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Parents Crusade Over Children's Tragic Deaths From Psychiatric Drugs

Lawrence Smith, a Michigan father, and Vicky Dunkle, a Pennsylvania mother, have recently joined forces in a crusade to expose the fraud of child psychiatric diagnoses and the dangers of the drugs being prescribed. Mrs. Dunkle has filed a lawsuit against the psychiatrist who prescribed the deadly drugs to her daughter, and both parents exemplify the increasing problem faced by many parents today: being coerced by school personnel to drug their children, and never being warned about the documented risks of the drugs prescribed to "treat" them. For Mrs. Dunkle and Smith, the result was the tragic and needless deaths of their children. Smith states, "We hope to God that other families will be spared the suffering and heartbreak that has been caused to our families, and many others."

On March 21, 2000, Matthew Smith, 14, died from a heart attack while skateboarding. The coroner determined his death was caused by the long-term use of the stimulant forcibly prescribed to him through the school.

"It all started for Matthew in the first grade, when the school social worker kept calling us in for meetings, complaining that Matthew was 'fidgeting' and 'easily distracted,' said Smith. "She told my wife and I that if we wouldn't consider drugging our son, after the school had diagnosed him with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), that we could be charged for neglecting his educational and emotional needs." After also being told that the stimulant was safe and effective, the Smiths acceded to the pressure.

"If we hadn't been pressured by the school system, Matthew would still be alive today," says Smith. "I cannot go back and change things for us at this point. However, I hope to God my story and information will reach the hearts and minds of many families, so they can make an educated decision."

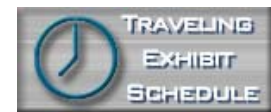
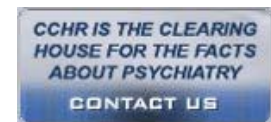
Mrs. Dunkle agrees. In 1999 when her daughter, Shaina, was in second grade, Mrs. Dunkle was pressured to have her evaluated for ADHD by the school psychologist because she was "too active" and "talked out of turn." The young mother did not want to drug her child, but bowed to the constant pressure from the psychologist and agreed to take her daughter to a psychiatrist. After a 30-minute evaluation, Shaina was diagnosed with ADHD and prescribed a psychiatric drug. Mrs. Dunkle was never warned about the side effects of the drugs.

On Feb. 26, 2001, Shaina began convulsing in her doctor's office and died in her mother's arms. She was 10-years-old. An autopsy revealed that Shaina's death was due to toxic levels of the psychiatric drug prescribed her. Mrs. Dunkle has now filed a suit against the treating psychiatrist, alleging the doctor increased her daughter's drug dose until it reached toxic levels. "My Shaina was a ray of sunshine, she always smiled and gave her all no matter how hard. If I had followed my heart instead of the advice of 'professionals' that thought they knew my daughter better than I did, my precious Shaina would be alive now," says Mrs. Dunkle.

On Sept. 26, the House Committee on Government Reform held a high profile hearing to examine the increasing number of children being diagnosed with subjective "attention deficit" disorders, and the fact that parents are being denied full information about the lack of scientific validity behind these disorders, and the risks of the drugs prescribed for them.

Bruce Wiseman, the U.S. President of the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), a psychiatric watchdog, addressed the hearing, stating, "Parents are

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CCHR Says President's Education Bill Is A Welcome Change After 37 Year Decline In Educational Results

Celebrity Moms Fight Against Psychiatric Drugging Of Children; Actress Anne Archer Releases Website To Educate Mothers Against Drugging Of Children. She Joins Lisa Marie Presley, Priscilla Presley And Kirstie Alley In The Fight For Children's Rights.

Citizens Commission on Human Rights: A Beautiful Mind — An Ugly Agenda; 'Cinematic Glorification of Psychiatric Drugs'

Mental Health Parity: Opening The Door To Patient Abuse, Deaths, Fraud'

Watchdog Group Petitions For Children's Rights Against Stigma and Psychiatric Drug Abuse

'Just Sprinkle A Little Kiddy-Cocaine On Your Child's Applesauce'; CCHR Condemns FDA Irresponsibility In War On Drugs

Mental Health Watchdog Applauds President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education: "Channel \$28 billion in wasted funds to the children who need it," says CCHR

Watchdog Sounds Alarm Bell on Special Education: Billions Wasted on Identifying, Labeling Illiterate Children as 'Mentally Disordered'

Mental Health Parity Warning To Congress: 'Don't Show Psychiatrists The Money Until They Show You The Scientific Proof

Child Psychiatry Put on Notice: Dutch Commission Finds Psychiatric Claim is False - ADHD is not a Brain Disorder

Psychiatric Convention in Japan is Met by International Protest - Human Rights Group Charges Psychiatric Treatments Are Creating Killers

9/11: One Year Later, The Mental Health "Crisis" That

only being offered drug solutions because childhood labeling and drugging is a profit-driven industry: In 2000, the sales of stimulants prescribed for ADHD reached \$758 million. Instead of supporting what is legal drug pushing, our governments, schools and doctors must ensure that all—not carefully selected—information is made available to parents in order for them to make an informed choice about their child's educational and medical needs."

Today, Smith gathers support for legislation that would mandate informed consent requirements to safeguard parents' and childrens' rights. "The violation of parents' rights occurs when they are not informed about the unscientific nature of so-called disorders such as ADHD or the risks of the treatments involved (drugs)," Smith stated. "I am hoping that Republicans and Democrats will work together to fight this horrific drug war that threatens the future of American children."

To view testimony given to the House Committee on Government Reform log onto <http://www.fightforkids.com>. CCHR was established in 1969 by the Church of Scientology, and co-founded by Professor of Psychiatry Emeritus, Dr. Thomas Szasz.

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Never Happened

Lisa Marie Presley Takes A Stand For Children's Rights: "The legal psychotropic drugging of millions of children has to stop."

Mental Health Week: Psychiatry Making America Mindless; A System Plagued by Lawsuits, Congressional Hearings and Child Drugging

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Women Legislators Take Leadership Role in Protecting Children's Rights Against Forced Psychiatric Drugging

Medicare Stops Funding "Multiple Electroshock" - CMS Investigation reveals patients at "greater risk"

International Narcotics Control Board Issues Alarming Report on Increased Use of Prescribed Stimulants

Celebrities Isaac Hayes, Eduardo Palomo Call on Minority Communities to Back Federal Bill Against Coerced Psychiatric Child Drugging

Celebrities Kelly Preston and Kirstie Alley Lead Parents in March Against the Coercive Psychiatric Drugging of America's Children

Harming in the Name of Healthcare: Childhood "Psychiatric" Disorders — Good Business, Bad Medicine

ADHD "Call In" Line: Misleading the Public to Reinforce a \$1.3 Billion a Year Child Drugging Cash Cow

Judge Rules for Mother in Case Against Coerced Child Drugging in Public School

Crime, Fraud and Patient Abuse: Welcome to the World of Psychiatry; Mental Health Watchdog Group Displays Exhibit in Chicago

Psychiatrists Accused Of Misleading FDA, Selling Out Children To Keep Them Drugged

FDA Warning Fuels Need For Federal Protections Against Forced Multi-Billion Dollar Psychiatric Drugging in Schools

Psychiatry's Cash Cow Antidepressants No Silver Bullet—Mired In Allegations Of Suicide, Diagnostic Sham And Cover-Up

In Wake of Child Deaths— Hundreds Protest Psychiatric Convention in New York City

May 4: Psychiatry's Cash
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Parents Call on Senate to
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Psychiatrists advised FDA 14
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Leading To Increased Child
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TeenScreen goes too far in
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Teen Screen: The Lawsuits
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Psychiatric Watchdog
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FDA Alert On Violence- and
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Doctors Lambast Shields'
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First ever verdict in favor of
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\$635,000

NAMI's Exemplary
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Europe's Medicine Agency
Tightens Noose on
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Another Psychiatric Drug,
Another Black Box Warning

United Nations Steps into
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Labeling and Harmful ADHD-
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Psychiatric Watchdog Warns
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