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Stop Universal Mental Health Screening for Teens



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Opposition to universal mental health screening is mounting, and the public can take a simple action to join in.

Controversial, subjective and invasive probing of all teens, billed as suicide prevention, is the goal of the pharmaceutical lobby and its activist organizations who thrive on school referrals. EdWatch and other groups nationally have [opposed federal funding and promotion of the TeenScreen program](#). Its defenders insist parents are fully involved, but the facts suggest otherwise. Last year, the [Rutherford Institute](#) took up the case of an Indiana couple whose daughter Chelsea was screened without their consent.

"According to Chelsea, all her friends were told that something was wrong with them, too. In fact, it seemed that the only students who weren't told they were suffering from some sort of so-called "disorder" were the ones with the opt-out slips. And when Chelsea's mom heard about the events of the day and her daughter's diagnosis of OCD and social anxiety disorder, she immediately took action." ([TeenScreen: One Family's Story](#))

[The school is being sued](#) for conducting a mental health screening exam on a teenager without parental consent. John Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute, tells parents they should fight the increasing government violation of family privacy. He recommends informing local school officials "that you be notified immediately if they are planning to conduct mental health screening on your children," which he calls "this encroachment on parental rights." (Click [here](#) to find a sample letter you may send to the school and an attorney opting your child out of invasive surveys and screenings.)

Chelsea's mother, Theresa Rhoades, has launched a website to petition school board members and state and federal legislators to stop using TeenScreen. Groups and individuals nationally are promoting the petition, and well over 5,000 people have already signed on. This is only the beginning. Mrs. Rhoades plans to present the petition to elected public officials at all levels. She personally assures EdWatch that names are stored on the online petition web group, and that they will not be shared with any private organizations.



Tip - Be deliberate national observance make them men



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*Do not follow where
go instead where
leave a trail.
-anonymous*

TeenScreen is sweeping into our schools. Legislatures are passing plans to screen the mental health of all pregnant women and all children from infancy up to 22 years of age during routine physical exams. Treatment involves massive expansion of the use of expensive, dangerous and ineffective drugs. Federal money and policies push the system into place.

Learn more

[Sounding the alarm on Infant Mental Health](#)

[Taxpayer Funds Promote Child Drugging and Screening](#)

See Important DVD:

["The Dangers of Universal Mental Health Screening"](#) by Dr. Karen Effrem

This new DVD is a valuable resource for informing yourself, legislators, candidates for public office, school board members, and the community about the enormity of the dangers of this "womb to tomb system" that is making great inroads into the most sacred areas of our personal family lives.

Don't Forget to Observe & Celebrate the Smaller Holidays, too

Life can be so serious and task-laden, that we forget to enjoy life. But one thing that can help bring balance is to get together with those we care about. When those times revolve around big holidays like Christmas, or small ones like Memorial Day weekend, you can make those times memorable by observing the meaning of the holiday, with just a little bit of extra effort.

As good as the meals are and as beautiful or fun the decorations may be, holidays should also be occasions to reflect on the important things we value.

Be creative with meals and location. For instance pack a picnic dinner to eat, and puzzles & games on the United States to play, before the fireworks on the 4th of July.

You can honor the Veterans in your family on Memorial Day or Veterans Day. If they are present at your gathering have them tell their stories. Or get out the pictures, tell the children and grandchildren about the experiences of the brave soldiers in your family, and the freedoms they fought for.

Or simply take the kids out when school is closed for a national holiday, such as President's Day. Make it a fun day, perhaps at the museum 'teaching' them about American Presidents, or pretend together about what each of you would do if you were President of the United States over the all-American favorite - ice cream cones.

Holidays are a time to observe as well as relax and enjoy. Don't miss the opportunity to pass on the importance of these days to the next generation.

Here are a few quick links on holidays...

Information about All Holidays

<http://www.butlerwebs.com/holidays/default.htm>

Major & not so major Holidays

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0875655.html>

Bizarre & Wacky Holiday

<http://library.thinkquest.org/2886/INDEX.HTM>

Take Your Place in the Public Square, Ladies - Please!



Your country needs you! The world the next generation will inherit and be responsible for is being determined by our generation.

The public policies our generation puts into place now, the judges that are put on the bench, the values which dominate, moral or immoral... now...are what we are building on the foundation that was laid when this country was formed. And what we build will be the 'house' the next generation will 'live in'.

What kind of builders are we? What kind of 'house' are we building for them? Shakey or solid?

Are you engaged? Are you part of the crowd that takes "of, by and for the people" to heart?

Will your voice be heard, for instance, in the state-by-state debate that is growing on whether intelligent design should be taught in school? Or on life and death issues, and the weird things that are going on in the bioethics arena?

There is a place for every single American in the public square. Sure, some may have to fight harder for their place than others, but it nevertheless is yours. I challenge you to find your place and take it and be diligent to stand in it. The reasons are obvious... our children and grandchildren. Will we leave the world a better place for them? Or at least be found fighting to make it so?