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- 1. Adult, Child And Parental Legal Rights and Responsibilities**
- 2. Validity and Reliability of Mental Screening Tests**
- 3. Efficacy and Side Effects of Psychotropic Drugs**
- 4. Effective Humanistic Approaches to Child Development**
- 5. Policy and Economic Aspects**

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For more than four decades ICSPP (www.icspp.org), a nonprofit, 501 (c) research and educational network of professionals and lay persons that has been informing professionals, media, and the public about potential dangers of biological theories and treatments in psychiatry.

The **ICSPP** Annual conferences serve as unique thought provoking forums to exchange critical ideas about the impact of contemporary mental health ideologies on personal and community values, and to disseminate models of therapeutic intervention that disavow all coercion and the compromise of ethics, rationality and scientific principles.

Participants include mental health professionals, academics, and researchers from the educational and academic communities, the medical and social sciences, mental health lawyers, law professors and law students, psychiatric survivors and members of the public. It is no exaggeration to state that most attendees find the annual conferences the most stimulating, useful, intellectually challenging, and friendly meetings they ever attend.

WELCOME!

ICSPP is honored to be able to provide a forum for professionals and consumers to examine the science and art of helping children and adults who are in emotional distress without coercion and the compromise of ethics, rationality or scientific principles. Our presenters include some of the most esteemed and courageous members of their respective fields. They have taken principled, rational stands based on sound science to encourage the practice of effective and humane treatment.

2007 ICSPP Conference Goals

- To present an understanding of the motivations, implications and impact of Universal Mental Health Screening of Children and the dire effects of the bio-psychiatric approach to diagnosis and treatment of America's children.
- To present an understanding of the violation of parental and patient civil rights that forced bio-psychiatric interventions perpetrate.
- To present a thorough understanding of the advantages of psychosocial and educational interventions in helping children and families overcome emotional distress and conflict at home, in the school and in the community.
- To present a wide range of drug-free approaches to therapeutic work with adults, children and families as practiced in North America and elsewhere in the world.
- To bring together a community of people who share these interests and to help them to maintain communication and support after the conference.
- The organizing committee and all of the members of ICSPP hope that you enjoy the learning and camaraderie of our conference.

Important note about the room designations:

All plenary sessions will be held in the Potomac Ballroom

For the **paper** presentations the room designations are as follows:

Salon D- front part of Potomac Ballroom

Salon F- back part of Potomac Ballroom

Room 217- on second floor of hotel (Saturday only)

Boardroom- on first floor of hotel

Salon A- on first floor of hotel (Sunday only)

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PROGRAM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2007

7:30A.M. - 8:30A.M.

Potomac Ballroom

REGISTRATION
COMPLIMENTARY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

MORNING SESSIONS:

8:15A.M. – 8:30 A.M. Welcome & Introduction:

Dominick Riccio, Ph.D. Executive Director, ICSPP and Conference co-chair

Karen Effrem, M.D., ICSPP Board Member and Conference co-chair

Lawrence Plumlee, M.D., ICSPP Board Member and Conference co-chair

Lloyd Ross, Ph.D., ICSPP U.S. Director and Conference co-chair

Andrew Levine, MSW, ICSPP Board Member and Conference co-chair

Peter R. Breggin, M.D., Founder of ICSPP, Exec. Dir. Emeritus ICSPP

08:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Plenary Session: **Presenter: FRED BAUGHMAN, M.D.**

Who Killed Rebecca Riley?

09:00 A.M. – 9:45 A.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: GRACE JACKSON, M.D.

Chemo Brain – A Psychiatric Drug Phenomenon

09:45 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: KAREN EFFREM, M.D.

Universal Mental Health Screening: the Facts

10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: Robert Foltz, Ph.D.

Treating Mood Disorders in Youth: Understanding the Evidence

11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: Peter Breggin, M.D.

The Truth About Bipolar Disorder in Children

**11:30 A.M. – 12:00 A.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: David Oaks, President of
MINDFREEDOM**

**"I Was a College Student Mental Patient: How psychiatric survivors
and mental health professionals can unite for a nonviolent revolution
in youth mental health care."**

12:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: Ronald Dworkin, M.D., Ph.D.

The History of the Management of Unhappiness

12:30- 01:30 P.M..

LUNCH BREAK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2007

AFTERNOON SESSIONS:

01:30 P.M. – 02:00 P.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: Vera Sharav, Director of AHRP

America's Children Need a Child Rescue Operation

02:00 P.M - 02:30 P.M. Plenary Session: Presenters: Jeffrey Lacasse, Ph.D. Candidate and Jonathan Leo, Ph.D., ICSPP Board Member

Consumer Advertising of Psychiatric Medications: Lessons Learned and Future Challenges

02:30 P.M - 04:00 P.M. Plenary Session: Presenters: Panel From Great Britain:

Joanna Montcrieff, M.D., Sami Timimi, M.D., and Janice Hill

Deconstructing the Chemical Imbalance and Justifications for Drug Treatment

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): A Review of Critical Theory and Practice

04:00P.M. – 04:30.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: Maurine Kelly, Ph.D.

The Trials (and Tribulations) of One Therapist's Struggles to Provide Effective Psychotherapy to Children on Psycho-tropic Medication

04:30 P.M. – 04:45 P.M. REFRESHMENT BREAK

04:45 P.M. – 05:25 P.M. PAPER PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION A
Boardroom

Jeanne Stolzer, Ph.D

Examining the Complexities Associated with Child and Adolescent Development: A Bioevolutionary Review

PRESENTATION B
Crystal City Club

Jeffrey Danco, Ph.D.

Why psychiatric drugs 'work': the attribution of positive effects due to psychological factors

PRESENTATION C
Salon F

Elizabeth Szlek

Biopsychiatry and the Soul: Universal Mental Health Screening and Its Damage to Our Nation's Children

PRESENTATION D
Salon D

Julia Wilkins, Ph.D. and Trae K.E. Downing, Ph.D.

Using Laughter to Develop Healthy Minds and Bodies

PRESENTATION E

Room 217

Jon Jureidini (co-authors Leemon McHenry and Peter Mansfield)

Clinical Trials and Drug Promotion: Selective Reporting of Study 329; You Decide Who Decides – Yeah Right!

05:30 P.M. – 06:10 P. M.

PRESENTATION F
Salon D

Elizabeth Root, ACSW, M.S.Ed.

What You Screen For is What They Get and the Expansion of Pediatric Bipolar Disorder

PRESENTATION G
Room 217

Toby Tyler Watson, Ph.D.;

Treatment Center: Pitfalls and Gains of Being Medication Free

PRESENTATION H
Crystal City Club

Patricia Bauerle, Ed.S., Ph.D. candidate;

Empirical evidence for promoting ecologically-based psychosocial and psycho-educational assessments of strengths and needs while objecting to pharmaceutical-based screenings.

PRESENTATION I
Salon F

Noelene Weatherby-Fell, MEd

The divide between epilepsy and social and emotional wellbeing – where the children fall

PRESENTATION J
Salon D

Burton Seitler, Ph.D.

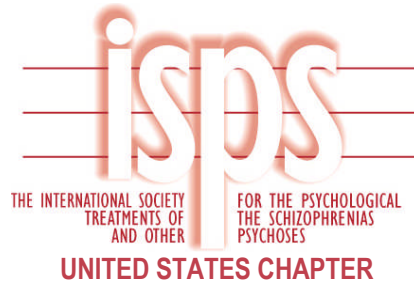
Involuntary Hospitalization and Forced Medicating: Not So
Uncommon Occurrences

**06:30 P.M. – 09:30 P.M. GALA AWARDS DINNER
in Monticello Ballroom**

Keynote Speakers: Teresa Rhoades and Laurie Yorke, RN

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2007

07:30 A.M. – 08:30 A.M. COMPLIMENTARY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Potomac Ballroom

08:30 A.M. – 09:00 A.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: Johanna Tabin, Ph.D.

Psychoanalytic Understanding of Why ADHD Behavior Occurs

09:00 A.M. – 09:30 A.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: Bose Ravenel, M.D.

**Common Behavioral and Learning Problems in Children,
An Alternative Non-medical Approach: *A Pediatrician's Perspective***

09:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: James Gottstein, J.D.

**The Psychiatric Drugging of America's Children: Legal Rights of
Children and Parents**

10:00a.m. – 10:30 A.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: David Stein, Ph.D.

**Weaknesses in Psychologist Training: Why Low Treatment Efficacies
and Invalid Tests**

10:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. REFRESHMENT BREAK

10: 45A.M. – 11:15 P.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: Michael Valentine

**Analysis of actual adult-child interaction and communication patterns
that are a drug free alternative to the medical-model's view of ADHD**

11:15A.M. – 11:45A.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: Dominick Riccio, Ph.D.

**Common Sense and Integrity in Psychotherapy When Working with
Children and Families**

11:45A.M. – 12:15P.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: David Keirse, Ph.D.

**How to Help Troubled and Troublesome Kids in School and How to
Stop the Criminal Behavior of 21st Century Psychiatrists**

12:15 P.M.-2:00 P.M. COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH
Keynote speech by Cindy Noe, Hon. Indiana State Representative

02:00P.M. – 03:45 P.M. Plenary Panel from Australia: *Whose disorder is it? Protecting normal children: Preventing bullying and creating effective learning environments, Without the use of psychiatric diagnoses and drugs*

Brian Kean, Ph.D., Coordinator Secondary Programs, Southern Cross University, Australia, and Member of the Board of ICSPP

Creating Effective Learning Environments and the Prevention of School Failure: Empowering Parents, Teachers and Principals

James Tucker, Ph.D. McKee Chair of Excellence in Dyslexia and Learning Exceptionalities at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

The Normal Child. Creating abnormality through educational processes.

Noelene Weatherby–Fell, MEd, Professional Experience Manager, Southern Cross University.

An effective counter discourse to the hegemonic psychiatry model:
Responseability – promoting well being and resilience as a counter to a deficit model.

Thomas P. Cushman, Ph.D. SUNY Oswego in the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services.

The Utility of Labeling and Individual Rights.

Dorothy Cassidy, M.Ed.-Sp.Ed., University of Virginia, Special Education

A View from the Field – Special Education Outcomes.

03:45P.M. – 04:15P.M. Plenary Session: Presenter: Michael Gilbert, Ph.D. First Recipient of Dr. Kevin McCready Memorial Scholarship Grant

Changing Behavior the Old Fashioned Way - with Hard Work Not Drugs

04:15 P.M. – 04:30 P.M.

REFRESHMENT BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSIONS:

04:30 P.M.- 05:10P.M PAPER PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION A
Boardroom

Brian Sheen , Ph.D.;

The Clear Minded Non-Medication way to resolve
“ADD/ADHD

PRESENTATION B
Crystal City Club

Carolyn Crowder, Ph.D

The Adlerian Model of Discipline Training for Parents: An
Effective, Practical Alternative to Medicating Children’s
Misbehavior

PRESENTATION C
Salon D

Peter Resta, Ph.D.;

Trends in Popular Culture and American Children: ADD
or PCD (Popular Culture Disorder)

PRESENTATION D
Salon F

Albert Galves,Ph.D. and Richard L. Hopkins, Ph.D.

The Essentials of School Reform – Creating Schools Which
Honor and Nurture Children

PRESENTATION E
Salon A

Karl Humiston, M.D.;

Empowering Mental Healing: The Inner Mystery

05:15 P.M. – 05:55 P.M.

PRESENTATION F
Salon D

John R. Currie, Ed.D.;

Time and Cost Effective, Research Supported Interventions
for Busy Parents and Stressed Out Teachers of Children
with Behavior and Learning Problems

PRESENTATION G
Boardroom

Fay Karpouzis, Ph.D.

A new non-pharmacological biopsychosocial intervention
for children with ADHD:- Preliminary data from an RCT

PRESENTATION H
Salon F

Patricia Bauerle, Ed.S., Ph.D. candidate;

Empirical evidence for promoting ecologically-based psychosocial and psycho-educational assessments of strengths and needs while objecting to pharmaceutical-based screenings.

2. Non-pharmaceutical strategies for emotional and behavioral concerns in children

PRESENTATION I
Salon A

Thomas Garcia, Ph.D.

Treatment Myths and Paradigms in Chemical Dependency for the 21st Century

PRESENTATION J
Crystal City Club

To be announced

OUR VISIT TO CAPITOL HILL
House Staff Briefing

The briefing will actually start at 10 AM with set-up at 9:30 on Monday, October 15. It will take place in Russell Senate Office Building, Room 325. It is very important that each of you personally call the offices of your House member and two Senators and personally ask them to send a staff member to attend. A personal invitation from a constituent that is coming to DC is very powerful. Please also ask your friends and relatives and colleagues to call their members of Congress to send staffers as well. Calls from constituents, even if they won't be there, are powerful as well. Please tell them that a lunch will be available at the end of the briefing and that if they want lunch to please RSVP. Here is the RSVP info to give staff members so that we know how many lunches to order:

The ICSPP Staff Briefing Coordinator is Helene Simms . Her RSVP email is simmsh974@aol.com

To find your members of Congress to invite them to the briefing and if you so desire, to follow-up with them in their offices, you may enter your zip code or search for them by name at

<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/directory/congdir.tt>

The briefing will be a condensed version of the issues that we cover at the conference with an urging to support legislation that prevents coerced screening and drugging, as well as to urge them to defund the programs that are promoting the screening and drugging.

There will be an Orientation Meeting for our staff briefing at capitol hill for all interested registrants and friends on Sunday evening, October 14, at 8 P.M. in the Potomac Ballroom.

At that time all participants will be given specific directions and a packet of materials for distribution to your respective senators and representatives and their staff. We will meet on Monday morning for a buffet breakfast in the hotel restaurant for final instructions and organization for getting to Capitol Hill. All activities should be over by 2pm. WE NEED EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE!

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2. From the events shown, click “ICSPP 2006 Annual Conference.” An evaluation form for the event will appear on the screen.
3. Complete the attendance and evaluation questions, and submit your form. Your CE hours will be automatically calculated and a certificate of completion will appear on your computer screen, which you should print immediately. The certificate will contain your hours earned, as well as the accreditation language for all professions for which we hold approval.
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Psychologists

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California Board of Behavioral Sciences

Course meets the qualifications for 18.75 hours of continuing education credit for MFCC's and/or LCSW's as required by the CA Board of Behavioral Sciences, Provider #PCE875.

Speaker's Brief Biographies

* denotes invited plenary speakers

Bauerle, Patricia earned her B.A. with a double major in Psychology and Cultural Area Studies from the College of Wooster and her M.A. in teaching English as a Second Language and Ed.S. in Educational Psychology from the University of Arizona. Currently, she is pursuing her Ph.D. in General Psychology with a specialty in Research and Evaluation through Walden University. Her work experience includes teaching, assisting in research, volunteering for different crisis centers, and serving as a state-certified school psychologist.

***Baughman Jr., Fred A. MD** has been an adult & child neurologist, in private practice, for 35 years. Making "disease" (real diseases--epilepsy, brain tumor, multiple sclerosis, etc.) or "no disease" (emotional, psychological, psychiatric) diagnoses daily, he has discovered and described real, bona fide diseases. It is this particular medical and scientific background that has led him to view the "epidemic" of one particular "disease"--Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)--with increasing alarm. Dr. Baughman describes this himself. Referring to psychiatry, he says: "They made a list of the most common symptoms of emotional discomfiture of children; those which bother teachers and parents most, and in a stroke that could not be more devoid of science or Hippocratic motive--termed them a 'disease.' Twenty five years of research, not deserving of the term 'research.,' has failed to validate ADD/ADHD as a disease. Tragically--the "epidemic" having grown from 500 thousand in 1985 to between 5 and 7 million today--this remains the state of the 'science' of ADHD." In addition to scientific articles that have appeared in leading national and international medical journals, Dr. Baughman has testified for victimized parents and children in ADHD/Ritalin legal cases, writes for the print media and appears on talk radio shows, always making the point that ADHD is fraudulent--a creation of the psychiatric-pharmaceutical cartel, without which they would have nothing to prescribe their dangerous, addictive, Schedule II, stimulants for--namely, Ritalin (methylphenindate), Dexedrine (dextro-amphetamine), Adderall (mixed dextro- and levo-amphetamine) and, Gradumet, and Desoxyn (both of which are methamphetamine, 'speed,' 'ice'). The entire country, including all 5-7 million with the ADHD diagnosis today, have been deceived and victimized; deprived of their informed consent rights and drugged--for profit! It must be stopped. Now!

***Breggin, Peter R., M.D.** is a psychiatrist in private practice in Ithaca, New York, and Founder and Past International Director of the Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology. He has taught at Harvard Medical School, Washington School of Psychiatry, George Mason University, and the Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of many books including *Talking Back to Ritalin*, *Brain Disabling Treatments in Psychiatry*, *Toxic Psychiatry*, *The Heart of Being Helpful*, and *Talking Back to Prozac* (co-authored with Ginger Ross Breggin). His latest book, co-authored with David Cohen, Ph.D., is *Your Drug May Be Your Problem: How and Why to Stop Taking Psychiatric Drugs*. He is the Past Editor in Chief of ICSPP's peer-reviewed journal:

Ethical Human Sciences and Services, An International Journal of Critical Inquiry. Dr. Breggin is also actively involved in acting as an expert witness on behalf of plaintiffs who have been damaged by drug side effects.

***Cassidy, Dorothy, M.Ed.-Sp.Ed.,** University of Virginia, Special Education Teacher in Horry County Schools, Myrtle Beach area of South Carolina.

***Cushman, Thomas P., Ph.D.** Professor SUNY Oswego in the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services.

Crowder, Carolyn, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist in Tucson, AZ who has 30 years experience teaching parents the Adlerian model of childrearing through classes and in her private practice. She has worked for the past 7 years as the therapist for a special education/emotionally disabled program in a local elementary school. Dr. Crowder is the author of three parenting books including *Backtalk*. She has appeared on Dateline, 20/20, The Today Show and National Public Radio.

Currie, John R., Ed.D. has had his career featured in the *Washington Post*, *Executive Director*, and the *American School Board Journal*. He has published articles in journals and ERIC, and has been cited in many professional publications in the fields of education and child development. In addition to teaching on the graduate level, he serves as a professional consultant to school districts for children with behavior disorders. Through Private practice he consults on an individual basis with parents and preschools.

Danco, Jeffrey C., Psy.D. is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Bridgewater, NJ. His degrees come from Wittenberg University in Ohio and Rosemead School of Psychology in California. After serving as a psychologist in the US Navy, Dr. Danco taught undergraduates at Nyack College in New York and began to work in interdisciplinary group practices. He directs the American Institute for Counseling, Inc. with a professional staff of eight psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers and counselors. His interests include family and group therapy, substance abuse counseling, biofeedback, and the integration of psychology and theology. He lives in Bridgewater with his wife and two sons.

Downing, Trae K. E. is an Associate Professor and the School Counseling Program Coordinator in the Department of Counselor Education and Educational Psychology at St. Cloud State University, MN. He holds a Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Nevada. His counseling experience includes designing and providing interventions for adolescents and adults with relationship and mental health challenges, and drug and alcohol addictions. He is interested in the interacting impacts of internal and external forces on individuals' behaviors.

***Dworkin, Ronald M.D., Ph.D.** is a practicing anesthesiologist in Baltimore and a senior fellow at Hudson Institute. He received his BA from Swarthmore College, his MD from the UCSD, and his Ph.D. in political philosophy from Johns Hopkins University. He has written two books, his most recent being, *"Artificial Happiness; The Dark Side of the*

New Happy Class," and numerous essays on medicine and society for opinion magazines and newspapers. On the subject of Artificial Happiness, he has been interviewed recently on the Today Show, CNN, CBS Evening News, C-Span Booknotes, and MSNBC News

***Effrem Karen, M.D.** is a pediatrician, researcher, and conference speaker. Dr. Effrem's undergraduate degree is in pharmacy from Purdue University, her medical degree is from Johns Hopkins University and her pediatric training from the University of Minnesota. She has provided testimony for Congress, as well as in-depth analysis of numerous pieces of major federal education, health, and early childhood legislation for congressional staff and many organizations. Besides the ICSPP, Dr. Effrem serves on the boards of three other national organizations – EdWatch, The Alliance for Human Research Protection, and the National Physicians Center. She has spoken at numerous state and national conferences. She has been interviewed by or quoted in the British Medical Journal, the Wall Street Journal, WorldNetDaily, NewsMax, newspapers, and radio and television stations across the country. Dr. Karen Effrem and her husband, Paul, have three children and live in the Minneapolis metro area.

***Folz, Robert, Ph.D.** is a clinical psychologist with over 14 years experience in the field, working with severely troubled children, adolescents, and adults. He maintains a practice in Northern Illinois, is an Adjunct Faculty at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology – Chicago Northwest campus and is Director of Residential Services at Allendale Association. He is also Director of ICSPP - Great Lakes and has been a member of ICSPP for over six years, serving on the executive board.

Galves, Al, Ph.D is a licensed psychologist in Colorado and a licensed school psychologist in New Mexico. He has worked as a psychotherapist in community mental health centers and community health clinics and as a school psychologist in public elementary and high schools. He is a member of the board of directors of the International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology and of MindFreedom International. He is the author of *Lighten Up. Dance With Your Dark Side.*

Thomas Garcia, MA LMHC CAP MAC CRC – Previously the Clinical Coordinator of *Town & Country Hospital's Addiction Recovery Center (ARC)* in Tampa, Fl., Mr. Garcia has worked with the chemically dependent population – both adolescents and adults, in both private and public sectors for over 10 years and is a member of ACA and ICSPP. He also is a Doctoral student at University of South Florida's Department of Psychological and Social Foundations and adjunct professor at Springfield College's School of Human Services and USF College of Education. He is a staunch advocate for treatment reform.

Gilbert, Michael, Psy.D. received his doctoral degree from Alfred University. He has worked in the mental health field for over 18 years, in both inpatient and outpatient settings as well as in the Syracuse City School District. In 2000 he founded It's About Childhood & Family, Inc. as a not-for-profit clinical and resource center. Dr. Gilbert has presented to parents and professionals throughout Central New York on issues related to overdiagnosis/overmedication of our youth and psychosocial solutions. Currently, he is

conducting research evaluating a medication-free approach for children exhibiting ADHD behaviors.

***Gottstein, James B., J.D.** received his *juris doctor* degree from Harvard Law School in 1978 and has been practicing law in Alaska for 25 years, including being an attorney advocate for people diagnosed with serious mental illness. Among many other things, he served as plaintiff's counsel in the successful billion dollar litigation over Alaska's misappropriation of the million acre Alaska Mental Health Trust and recently won the landmark Alaska Supreme Court forced drugging case of *Myers v. Alaska Psychiatric Institute*. Mr. Gottstein is president and devotes the bulk of his time *pro bono* to the Law Project For Psychiatric Rights (PsychRights), whose mission is to organize a serious, coordinated legal effort around the country against forced psychiatric drugging. Jim is also president of Soteria-Alaska, CHOICES, Inc., and the National Association of Rights Protection and Advocacy (NARPA) and serves on the board of directors of ICSPP and Peer Properties and served on the Alaska Mental Health Board for five years.

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***Noe, Cindy, Representative (R-District 87)** was first elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 2002, representing House District 87. Rep. Noe currently serves on the Education Committee and the Committee on Family, Children, and Human Affairs, where she is the Ranking Minority Member. She serves, as well, on the Mental Health Commission. Having been a long-term business owner and parent, Cindy knew that what happened in DC and the Indiana statehouse greatly impacted both. That was the core of her interest in public policy. She was the first Lugar Series Graduate to be elected to the Indiana House of Representatives. She is a member of Grace Community Church, and lives in Indianapolis with her husband of 38 years. They are the parents of two adult children and have 13 grandchildren.

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We hope that this year's conference is a watershed in turning the tide and influence of biopsychiatry and the inhuman treatment of children suffering from emotional difficulties. As more and more scientists, practitioners, activists and lawyers stand up and get counted, we may influence mental health consumers to be more discerning in their choices of available treatments. Thank you all for coming and supporting this conference.

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