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Re: Article published March 19, "Mental health check-ups offered at school"

TeenScreen...wrong direction: There is no evidence that TeenScreen or any other mental health screening has ever prevented anyone from committing suicide. On the contrary, there is evidence regarding mental health screening producing many false positives to their test resulting in unnecessary labeling of a psych disorder and medication with harmful drugs. The FDA has warned us that these drugs for use with depression will cause suicidal and homicidal thoughts in this age group. Using these drugs on children without FDA approval is called "off-label." There are children and teenagers who have died while on these drugs. Screening children should be in the form of physical illness screening. We know in the medical field that underlying illness conditions can make one feel depressed. Undiagnosed diabetes, hormonal imbalances, anemias, etc., can cause one to feel suicidal and depressed. Do your children right by insisting on further physical illness testing only.

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