Texas
- [Businesses can sign the Texas Competes pledge here](#) (for free) to promote a competitive Texas that is welcoming for LGBTQ people
- Attorneys can sign up to give [affordable legal help to trans youth and their families](#)
- Pledge to fight for trans youth in Texas [by signing this petition](#)
- Use the hashtag #ProtectTransKids on social media