

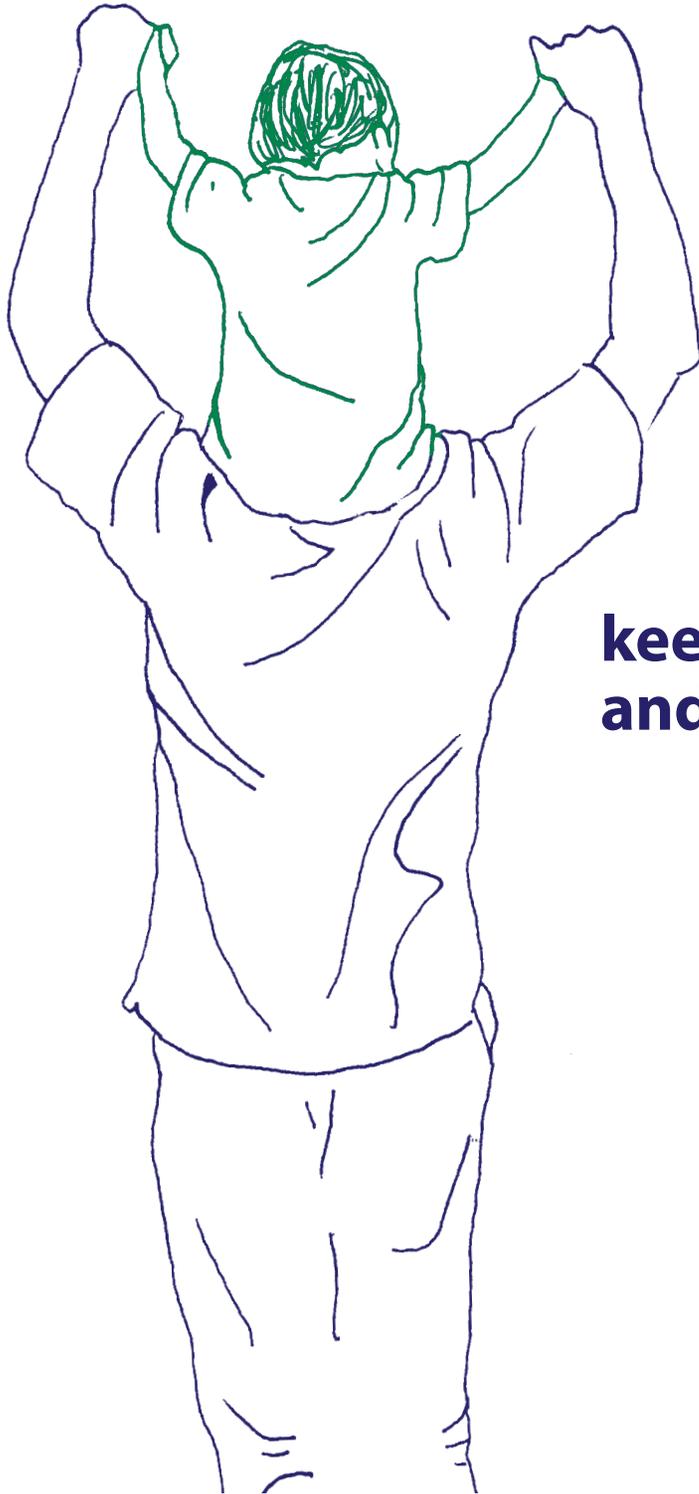
An estimated one in 2,000 babies is born with reproductive or sexual anatomy and/or a chromosome pattern that does not seem to fit typical definitions of male or female. The conditions that cause these variations are sometimes called "intersex" or "DSD" (differences of sex development). Many people have not heard of these conditions because they are not widely discussed. In recent years, affected adults have begun raising awareness by coming out publicly and by questioning the existing model of treatment. The questions they raised have led to a serious and sometimes passionate debate among doctors, parents, and affected adults about how best to care for children with intersex conditions or DSDs. There are no easy answers. However, one point of agreement for all concerned is that these children are vulnerable and deserve to have their rights protected.



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informed choice**

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*promoting the civil rights of children  
born with variations of sex anatomy*



**advocates for informed choice (aic)** is the first organization in America formed for the express purpose of developing and using legal strategies to protect the civil rights of children born with intersex conditions or DSDs. AIC works to:

- engage parents, doctors, attorneys, and intersex activists in strategy discussions;
- stimulate legal dialogue about the fundamental rights of children with intersex conditions or DSDs; and
- employ traditional and non-traditional legal tools to ensure justice for children with intersex conditions or DSDs.

AIC's efforts are grounded in a sense of respect and compassion for the children, parents, doctors, and intersex adults involved.

## keeping all doors open, all bridges intact, and all futures possible.

**we work for doctors** We provide training and consultation to help medical providers understand the difficult legal and ethical questions involved in treating children with intersex conditions or DSDs. Topics include informed consent, disclosure of diagnosis, bioethical issues, surrogate decision-making, and medical privacy concerns. We help improve patient care while reducing your exposure to liability.

**we work for parents** We can answer questions about your child's health care rights, privacy rights, and school accommodation, and other legal issues. We can help you advocate effectively for your child in the doctor's office or examination room by

equipping you with the right questions, helping you find resources to learn more about your child's condition, and offering you a wider view of the long-term choices you are making for your baby.

**we work for affected teens** We can help YOU be an effective advocate for yourself. We can help you understand your rights in the doctor's office, at school, and in other settings. We can provide support and help you deal with bullying situations at school. We also offer opportunities for you to get involved in building a movement for teens like you!

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