



Rethinking Psychiatry 2013 Film Festival



Presents

Generation Meds

Medication Use on Children in Foster Care

Followed by a discussion with a panel of youth who survived the foster care system, sharing their own experiences with the mental health system while in foster care.

*Sponsored by CASA for Children of Multnomah & Washington Counties
and the Oregon Foster Youth Connection.*

Facilitated by Steve McCrea, MS, CASA Supervisor

Friday, March 22, 6:30 – 9 PM

First Unitarian Church • 1011 SW 12th Avenue • Portland, Oregon

\$5 - \$15 donation requested. No one turned away for lack of funds.

Generation Meds is a 30-minute film that resulted from a year of investigative reporting by ABC's 20/20. Diane Sawyer and her staff interviewed dozens of foster kids, adoptive parents, mental health providers, and child welfare professionals about the hugely disproportionate number of foster children who are given psychotropic drugs for behavioral and emotional issues. You will see video clips of foster kids before and after being taken off medications, interviews of kids about their lives and their opinions on psychiatric drugs, and even a clip of 12-year-old Ke'onte Cook testifying before a US Senate committee on his experience being given psychiatric drugs in foster care. The film presents a moving and convincing indictment of the current practice of trying to medicate away the psychological effects of trauma and instability in children who have little ability to defend themselves from inappropriate and sometimes dangerous interventions. Don't miss it!

CASA for Children is a non-profit organization that trains and supervises volunteer advocates for children in the foster care system.

The Oregon Foster Youth Connection is a program of Children First for Oregon, providing support and legislative advocacy by and for youth who have experienced foster care.