

CCHR Hosting a Complimentary Seminar on the Laws and Abuses of the Baker Act

This seminar will be held on May 13th from 2:00pm-3:30pm at the offices of CCHR - 109 N. Fort Harrison Ave., Clearwater. It is also accessible by Zoom.

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EINPresswire.com/ -- For professionals that work in the fields of mental health, school counseling, law enforcement, social work or marriage counseling, knowing the laws, protections and intent behind the Florida mental health law, called the [Baker Act](#), is imperative.

The Florida chapter of the [Citizens Commission on Human Rights](#) (CCHR), a psychiatric watchdog organization, is offering a complimentary seminar to better educate professionals on the laws and potential abuses of the Baker Act.

While the total number of Baker Acts initiated in Florida have dropped for the past two years following an all-time historic high of over 210,000, the president for CCHR in Florida, Diane Stein, cautions that the fight to protect mental health human rights is just beginning and it is more important than ever for those authorized to initiate an involuntary psychiatric examination to understand the law and the rights of citizens.



Tampa Bay area attorney and former Assistant Public Defender of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Carmen Miller, Esq., was the featured speaker at the seminar on mental health rights.



The headquarters for CCHR Florida are located in downtown Clearwater.

The seminar will be delivered by attorney Carmen Miller. Ms. Miller has served as a private practice attorney in the Tampa Bay area for many years and is an expert on the Baker Act. Prior to opening her own firm, Miller served for over 8 years as an assistant public defender for the 13th judicial district in Hillsborough County.

Designed to provide attendees with a better understanding of the Baker Act, specific learning objectives for the event include:

1. Understanding the legal context and intentions of the Baker Act.
2. Being able to describe the laws regarding involuntary examinations.
3. Being able to identify the basic human rights impacted by the Baker Act and the Act's unintended consequences.
4. Obtaining action steps to help protect yourself, your children and those impacted by the Baker Act.

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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. The Florida chapter of CCHR is an award-winning nonprofit in the area of mental health human rights and government relations. 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.



The mental health law currently allows for individuals of all ages, including children, to be taken into custody and sent for an involuntary psychiatric examination.



During the event attendees will cover the context and intentions of the mental health law, changes to the Baker Act process for children and how this all relates to parental rights.

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As reported by the Baker Act Reporting Center, an astounding 38,557 involuntary psychiatric examinations were initiated on children across the state.

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