



# Moving Beyond Reaction to Reason

## *Mental Health and School Safety After Sandy Hook*

Regional child/parent advocate Sheila Matthews will speak this month at the Harry Bennett branch of the Ferguson Library on school safety and youth mental health reforms following the Newtown shootings, and how these changes could affect the rights of parents and students.

Among topics covered:

- Hartford's rapid implementation of new policy in response to the Newtown massacre versus its glacial release of relevant information about Adam Lanza's medical history and treatment
- The role of the pharmaceutical industry, security marketers and other "stakeholders" in defining mental illness and how it's addressed in public schools
- Educational alternatives to a reliance on hazardous psychiatric labeling and medication
- The rights of parents, caregivers and students in the face of coercive mental health screenings
- The importance of MEDWATCH and other means of reporting/tracking drug side-effects



*Co-founder of the nationally-recognized non-profit AbleChild.org: Parents for Label & Drug Free Education, Sheila Matthews, a Connecticut parent, regularly testifies on the state and Federal levels in defense of youth mental health freedom, has also been featured in Time (9/10/11) and has appeared on CNN, Fox, as well as numerous radio stations throughout the country.*



### WHEN:

1:30-3:30

Saturday, March 29, 2014

### WHERE:

Auditorium

The Ferguson Library-Harry Bennett Branch

115 Vine Road

Stamford, CT 06905

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Free admission; refreshments will be served.



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