Philosophy
For even the most loving, affirming and resilient families, navigating childhood gender and sex development can be confusing, distressing and sometimes unclear. It can become more challenging as our patients and their families encounter difficulties posed by others, including extended family members, school officials and other community members. We help navigate these challenges by providing our families with education, exceptional and affirming clinical care, support and ongoing consultation to ensure that children and families safely flourish in an environment that is both nurturing and affirming.
About our program

The specialists at the Gender and Sex Development Program at Lurie Children’s are dedicated to providing you and your child with warmth, support and exceptional care.

The program provides 2 services for two different patient populations.

Our team members are experts in a variety of disciplines including general pediatrics, adolescent medicine, endocrinology, urology, surgery, and psychology.

Services

The Gender & Sex Development Program has 2 programmatic arms serving 2 different patient populations.

Service for Gender Development
In the Gender arm we provide services for gender expansive, gender-questioning and transgender children and youth.

Service for Sex Development
In the Sex Development arm we serve newborns, children and young adults with disorders of sex development (DSD).

Team

Our specialists work together to provide holistic multidisciplinary care and treatment for your child. Our team includes:

- Adolescent Medicine and Pediatric Physicians
- Registered Nurse and Advanced Nurse Practitioners
- Education and Community Support Professionals
- Social Workers
- Urologists
- Pediatric Surgeons
- Endocrinologists
- Clinical Psychologists
- Ethicists
- Genetic Counselor

Led by Pediatrician Robert Garofalo, MD, and Pediatric Urologist Earl Cheng, MD, the Gender & Sex Development Program brings together our specialists’ expertise in a program that is unlike any in the Midwest and one of the few of its kind in the country.

Recognized Leader in LGBT Care

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation recognized Lurie Children’s as a “Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality” based on our top marks in meeting non-discrimination and training criteria that demonstrate our commitment to equitable, inclusive care for LGBT patients and their families.

More information

To find out more information about our program or to request an appointment, please contact [Contact Information], call [Phone Number] or visit us online at luriechildrens.org.