

A 13-year-old reaches out to you stating that they are transgender and need support. They state that their parents are unsupportive.

What are your initial thoughts? What other questions might you want to ask or information might you want to gather about the family and the environment?

How do you navigate treatment of a minor around gender with unsupportive parents?

Where could you point the 13-year-old for support? What advocacy could you offer?

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Work through these questions first and then open "Open CV#2 Reflections" for guided support. We encourage you to practice responding in your head or (even better!) with a colleague out loud. Working with a young teen around gender can be complicated but it is possible to offer support and encourage agency at a developmentally appropriate level. While gender-affirming care reminds us that our job is NOT to weigh in on a client's identity (even a minor client), we are there to support them in practicing discernment around their mental health and well-being.