

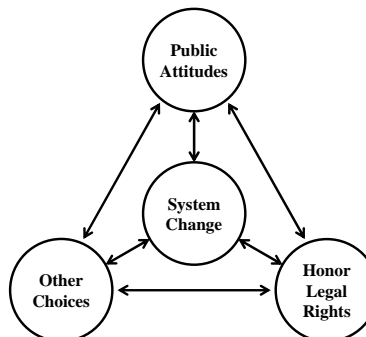
The Psychiatric Drugging of America's Children:

Legal Rights of Children and Parents

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System Change Elements



The Setting

- Parents being forced to give psychiatric drugs to their children
- Pervasive Psychiatric drugging of kids in state custody
- Off-Label Marketing of the second generation neuroleptics for pediatric practice

Parents Pressured to Drug Kids

- Schools
 - various consequences
- Child Protective Services ("Neglect")
 - Loss of Custody and even Parental Rights
- Other Parent
 - Often in Divorce Proceedings

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

- No student shall be required, as part of any applicable program, to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning - . . . (2) mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family; . . .
 - without the prior consent of the student (if the student is an adult or emancipated minor), or in the case of an unemancipated minor, without the prior written consent of the parent.

- IDEA prohibits a local school district from pressuring parents into medicating their child with stimulants by making it a condition for services
- Some states have local statutes prohibiting it too.

Authority to Drug Kids in State Custody

- Varies by State
 - Protective Services Has Right
 - Parental Consent (Foster Care)
 - Oregon: If Object, need Court Approval
 - Court Approval (Massachusetts)

The Reality

Drugging of Kids Over Parents Objections Mostly Only Happens to the Poor.

Do the Kids Themselves Have Rights?

- Guardian *Ad Litem*
- Right to appointed counsel if warranted
- Older kids have right to refuse in some states.

Is Off-Label Prescribing of Neuroleptics for Kids in State Custody Legal?

What Needs to Be Done

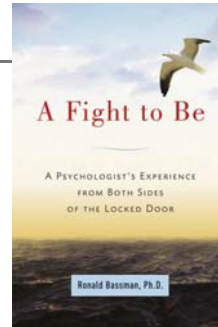
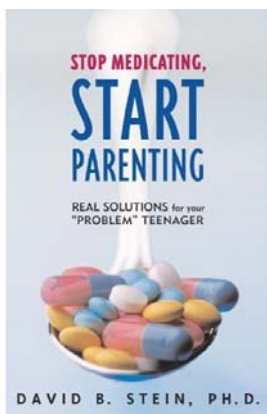
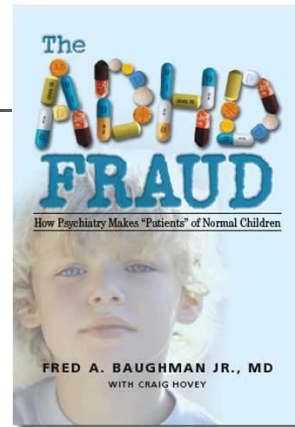
- The Public Should Be in an Uproar
- People Need to Know That Non-Drug Approaches Work
- People Need Good Representation

What's Needed to Enforce Rights?

- Lawyer's Network?
- Available Written Testimony (Affidavits)
- Expert Witnesses



Some Good Books



(Ex-)users and survivors of psychiatry, therapists, psychiatrists, social scientists, lawyers and relatives report about their alternative work, their objectives and successes, their individual and collective experiences. The book highlights alternatives beyond psychiatry, current possibilities of self-help for individuals experiencing madness, and strategies toward implementing humane treatment.

These are the main questions addressed by the 61 authors from all continents:

- What helps me if I go mad?
- How can I find trustworthy help for a relative or a friend in need?
- How can I protect myself from coercive treatment?
- As a family member or friend, how can I help?
- What should I do if I can no longer bear to work in the mental health field?
- What are the alternatives to psychiatry?
- How can I get involved in creating alternatives?
- Assuming psychiatry would be abolished, what do you propose instead?

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Alternatives Beyond Psychiatry

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