

Sex, Lies, and Children

*Protecting the **VULNERABLE**
from Irreversible Harm*

**ALABAMA HOUSE AND SENATE HEALTH
COMMITTEES HEARINGS ON VULNERABLE CHILD
COMPASSION AND PROTECTION ACT (VCAP)**

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Preface

Since its inception in 1972, Eagle Forum has stood for the family as God ordained it. We understand that healthy families are the cornerstone of a healthy and free nation. Several years ago, stories emerged of children, some as young as 12 years old, having their breasts or other private parts removed because they were under the delusion that they were in the “wrong” biological body. I knew that someone had to stand against this clear rebellion against the Creator which could end in nothing but suffering. The sad truth revealed that these practices were rapidly becoming accepted across the United States and around the world for younger and younger children.

In 2018 at the annual Eagle Council in Washington D.C., Eagle leaders from around the country heard a dynamic presentation by Pediatrician Michelle Cretella on the impact of the transgender ideology on our children and our culture. A small percentage of children experience distress at identifying with their biological sex. These children were being exploited under the pretext of changing one’s God-given sex through life-altering medication and irreversible surgeries. The LGBTQ+ community was attacking Dr. Cretella as a hate-monger. The truth was as she said, “Biology is not bigotry.” Mary Summa, JD, also shared a related issue on the erosion of parental rights to protect their distraught children. In 2019 at the Eagle Council, we heard speakers explain how the trans movement had come to recruit in Virginia schools, how psychotherapy saved Erin Brewer, PhD, a former “trans-kid”, and how other states were striving for laws to protect minors from these egregious practices.

I also learned that the transgender ideology was infiltrating Alabama communities at an alarming rate. It was encouraging gender dysphoric children who claimed discomfort in their biological bodies to use medication and surgeries to alleviate their dysphoria. In fact, it was being done in my own hometown of Birmingham, AL. A gender reassignment clinic for children, the MLALA clinic, had quietly been established at Children’s Hospital in 2016, without the slightest push back. Further, UAB, a state-supported university in Birmingham, had been offering a full-service transgender clinic to its students at public expense for years. How had this happened without the first objection? Alabama Eagle leaders, in collaboration with other organizations, decided to act! This is the story of those actions under the leadership of Eagle Forum of Alabama Legal Counsel Margaret Clarke.

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