

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Parents Argue For Their Rights as Parents, Attend Local Seminars for Vaccination Choice**

(Springfield, NJ) - The New Jersey Senate and Assembly are taking a close look at the Conscientious Exemption to Mandatory Immunization, Assembly bill #260 and Senate bill #1071. Pressured by an increasing number of parents concerned about the health risks of too many shots being forced on their children by the state, New Jersey legislators are at the center of a national debate that is not going away. "Vaccination is one of the most significant health decisions that parents make on behalf of their children," says Louise Kuo Habakus, a Middletown resident, leading member of the New Jersey Coalition for Vaccination Choice, (NJCVC), and a parent of two vaccine-injured children. On Tuesday, January 13th, at 6:15pm, at Presbyterian Church in Springfield, NJ, the New Jersey Chapter of the Holistic Moms Network, will host Habakus who will lead a seminar on informed consent in vaccination. The seminar - entitled "A Vaccination Seminar: What Choices Do Parents Have?" is designed to help educate New Jersey parents on the choices available to them when making informed vaccination decisions.

According to Dr. Lawrence Rosen, a board-certified pediatrician and Chief of Pediatric Integrative Medicine at Hackensack University Medical Center, "There are risks associated with all medical practices, including vaccines, so it is important for parents, along with their doctors, to evaluate an individual child's medical history and health, including genetic predispositions and allergies, to determine what is appropriate. Informed consent is a key ethical principle in medical practice."

The discussion comes at a time when many parents are discovering that their children attending day care or preschool are required to receive the flu shot. Parents are extremely concerned about autism. In New Jersey one in 60 boys and one in 94 children has autism — the highest rate ever documented in the U.S.. Dr. Walter Zahorodny (PhD), a psychologist at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey said of his recent study for the CDC on autism rates in NJ that "this should be understood as a public health crisis." <http://tinyurl.com/a6mwdd>

Louise Kuo Habakus is a board-certified health practitioner and a former senior corporate executive. If you are interested in attending one of her talks, sponsoring a seminar or film in your community or being added to her distribution list, please send an e-mail to [vaxRSVP@verizon.net](mailto:vaxRSVP@verizon.net). Upcoming New Jersey seminars in 2009 include: Highland Mills, NY (1/6), Springfield, NJ (1/13), Toms River, NJ (1/28), Somerset Hills, NJ (2/5) and Ocean, NJ (2/10). For further information, go to [www.njvaccinationchoice.org](http://www.njvaccinationchoice.org) and click on Calendar of Events.