



# “THE GREATEST CRISIS

that America faces today is the chronic disease epidemic in America’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 include neurodevelopmental disorders, asthma, allergies, mental health and behavioral disorders and obesity, among others.

**One in five (22%) 13- to 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%) ages 3 to 17 years old has a developmental disability**, according to the CDC. These include ADHD (13% in boys, 6%

in girls), autism (2.8%), and speech and language disorders (7.7%).

About 7.3 million public school students, or 15%, receive special education or related services under IDEA in the U.S.

In 2022, **one in 16 American children are reported to have asthma** (6.2%), according to the CDC.

**One in every 13 American children (estimated 8%) has at least one food allergy**, and two in 5 (40%) of those with food allergies have been treated in the emergency room.

In 2023 alone, the National Cancer Institute estimated that **15,590 children and adolescents ages 0 to 19 will be diagnosed with cancer**, and 1,590 will die of the disease.



### 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.

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## Vision

**A world free** of childhood chronic health conditions caused by harmful environmental exposures and coercive policies that violate universal freedoms, informed consent and bodily autonomy.

## Mission

**Our mission is to end** childhood health epidemics and preserve freedoms by eliminating harmful exposures, mass surveillance and censorship, holding those responsible accountable and establishing safeguards to prevent future harm.

## Goals

**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 U.S. suffer from a chronic health condition.** Unprecedented epidemics — including autism, ADHD, allergies, asthma, autoimmune diseases and obesity — have stolen children’s potential and wreaked havoc

on their health. These health conditions began plaguing our children in the past three decades, pointing to an environmental etiology.

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

The use of products including glyphosate, thimerosal, aluminum, fluoride, asbestos, electromagnetic radiation and other exposures is dangerous. However, our **federal agencies have failed to support policies that would eliminate these exposures**, despite recommendations made by the Institute of Medicine and peer-reviewed research.

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

**Numerous failures** on the part of our regulatory agencies have led to continual exposure to known toxins. CHD aims to stop the regulatory capture of our federal agencies and restore appropriate policies, legislation and oversight for a world full of healthy children tomorrow.



## How to Get Involved

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Become a member of Children’s Health Defense.

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