



Re Prevention program funded by federal grant

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Readers respond

Although it's sad that 50 children in the state commit suicide a year, that is a small number since there are millions of kids in the state. This doesn't warrant screening millions of children, and many of the kids that have committed suicide were already under psychiatric care. The normal treatment for kids with mental problems is to put them on highly addictive, mind-altering psychiatric drugs which have side effects of possible heart problems, brain damage, possible thoughts of suicide and possible violent behavior (read the black box warning). There are already over 4 million children in our country on these drugs and I'm sure by now you have read the articles on the over-drugging of children in America. Teen Screen asks children about 12 questions. There are no physical tests are done. The child could have allergies, hormone imbalances, bad diet, no exercise or some other physical problem going on, which is never looked for. Many kids have been mis-diagnosed. This leaves the child being mis-labeled for the rest of his life. Teen Screen is promoted as the answer but it just doesn't work and is actually causing more harm than help. — Carol Jenkins of Largo, Fla.

Parents need to be very aware that their parental rights are being challenged by the psychiatric industry through the Teen Screen program. Even some psychiatrists admit openly that psychiatry does not cure, it only controls. Their so-called science is really a pseudo-science. It has no basis in fact, it has no scientific tests that stand up to critical review. MDs base their work on true science. Such is not the case with psychiatry. Parents and the general citizenry need to find out the truth about the real motives of the psychiatric and the pharmaceutical industry. Their goal is to have more than 8 million children on drugs within a few years. Through Teen Screen, they are tempting your children with pizzas and other coupons to take part in the program. Parents do not even know what is going on. Parents would be amazed if they knew what sort of questions their children are being asked in the program. Teen Screen favors a "Passive Consent" form that requires no parental approval. For more, I refer your readers to CCHR.com. Additionally, only recently did the FDA mandate that the black box "Warning: Side effects include possible suicide" be placed on psyche drugs. — Henry W. Schroeder of Madison

There are no studies that show "screening" reduces suicide. There are studies i.e. U.S. Preventive Services Task Force report of May of 2004 states: A. There is no evidence that screening for suicide risk reduces suicide attempts or mortality. B. No studies were found that directly address the harms of screening and treatment for suicide risk. So why screen? The only logical answer is to enrich psychiatrists and big pharma. Will other businesses be allowed to screen kids? Since no scientific proof is required perhaps "astrologists" would like a crack at the kids. No, they can't afford the bribes. Who will step up and demand proof before allowing kids to become money-making experiments for the unscrupulous? — Tony Miller of Fresno, Calif.

I have been astounded and amazed at fact that some parents and educators just take, just "swallow," the advertisements and statements that have come across the media about psychiatric drugs. Often you read or hear: "These are safe; these will help." And yet, the FDA and many other agencies all over the world have put out warnings that these drugs can cause suicides and violence. I am a grandmother of two children and four grandchildren, and I have spent a good portion of the last 20 to 25 years doing tutoring, helping students and have observed thousands of students. I have used educational methods that have proven to be successful in handling the students: not focusing, feeling exasperated, squirming around, not doing homework, aggressiveness, super activity, being defiant to teachers, day dreaming and many other behaviors. Never did I have to use drugs, psychiatric help of any kind, and the students really understood what they were studying. If they were ill, they went to get an exam from a medical doctor. So, from having this real experience I know that children do not have to take dangerous drugs; I have seen that there is a real help that works, and does not kill. — Mary Collins of Concord, N.H.

After seeing various incarnations of this exact story in more than 25 different newspapers across the country over the last year, it amazes me that the pharmaceutical companies can blatantly troll for future customers in our schools (using their front group "TeenScreen") and there isn't more of an outcry from the parents. Garrett Smith is the latest teen tragedy who was placed on "meds" to combat depression only to commit suicide shortly thereafter. And the list grows.

TeenScreen would be a joke if the situation weren't so serious. If TeenScreen has its way, by its own estimates 37 percent of all teens will be put on anti-depressants. Given the horrible side effects of anti-depressants which include suicide and murder (Helloooo? Is anyone paying attention?), that will turn our entire school system into a modern day Mei Lei (as with Columbine). I don't know a single parent who wants that. — Phil Gilbert of Hollywood, Calif.

I hope you take note that not one — not even one —comment posted is positive for TeenScreen. TeenScreen is dangerous; it gets our teens put on psychiatric drugs that cause suicide and other erratic, harmful behaviors; and it is nothing more than a public relations ploy to fatten the coffers of the drug companies and their main representatives, the psychiatrists. Parents, beware. If your child is exhibiting any behavior that is not normal for him, contact a natural medical doctor and get his hormonal balance and amino acid levels checked. This planet, thankfully, provides a natural remedy for every possible affliction if we take the time to find it. — Judy Reed of Clearwater, Fla.