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Protesters to Ask Governor Parnell to Stop Drugging Alaska's Children and Youth at Governor's Picnic

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A protest at the Governor's picnic, Saturday, July 20, 2013, on the Delaney Parkstrip in Anchorage is planned to demand Governor Parnell stop the psychiatric drugging of Alaska's children in state custody and through Medicaid. The Governor's picnic starts at noon at I St. and the protestors are going to meet at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial at 11:30 on L Street. Jim Gottstein, president of the Law Project for Psychiatric Rights (PsychRights®) noted, "At last year's Governor's Picnic, after his people threatening to call the police didn't work, Gov. Parnell promised to convene a round table on the issue in order to get us to leave. He later denied he made that commitment."

Reasons for the protest include:

- Children are being greatly harmed by psychiatric drugs, including being killed. The State of Alaska doesn't know or won't say how many Alaska children have been killed by psychiatric drugs while in State custody and through improper Medicaid prescriptions.
- Almost all children and youth in foster care have been given psychiatric drugs.
- Most of the psychiatric drugs given to children and youth on Medicaid are not medically proper (not for medically accepted indications).
- Alaska's poor children need love, not drugs.

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 against their will. Extensive information about these dangers, and about the tragic damage caused by electroshock, is available on the PsychRights web site: <http://psychrights.org/>.

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