



The Screening and Psychotropic Drugging of Vulnerable Children

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Mental Illness – What We Are Told

- **“Mental Illnesses Are Biological Brain Disorders”** (NAMI)
- More than half of Americans will develop a mental illness in their lifetimes, often beginning in childhood or adolescence (NIMH)
- “With recent research showing that 70% of adolescents in juvenile justice placements have a diagnosable psychiatric illness...” (MN DHS)
- **“Pre-Psychotic Disorder”** (Proposed diagnosis for DSM-5 due in 2013)

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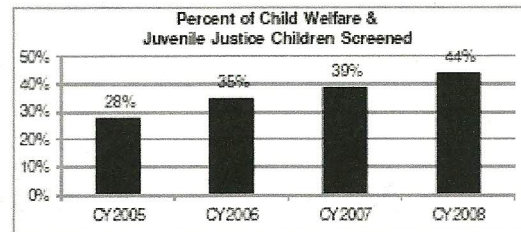
Child Mental Screening in Minnesota

- Juvenile Justice (MS 260B.157)
- Child Welfare/Foster Care (MS 245.4874)
- MFIP Pilot Program (2007 HHS bill, continued in 2009)
- School based mental health infrastructure (DHS children’s mental health grants)
- Head Start (Federal Law)
- Early Childhood Screening (MN Rule 3530.3400 with expired statutory authority)
- Safe Schools Levy (MS 126C.44)
- Special Education (Federal law and MN Rule)

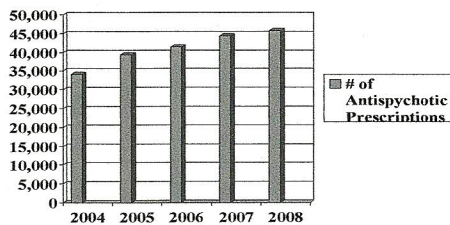
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57% Increase in Mental Screening of MN Children in Juvenile Justice and Foster Care

Source: MN MMB Agency Profile & Forecast, 12/2010, p. 139



34% Increase in Child Antipsychotic Prescriptions for MN Children Covered by Fee for Service Medicaid



Source: MN DHS internal data, provided 2/3/11

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Inappropriate Use of Psych Meds in MN Child Medicaid Population

- 428 children were receiving an ***antipsychotic without proper diagnosis***
- 360 children were receiving a ***drug for ADHD without proper diagnosis***
- 330 children were receiving ***four or more psychiatric medications at once***

Source: MN DHS Drug Utilization Review Report sent to CMS 2010

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