

CCHR Florida Wins the 2022 Social Impact Award: Campaign Protects Children and Parental Rights

Award received for development of a successful strategy to organize a grassroots campaign resulting in the passage of legislation to protect parental rights.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The international Social Impact Awards honor communicators who use their platforms to better their community and the global community at large. The Florida chapter of the [Citizens Commission on Human Rights](#) (CCHR) received the 2022 Social Impact Award for their work to defend parental rights and prevent children from being wrongfully institutionalized.



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Among thousands of entries from around the world, CCHR Florida was first named as a Finalist and then was named as the Winner of the award in the area of corporate social responsibility during the presentation event and conference held at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City in Washington DC on April 20th.

CCHR Florida received the award after they were able to use their media, social media and grassroots campaigns to reach tens of millions culminating in the passing of laws to protect the rights of parents across the state of Florida.

“The right of a parent to direct the mental health of their child is a fundamental right and one that is vitally important to a child’s future,” stated the president for CCHR Florida, Diane Stein.

Comprised of a vast network of volunteers, CCHR Florida’s chapter worked to protect the rights of parents from having their children taken into custody for Involuntary psychiatric examination without parental knowledge. Called a [Baker Act](#) in Florida, the use of this mental health law is responsible for over 200,000 involuntary psychiatric examinations in 2018/2019 including more than 37,000 examinations of children with over 4,000 of these children under the age of 10. [2]



The headquarters for CCHR Florida are located in downtown Clearwater.

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*Erika Bradbury, Editorial
Director of PRNEWS*

“The abusive use of coercive psychiatry is a human rights violation and when this atrocious practice is aimed at children it is unconscionable,” said Diane Stein.

Ms. Stein and the team at CCHR Florida partnered with strong, established organizations with similar goals to create a grass roots movement of families that, along with media stories exposing the abuse, placed enough pressure on Florida lawmakers that the [Parents’ Bill of Rights](#) was passed along with another stand-alone bill that prohibits

children from being taken into custody without first notifying a parent, giving them the opportunity to help their child in a time of possible crisis.

CCHR FL first began exposing this situation and raising awareness on the need for change through events, social media, press releases and media stories. Next CCHR FL created a simple booklet – Parental Rights in Florida: A Guide for Parents - outlining parental rights along with webpages designed to educate families, policy makers and other groups on the situation and the solution. Once again, using press releases and social media, CCHR FL continued to raise awareness of this issue generating reach from other groups to join forces to create positive change.

“We were able to bring people together through a PR and social media campaign to have Florida

families contact the members of the Florida Legislature. The success of this campaign showcased that a small group of well-intentioned people can effect meaningful change to better the community at large," said Stein.

In total, their communications campaign reached tens of millions in the state of Florida and resulted in positive legislation that carried out their goal of protecting families undergoing crisis from abuse in the mental health field.

Copies of the Parental Rights in Florida: A Guide for Parents can be acquired for free on CCHR FL website: www.cchrflorida.org.

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] 2022 Social Impact Awards [1] <https://prnewsonline.com/go/2022-social-impact-awards/>

[2] Baker Act Reporting Center <https://www.usf.edu/cbcs/baker-act/>



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It is a fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their minor children.

Diane Stein

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The most recent report on the Baker Act revealed that there were more than 36,000 initiations on children in a single year, with over 4,000 of these children under the age of 10.

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