

CCHR Hosting a Complimentary Seminar on the Mental Health Law and Human Rights

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CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, July 6, 2023 / EINPresswire.com/ -- 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 law and potential abuses of the [Baker Act](#).



The headquarters for CCHR Florida are located in downtown Clearwater.

It is vital for those entrusted with the power to initiate an involuntary psychiatric examination, called a Baker Act, to understand the intentions behind the law and possible consequences when this law is used. Whether a person works as a school counselor, teacher, social worker, law enforcement or in another field, this seminar will help provide greater insight.

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Mental health human rights need to be protected and it is important for those authorized to initiate an involuntary psychiatric examination to understand the law and the rights of citizens.”

Diane Stein, CCHR Florida

“While the total number of Baker Acts initiated in Florida have dropped for the past two years, the need to protect mental health human rights still exists and it is important for those authorized to initiate an involuntary psychiatric examination to understand the law and the rights of citizens,” states Diane Stein, president of the Florida chapter of CCHR.

The seminar will be delivered by attorney Carmen Miller.

Ms. Miller, currently serving as a private practice attorney in the Tampa Bay area, is an expert on the Baker Act. Prior to opening her own firm, Miller worked for over 8 years as an assistant public defender for the 13th judicial district in Hillsborough County.

Geared 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.

This seminar will be held on Saturday, July 8th from 2:00pm-3:30pm at the offices of CCHR – 109 N. Fort Harrison Ave., Clearwater. This seminar will also be available by Zoom. [Click Here](#) to register or call 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. 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.

Source: https://www.usf.edu/cbcs/baker-act/documents/usf_barcc_fy_20_21_annual_report.pdf



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



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.

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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.



There were 15,457 involuntary psychiatric examinations initiated on senior citizens during 2018/2019 according to the Baker Act Reporting Center.

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