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Beware 'witch doctors'

Recently the Blair County custody system underwent a major overhaul. Primarily the changes came about because of the use of psychologists appointed by the court to counsel emotionally distressed children of divorce situations. Overstepping their boundaries, these psychologists had infiltrated the court system so deeply they were literally deciding the custody issues and child placement for the court's judges.

As a victim of these shamans, I can speak from experience that they have damaged and in most cases forever destroyed the lives of children and entire families through their psychic visions and misinterpretations of human emotions.

In reality, this voodoo science has created the systematic government-sanctioned child abuse in our country.

It has recently come to my attention that these pseudo-health-care providers have infiltrated area school systems by selling their product to gullible educational directors.

The shamans function in our school systems is to wait for school personnel to target and single out children who do not perform at an academic, emotional, or social level they believe the child is capable. Accordingly, your child is then evaluated by these "mental health care providers" to determine if they fall under one of many hundreds of listed psychological disorders.

If your child has a minor psychological or academic impairment, then they will be placed in an individualized educational program. If they show signs of Attention Deficit Disorder or Hyperactivity Disorder, it is highly recommended that they be given

Ritalin to bring them up to acceptable academic levels.

If these shamans determine that your child has deeper-rooted emotional problems and displays anti-social behaviors, our school superintendents make referrals to have your child placed in programs operated by a local hospital and overseen by a psychiatrist. As a bonus to this program, this psychiatrist is eagerly waiting to "help you with your child's needs" by providing high-powered mind-altering druss

ing high-powered, mind-altering drugs. To protect our children, these modern-day witch doctors had to be run out of the Blair County court system. Now it is time they be thrown out of the public education system, either through legislation or regularly scheduled organized public protests in front of school buildings.

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