

Groundbreaking UW Study: Transgender Kids' Gender Identity is as Strong as That of Cisgender Children

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Gender identity is as strong in transgender children as it is in cisgender children (those who identify with the gender they were assigned at birth), no matter how long a child has been treated as being a gender they don't identify with, according to initial findings from a University of Washington study that is the largest of its kind.

The results bolster earlier UW research that has found transitioning doesn't affect a transgender child's sense of self.

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This research is part of [the TransYouth Project](#), led by UW psychologist Kristina Olson, who earlier this year received the Alan T. Waterman Award, which is given to early-career scientists by the National Science Foundation, and [was awarded a genius grant](#) from the MacArthur Foundation. Olson put a \$1 million grant from the Waterman award toward the TransYouth Project