



# Children's Health Defense



## THE GREATEST CRISIS

that America faces today is the chronic disease epidemic in American's children."

~ Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

## JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO PROTECT CHILDREN'S HEALTH

## FACTS about Children's Health

The health of our children has dramatically declined over the past few decades.

**Over half of America's children** (54%) have one or more chronic health conditions according to a 2011 national health survey. These conditions included neurodevelopmental disorders, asthma, allergies, mental health and behavioral disorders, and obesity among others.

**One in five** (22%) 13-18 year-olds has or will have a severe mental disorder, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. Thirty-seven percent of children aged 14 or older with a mental health condition will drop out of school.

**One in six American children** (17%) has a developmental disability according to

the CDC. These include ADHD (11 - 17% in boys, 4-8% in girls), autism (2.8%), speech and language disorders (7.7%), and dyslexia (estimated at 10%).

**One in every eight American children** (13%) requires special education services.

**One in twelve American children** has asthma (8.3%). According to the CDC, in 2016, that was 6,132,000 children under the age of 18. In 2015, 379 children and young adults (birth to age 24) died of asthma.

**One in every 13 American children** has at least one food allergy and two fifths of those with food allergies have a history of severe reactions including deadly peanut allergies.

In 2018 alone, the National Cancer Institute estimates that 15,590 children and adolescents ages 0 to 19 will be diagnosed with cancer.

A study published in January of 2018 found American children aged one to 19 born from 2001 to 2010 were 47% percent more likely to die before adulthood than the average of children living in other developed OECD countries. The mortality rate was 75% higher for American infants than the average rate calculated for all of the countries in the study.

*For complete references, please visit our website at [www.childrenshealthdefense.org](http://www.childrenshealthdefense.org)*



## The Quest to Restore Children's Health

Everyone has a stake in the quest to restore our children's health. Children are the keys to our successful future; we don't have a moment, or the health of any child, to lose. With your help and support, Children's Health Defense will defend the health of our children in America and around the world, tackle the known exposures that are harming our children, hold those responsible for harming our children accountable for their actions, and restore integrity in our federal programs intended to protect children from harm to prevent these injuries from ever happening again.

# Children's Health Defense



## Vision

A world free of childhood chronic health conditions caused by harmful environmental exposures.

## Mission

Our mission is to end the childhood health epidemics by working aggressively to eliminate harmful exposures, holding those responsible accountable, and establishing safeguards so this never happens again.

### How to

## Get Involved

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## Goals

**To identify and eliminate hazardous exposures that are driving an epidemic of chronic and devastating health conditions in our children in the U.S. and globally.**

Over 50% of the children in the US suffer from a chronic health condition. Unprecedented epidemics including autism, ADHD, allergies, obesity have stolen children's potential and wreaked havoc on their health. These health conditions began plaguing our children in the past three decades which points to an environmental etiology.

**Hold accountable the individuals, agencies and industries responsible for causing harm or knowingly failing to protect our children from harm.**

Our federal agencies and industries are well aware that the continued use of certain products including glyphosate, thimerosal, aluminum, fluoride, asbestos, electromagnetic radiation and many other exposures is dangerous, but have failed to support policies that would have eliminated these exposures despite recommendations made by the Institute of Medicine and other scientific authorities.

**Establish safeguards to prevent man-made health epidemics due to regulatory failures from ever happening again.**

There have been numerous failures on the part of our regulatory agencies that have led to continual public exposures to glyphosate, mercury, aluminum and other neurotoxins and carcinogens from a variety of products. With appropriate federal policies, infrastructure, legislation and oversight, such failures can be prevented in the future.



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