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## Parental Rights and Vaccination Choice FACT SHEET

- Vaccination is a medical procedure that carries with it the possibility of injury and death for some. In 1986, Congress declared that vaccines are "unavoidably unsafe." Parents must have the right to decide if their child(ren) should receive some vaccines, all vaccines, or no vaccines. **Any medical procedure that carries risks must have the option to be declined.**
- Children today receive as many as 49 doses of 14 vaccines before they reach age six, which is over 10 times higher than the number of doses administered to children in 1940.
- The measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR) is a live virus vaccine with the potential of recipient shedding for several weeks. It is a known fact that those who are immunocompromised should avoid contact with the recently vaccinated. Why are we blaming the non-vaccinated for disease outbreaks when there is evidence that vaccinated individuals can spread disease? <http://www.westonaprice.org/press/studies-show-that-vaccinated-individuals-spread-disease/>
- The federal government has compensated families for vaccine death and injury in the amount of nearly \$3 billion to date. <https://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/statisticsreport.pdf>
- Since 1990, In the United States, there have **been 6,674 reports of SEVERE adverse effects and 261 DEATHS associated with the measles vaccines** as reported to the VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM (VAERS).
- The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 removed all liability from the vaccine manufacturers. There is no incentive for them to make a safer product. **As it stands today, you can't sue a vaccine manufacturer if your child is injured or killed by a government-recommended vaccine.** Where is the legal protection for the vaccine consumer from the severe side effects of this mandated class of medical products?
- Good doctors and other medical professionals who speak out about parental choice in vaccination are being strongly persecuted by the media and government officials. Where are we as a country when free speech is being attacked and forced vaccination is being talked about?
- New Jersey currently has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country with over 95% vaccinated. NJ also requires more vaccinations than most states, and NJ is one of the leaders in developmental disabilities, learning disabilities, and ADHD, among others.
- **Once we start down that slippery slope by removing an individual's right to refuse medical procedures that carry the risk of injury or death, once we remove an individual's right to speak for him/herself and his/her children, we open ourselves up to an insidious new era where other drugs and other procedures can be mandated.**

*The New Jersey Coalition for Vaccination Choice (NJCV) was formed in 2008. It is a statewide organization made up of individuals and organizations dedicated to promoting vaccination choice and the right to informed consent.*

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