

Mental Health Watchdog Reaches Over 100,000 in Campaign to Protect Parental Rights

While parental rights are viewed as fundamental many families wonder what these rights are and where they can be found, this campaign answers these questions.

CLEARWATER, FL, UNITED STATES, May 12, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Last month the [Citizens Commission on Human Rights](#) of Florida (CCHR), launched a revised website and a campaign designed to help parents understand some of their rights.

While [parental rights](#) have historically been viewed as fundamental, an erosion of these rights has prompted the passage of laws on a state and federal level to afford better protection. However, many parents do not fully understand their rights and are not aware of the laws that exist to help protect these rights.



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Due to the restrictions in place in light of COVID-19, CCHR used social media to educate over 100,000 people on parental rights. Using existing statutes and case law, CCHR created an easy to read and understand webpage that parents can use as a guide. The rights listed on this page are clear and concise, making social media a great way to spread the word.

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Known statewide for their work in helping parents whose children have been involuntarily taken to a psychiatric facility for examination under Florida’s controversial [Baker Act](#), CCHR’s focus on parental rights is not new. Since launching a campaign in 2015 to raise awareness on the abuses being committed in the area of the Baker Act of

children, CCHR has been calling for a restoration of parental rights in Florida.

“Currently the way the law is written, a person in crisis can be helped by a willing family member in place of a Baker Act but this is being ignored,” states the president of CCHR in Florida, Diane Stein. “And when you are dealing with a child this is a parental rights violation.”

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involuntary psychiatric examinations were initiated on children across the state. In February of this year, Florida made news worldwide following the Baker Acting of 6-year-old Nadia King who was taken into custody and transported to a psychiatric ward and allegedly drugged without the mother's consent. [1, 2]

CCHR operates a hotline for people in need of help when they find a loved one caught up in the mental health system. Many of the people calling CCHR are parents looking for help when their child has been Baker Acted. As a first course of action, those calling CCHR for help are educated on their rights under the law.

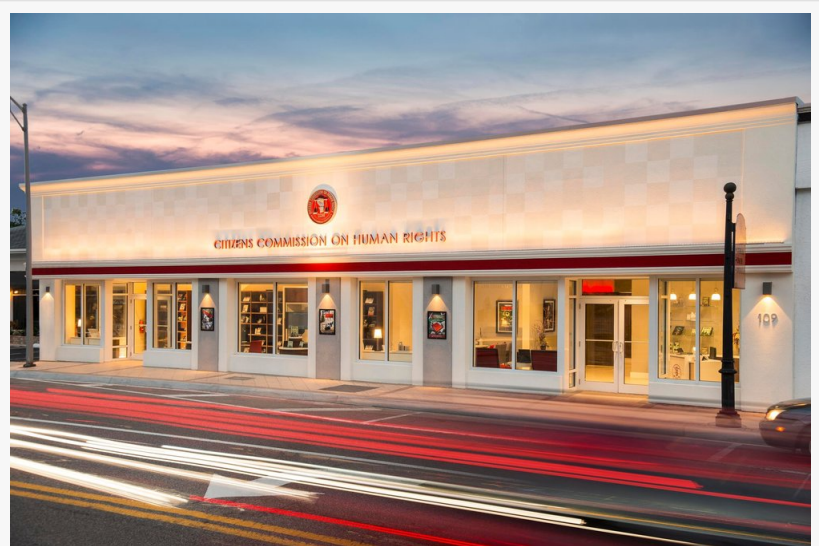
"We want to give parents the tools to deal with issues that arise such as demands for a child to be given a mental health screening or to be given dangerous psychiatric drugs," stated Ms. Stein. "The first step is for the parent to clearly understand their rights so that they can make an informed decision as to what is best for their child."

As stated by the United States Supreme Court, "The history and culture of Western civilization reflect a strong tradition of parental concern for the nurture and upbringing of their children. This primary role of the parents in the upbringing of their children is now established beyond debate as an enduring American tradition." [3]

Ms. Stein went on to explain, "Parents have rights. They can be known. They can be understood. We can, as parents, protect our children."

CCHR encourages parents who wish to know more about their rights, who feel they have been pressured to subject their child to unwanted psychiatric screening/treatment or whose child has been inappropriately Baker Acted to please call 800-782-2878 or visit <https://www.cchrflorida.org/parental-rights/> and to report any abuse or violations of rights on their website at Report Psychiatric Abuse.

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



The headquarters for CCHR Florida are located in downtown Clearwater.



The Florida chapter of CCHR is a non-profit mental health watchdog dedicated to the protection of children.

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:

[1] 6-year-old Florida girl "traumatized" after being involuntarily sent to mental health facility

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/florida-baker-act-6-year-old-girl-sent-to-mental-health-facility-by-school/>

[2] Baker Act Reporting Center
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[3] Wisconsin v. Yoder, 406, U.S. 205, 232 (1972)

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Involuntary examinations are being initiated on children without parental knowledge. The parent finds out AFTER their child has been Baker Acted.



Florida law allows for a child of any age to be taken into custody and sent for an involuntary psychiatric examination.

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