

BIOGRAPHY OF DR. ROGER HIATT, JR., M.D.

Dr. Roger Hiatt, Jr., M.D. is a child and adolescent psychiatrist with thirty years of experience working with troubled youth throughout the United States. He is an Eagle Scout who developed fluency in the Spanish language while serving as a full-time missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After completion of undergraduate training at Brigham Young University and medical school at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, Dr. Hiatt and his wife moved to Little Rock, Arkansas in order to complete five years of residency training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Arkansas Children's Hospital. He spent the next eighteen years working with thousands of children and teenagers in Arkansas, most of whom had been sexually or physically abused or severely neglected, while his wife reared and homeschooled their six children. He subsequently spent four years at the Provo Canyon School in Utah, where he cared for hundreds of youth from a majority of the fifty United States. Since 2019, he has served as a medical director at two freestanding psychiatric hospitals in Arkansas and Tennessee.

During nearly twenty-five years of residency training and work in Arkansas, Dr. Hiatt encountered only a handful of young people struggling with the issue of gender identity, almost exclusively biological males. Upon arrival at the Provo Canyon School in 2015, none of the more than one hundred residents self-identified as transgender. Over the next four years, he observed an alarming trend as the portion of his patients affirming a gender identity different from their biological sex ballooned from zero to more than ten percent. These patients were overwhelmingly genetic females, the vast majority of whom had been sexually or physically abused or severely neglected and had prominent issues of mood disturbance, anxiety, and personality disorder in addition to their gender dysphoria. Dr. Hiatt continues to work with numerous youth in both Arkansas and Tennessee who are questioning their gender identity. Over the past thirty years, he has personally worked first-hand with more than 200 children and teenagers challenged with gender dysphoria.