

CCHR Florida's Black History Month Open House: Is Racism Still Alive?

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CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, January 28, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Florida chapter of the [Citizens Commission on Human Rights](#) (CCHR) is hosting a month-long Open House at their center, located at 109 N. Fort Harrison Ave in downtown Clearwater, in order to raise awareness on the truth behind racism beginning February 1st for Black History Month.

The Open House, themed "[Is Racism Alive Today?](#)" will shed light on why in the United States, African-American and Hispanic children in predominantly white school districts are classified as "learning disabled" more often than whites. And how this labeling leads to millions of minority children being hooked onto prescribed mind-altering drugs. [1]



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The term "eugenics" meaning "good genes" was invented in 1883 by an English psychologist named Francis Galton who said the idea that people are of equal value is "undeniably wrong and cannot last," and insisted that any charity to the poor and ill should require that they agree to abstain from having children.

Further, in 1923, J.T. Dunston, a British psychiatrist and South Africa's Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, claimed, "...the native, even of the best tribes, possibly belongs to a race which is mentally inferior to ours."

Then in the 1950s, psychologist Lewis Terman claimed that "Mexicans, Indians and Blacks" should never be allowed to have children. At the same time, well-known eugenicist Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, endorsed sterilization as the "cure" for racial inferiority.

Documented examples of such "scientific" evaluations have been released repeatedly up to recent times. Yet today, a search brings up scores of promotional messages from U.S. mental health groups, exhorting minorities to ignore the "stigma" associated with mental treatments.

Since 1969, CCHR has worked in the field of human rights and mental health reform, and has investigated the racist influence of the "mental health" professions on the [Nazi Holocaust](#), apartheid, the cultural assault of the Australian Aboriginal people, New Zealand Maoris and Native American Indians, and the current discrimination against Blacks across the world. Psychiatry and psychology's racist ideologies continue to light the fires of racism locally and internationally to this day. This Open House is being held to raise awareness among individuals about this harmful influence. Not only can racism be defeated, but it must be, if man is to live in true harmony. To learn more please call (727) 442-8820.

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 please visit www.cchrflorida.org.

Sources:



The Citizens Commission on Human Rights is a non-profit mental health watchdog dedicated to the eradication of abuses committed under the guise of mental health.



The headquarters for CCHR Florida are located in downtown Clearwater.

[1] Creating Racism: Psychiatry's Betrayal

<http://www.cchr.org/sites/default/files/booklets/creating-racism.pdf>

[2] Samuel A. Cartwright, M.D., "Report on the Diseases and Physical Peculiarities of the Negro Race," New Orleans & Surgical Journal, 1851

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