

# From ADHD to Cocaine: A Wake-Up Call for Parents

*Mr. Jason Good, speaks of his personal experience being labeled with ADHD as a child and how this led to a narcotics addiction at the age of 15.*

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, June 21, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Prompted by new information on the use of psychotropic drugs to treat childhood difficulties in school, the [Citizens Commission on Human Rights](#) (CCHR) regularly hosts an educational talk for parents and concerned individuals on psychostimulants and the potential for drug addiction.



Over a million children under the age of six are currently on psychiatric drugs in America

Today in the United States approximately 1.8 million youths aged 12 to 17 are using prescription psychotropic drugs, largely to treat difficulties with study.

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The psychostimulant, methylphenidate is a Schedule II drug, which means the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) classifies it as having a high potential for abuse. Today it is prescribed largely to children and adolescents for “Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder” (ADHD).

At the same time, the DEA warns that methylphenidate produces many of the same effects as cocaine. Psychotic episodes and severe psychological addiction have all been associated with methylphenidate abuse. [1]

This labeling represents a billing code that has come under increasing criticism for labeling normal childhood as a “mental disease”.

The side effects for [Ritalin](#) (methylphenidate hcl), used widely for ADHD, include nervousness, agitation, and anxiety as the top 3 listed effects, as well as psychosis.[2]

“Parents are vulnerable because they want the best for their children,” said Diane Stein, President CCHR Florida. “Lacking information on the possible side effects of these drugs, they may too easily give permission and regret it much later.”

During this talk, guest speaker and public executive of a successful drug rehabilitation center, Mr.

Jason Good, speaks of his personal experience being labeled with ADHD as a child which came with one psychotropic drug after another from his doctors. Those in attendance hear the true story of how a Ritalin prescription handed to a young boy caused illegal street drug use and a narcotics addiction at the age of 15 and what Mr. Good thinks can be done to protect children in today's society.

For more information or to find out when the [next educational briefing](#) will be held, please call CCHR at 727-442-8820 or visit the center at 109 N. Fort Harrison Ave, Clearwater, Florida.

About CCHR: Initially established by the Church of Scientology and renowned psychiatrist Dr. Thomas Szasz in 1969, CCHR's mission is to eradicate abuses committed under the guise of mental health and enact patient and consumer protections. It was L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology, who brought the terror of psychiatric imprisonment to the notice of the world. In March 1969, he said, "Thousands and thousands are seized without process of law, every week, over the 'free world' tortured, castrated, killed. All in the name of 'mental health.'" For more information visit, [www.cchrflorida.org](http://www.cchrflorida.org)

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