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Children, under state law, are the responsibility of their parents unless they are emancipated. As such, it is mandatory that the parents be involved in decisions of their children, since they will be accountable for the repercussions for decisions made. The suicide rate of trans gender and gender transition people are exploding. This has a very real effect on the trans community & their families. Parents should not fear punishment for being involved with their children's life altering choices. Parents should always be encouraged to be involved in their child's life. Far be it from the legislature to enact legislation to discourage this relationship. Especially, since parental involvement has been on the decline for decades, according to researchers and educators in k-12 years.