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Alaska Supreme Court Affirms Dismissal of PsychRights v. Alaska

On October 1, 2010, the Alaska Supreme Court affirmed the dismissal of [*Law Project for Psychiatric Rights v. State of Alaska*](#), on the grounds that it lacked standing to bring the lawsuit seeking to stop the state from psychiatrically drugging children and youth unless and until:

- (i) evidence-based psychosocial interventions have been exhausted,
- (ii) rationally anticipated benefits of psychotropic drug treatment outweigh the risks,
- (iii) the person or entity authorizing administration of the drug(s) is fully informed, and
- (iv) close monitoring of, and appropriate means of responding to, treatment emergent effects are in place.

Jim Gottstein, President of PsychRights, said, "We are disappointed but will continue our efforts to stop, or even just reduce, the harm to children and youth through inappropriate government subsidized psychiatric drugging.

"Government officials have abdicated their responsibility to the children of Alaska and with this decision the Alaska Supreme Court has rejected this particular PsychRights efforts to correct the situation."

The Supreme Court identified a couple of alternative approaches and PsychRights is reviewing its options.

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The Law Project for Psychiatric Rights is a public interest law firm devoted to the defense of people facing the horrors of forced psychiatric drugging and electroshock. PsychRights is further dedicated to exposing the truth about psychiatric interventions and the courts being misled into ordering people subjected to these brain and body damaging drugs and electroshock against their will. Due to massive growth in psychiatric drugging of children and youth and the current targeting of them for even more psychiatric drugging, PsychRights has made attacking this problem a priority. It is an unfolding national tragedy of immense proportions. Extensive information about the tragic damage caused psychiatric drugs and electroshock is available on the PsychRights web site: <http://psychrights.org/>.