

AbleChild strongly opposes Raised Public Health Bill 1089, whereas “mental health first aid.” is tucked in to bill to train teachers to spot “mental illnesses” that are diagnosed subjectively, and then to make referrals to unknown third parties outside of the public educational system.

This slippery slope was passed in PA 13-3 in the aftermath of Sandy Hook Mass Murders without a public hearing. The Sandy Hook Police Report had not been released to lawmakers or to the public before passage of bill.

The mental health records and educational records of Adam Lanza are still missing and also were not available to lawmakers or the public upon passage of PA 13-3. Both lawmakers and the public still do not have access to these critical documents.

Within the Sandy Hook police report, there is a record that Adam Lanza was seen by Yale Child Study Center. Nancy Lanza reported an “adverse drug event” to Yale Child Study Center. Yale Child Study Center did not provide Nancy Lanza with information on MEDWatch, or let her know how to report the “adverse drug event” directly to the FDA. Yale Child Study Center documented response was Nancy Lanza was “Non Compliant.”

AbleChild encourages the State to improve the conversation between mental health providers and consumers. This bill does not achieve this goal. This bill fails to adequately train the appropriate persons. Teachers should not have the liability of such a task. Yale Child Study clearly failed to provide safety information that certainly could have changed the conversation that was illustrated in the Sandy Hook Police Investigation record between Nancy Lanza and their “treatment” center.

“Mental Health First Aid” was funded via a Presidential Executive Order. See well-established Program.

<http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/cs/take-a-course/what-you-learn/>,

People of Connecticut did not call for this teacher training. This program has no evidence that it reduces or address the root cause of the mass murders that took place in Sandy Hook, Newtown, Connecticut.

THIS PROGRAM LACKS INFORMED CONSENT:

AbleChild requested in multiple committees last legislative session that the “mental health first aid” at least include training teachers to “spot” possible “adverse drug reactions” and be educated about the MEDWatch program. This basic safety request was denied.

Why is it okay to train our teachers to “spot” subjective mental illnesses in our children while attending public schools and refer them into the dangerous, unregulated psychiatric industry right into the arms of the drug companies, without at least giving them an avenue to learn about “adverse drug reactions” and a

way to report them to the FDA?

The “Mental Health First Aid” does not include ALL information, therefore does not provide INFORMED CONSENT

TEACHERS SHOULD NOT BE THE SALES FORCE FOR THE PSYCHIATRIC AND DRUG INDUSTRIES

Teachers and parents need access to REAL safety Information URGENTLY and the growing crisis of psychiatric drug use in school age children.

U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration

Stimulant Abuse By School Age Children “A Guide for School Officials”

Thank you,
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