

Mental Health Watchdog Hosting Event: Florida's Foster Children and the Baker Act

There are about 19,000 children in foster care in Florida and about 600 children waiting for permanent placement are without identified families.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The Florida chapter of the Citizens Commission on Human Rights ([CCHR](#)) is hosting a complimentary online event on March 6th, Foster Kids & The [Baker Act](#). The event is being held to bring attention to the flaws in the foster care system and how many of these children end up being sent for involuntary psychiatric examinations, called a Baker Act. [1]



The headquarters for CCHR Florida are located in downtown Clearwater.

The featured speaker for the event is Mari Frankel, the director and producer of the documentary “Foster Shock”. As a Guardian ad Litem and mother of three, Ms. Frankel produced the powerful film to expose the privatized child welfare system. The documentary gives viewers a close-up look at Florida’s foster care system through the eyes of traumatized children who’ve depended on it, only to suffer more abuse, neglect and pain. [2]

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At the event, attendees will learn about what [foster children](#) experience when they are thrown into the system and how this relates to the the parents, guardians and caregivers. The event will also cover basic rights which are

impacted by the foster care system as well as how the Baker Act is applied to foster kids and what steps can be taken to better protect these children from abuse. [3]

“There is unacceptable and then there’s disgraceful,” said Mari Frankel. “We need to change the system to protect these children from being hurt over and over again.” [4]

The complimentary virtual event is being held on Saturday, March 6th from 12:30-2pm and anyone wishing to register may do so by visiting <https://www.cchrflorida.org/event/floridas-foster-kids-the-baker-act/> or calling (727) 442-8820.

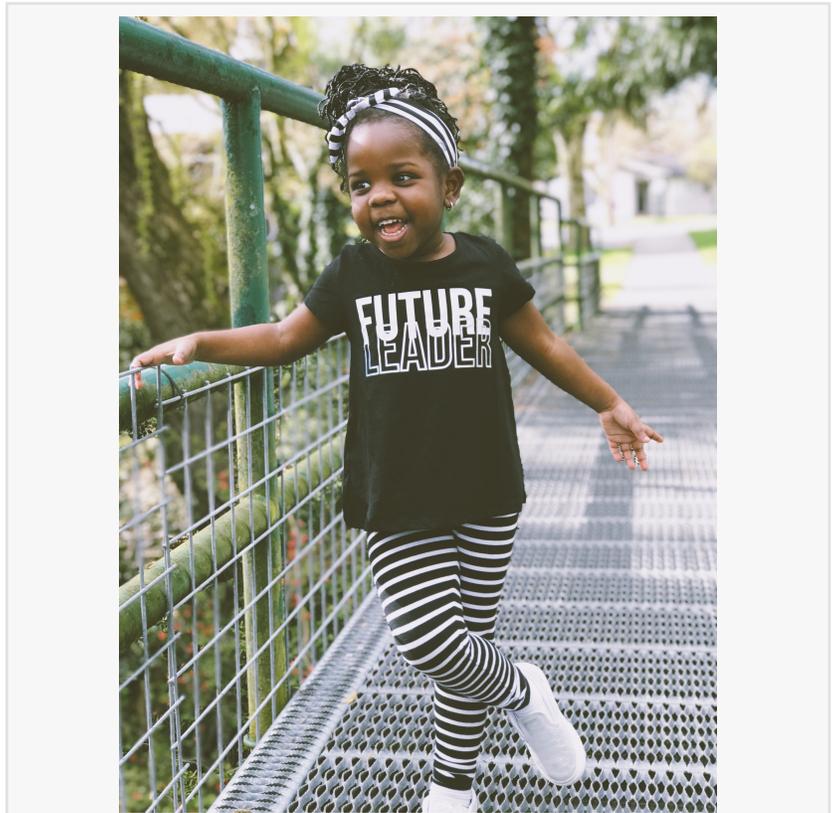
CCHR is dedicated to the protection of children and has been working to restore and protect the mental health human rights of all Floridians for decades. For information on how to protect your rights as a parent or report a Baker Act please visit www.cchrflorida.org or call 1-800-782-2878.

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.

Sources:

[1] Moved 17 times in one year and involuntarily committed 40 times: The systems that failed a Florida teen <https://www.news-press.com/story/news/special-reports/2020/01/09/mental-health-foster-care-system-florida-teen-anber/2837628001/>

[2] ‘Foster Shock’ documentary takes Florida’s privatized child welfare system to task



<https://floridapolitics.com/archives/233792-foster-shock-documentary-takes-floridas-privatized-child-welfare-system-task>

[3] Foster Kids & The Baker Act

<https://www.cchrflorida.org/event/floridas-foster-kids-the-baker-act/>

[4] Foster Shock reveals human cost of Florida's foster care system

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<https://www.adoptuskids.org/adoption-and-foster-care/how-to-adopt-and-foster/state-information/florida#:~:text=There%20are%20about%2019%2C000%20children,placement%20are%20without%20identified%20families>

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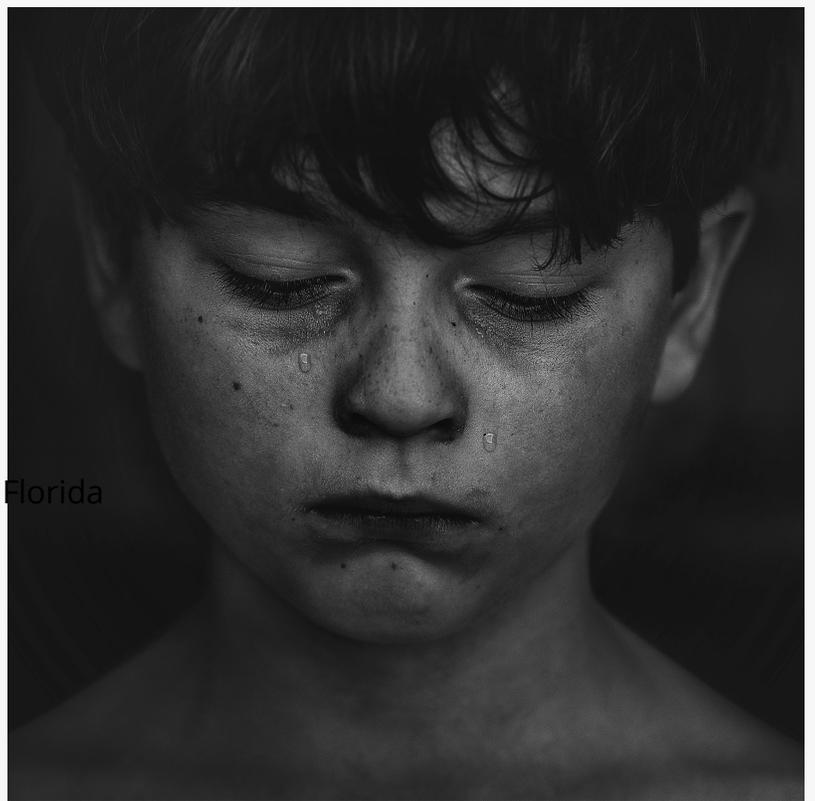
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