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Source Documents
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We're concerned that Mental Health Education will be just another marketing tool. It's happened before:

Mental Health Education as marketing- see "Books as Hooks"

The Profits of Misery, US Congressional Hearings on Psychiatric Hospital Fraud

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=umn.31951d00282733c;view=1up;seq=3>

Allowing Schools to Partner with Private Psych providers could lead to fraud:

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niture and so forth. In return, the provider would act as a counselor for the children that were perceived to be a problem. It was through that mechanism that they gained access to school records and our schools in some cases in Texas became a pipeline for our young people into these hospitals.

Chairwoman SCHROEDER. Would the gentleman yield?

You mean they actually put hospital employees in the schools?

Senator MONCRIEF. Yes. When you say hospital employees, yes.

They were—

Chairwoman SCHROEDER. They were employees of the hospital?

Senator MONCRIEF. They were employed by the private providers.

Today there are new cries of patients, including children, being held against their will in Texas Psychiatric Hospitals

<https://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/arlington/article223102785.html>

<https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/local/dallas-county/lawsuits-patients-held-against-their-will-at-dallas-behavioral-hospital/287-509340994>

<https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/local/investigates/against-their-will-locked-away-in-a-mental-hospital-after-voluntarily-seeking-help/287-520570575>

Community Mental Health Centers have a rich history of fraud and questionable billings

Community Mental Health Centers, also known as Partial Hospital Programs have repeatedly come under federal scrutiny.

<https://oig.hhs.gov/newsroom/spotlight/2013/cmhc.asp>

Questionable billings:

<https://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-04-11-00100.pdf>

Fraud:

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/jury-convicts-all-seven-defendants-97-million-medicare-fraud-scheme>

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/houston-area-psychiatrist-convicted-health-care-fraud-role-158-million-medicare-fraud-scheme>

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/owner-and-patient-recruiter-sentenced-prison-their-roles-2585-million-medicare-fraud-scheme>

Video links to short vignettes of people held against their will:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yklvkZ7GU54>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgtjV2qlsXk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NMLrHY5qUY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rr6zEkkQbwg>

Lee Spiller comments on Human Rights Crisis in Mental Health

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQwKrfDGYak>