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To add my voice to others, I hope someone actually reads these.

I want to tell you a quick version of the latest trouble with Education Professionals. My son 9 is in the middle of visits to Mental Health dept clinic specialists, currently his treatment for his aggression is respiridal morning and night. I hate him taking this medication and have had previous experience with its side effects etc. We dont want out child drugged BUT the respiridal has almost ceased his aggression at school, he hasnt punched or hit anyone since he started it.

However the other day after I had previously spoken to the principal of my sons school and told him my qualms about medication and doubts that my sons problem was that easily fixed, the principal suspended my son for throwing dye the children were doing art with around the room.

My son was sent home with the message he wasn't to go back to the school this year and not to send him next year unless his "medication was working"

WHAT THE HELL DOES THE PRINCIPAL THINK HE IS HOW DARE HE TELL ME MY CHILD CANNOT GO TO SCHOOL UNLESS HE HAS MORE, DIFFERENT OR MORE OFTEN DRUGS. NO WAY IN HELL AM I GIVING OR ASKING THE PSYCH FOR MORE DRUGS FOR HIM. A FASTER BETTER DIAGNOSIS WOULD HELP SO WE CAN HELP THE CHILD. LUCKILY THE DR AGREEES WTIH ME THAT THE SCHOOL IS OUTTA LINE AND SHE WILL NOT GO WITH MORE DRUGS EITHER, BUT HOW MANY PARENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE DRUGGING THEIR CHILDREN UN NECESSARILY, BECAUSE IT MAKES LESS PROBLEMS WITH THE SCHOOLS.

What is the problem? Why is there NO connection between mental health and childrens mental health? Why is the Education Department no able to recognise bipolar, or schitzophrenia or other mental health issues of this type??

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