

# Over 3 Million U.S. Children on Psychiatric ADHD Drugs

*Mental Health Watchdog, CCHR, regularly hosts an educational talk for parents on the dangers associated with ADHD drugs.*

CLEARWATER, FL, US, January 9, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Alarmed at the significant number of children prescribed psychiatric drugs, the [Citizens Commission on Human Rights](#) (CCHR), a non-profit mental health watchdog dedicated to the protection of children, regularly hosts seminars for parents on psychostimulants, the dangerous side effects associated with these drugs and the potential for drug addiction.

Today in the United States approximately 7.2 million children between the ages of 0 to 17 are using prescription psychiatric drugs, and almost half of them are on drugs due to being labeled with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder ([ADHD](#)). This labeling represents a billing code that has come under increasing criticism for diagnosing normal childhood behavior as a “mental disorder”.

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The psychostimulant, methylphenidate, also known as [Ritalin](#), is one of the drugs prescribed to children who have been labeled as ADHD and comes with such side effects as nervousness, agitation, anxiety as well as psychosis. [1] Methylphenidate is a Schedule II drug, which means the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) classifies it as having a high potential for abuse. At the same time, the DEA warns that methylphenidate produces many of the same effects as cocaine and that psychotic episodes and severe psychological addiction have all been associated with methylphenidate use. [2]

“Parents are not being told the dangers associated with these drugs,” said Diane Stein, President CCHR Florida. “Lacking information, they may too easily give permission for a prescription and regret it much later.”

As part of a campaign to educate parents on psychiatric drug dangers, CCHR hosts an informational seminar delivered by Jason Good, the public executive of a successful drug rehabilitation center. Mr. Good, speaks of his personal experience being labeled with ADHD as a child, which began with a prescription for Ritalin and ended with illegal street drug use and narcotics addiction at the age of 15. To learn more or to reserve seats at the next seminar please



The headquarters for CCHR Florida are located in downtown Clearwater.

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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. L. Ron Hubbard, founder of Scientology, first brought psychiatric imprisonment to wide public notice: "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,'" he wrote in March 1969. For more information visit [www.cchrflorida.org](http://www.cchrflorida.org)

Sources:

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