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Craziness: 69 doses of 16 vaccines by age 18

According to government recommendations, starting the day of their birth until they reach age 18, American children are supposed to have 69 doses of 16 different vaccines. If they don't, they can be barred from school, thrown out of insurance plans, and even denied access to some government programs.

"That's three times as many vaccines as children got 25 years ago," said Barbara Loe Fisher, founder and head of the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) and co-author of "A Shot in the Dark," in an interview with Timothy Feuling, publisher of *The Chiropractic Journal*. "It's just craziness."

For the last three decades, Fisher has been working to educate parents about the dangers of vaccines and to protect their rights to make their own decisions about their family's health care.

She became a leader in the anti-vaccine movement when her son suffered a neurological

reaction to his fourth DPT shot at age two and a half that caused brain dysfunction, including multiple learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder. At the time, she was one of the few



Barbara Loe Fisher

people taking a stand against forced vaccinations. Alternative health care professions like chiropractic hadn't joined forces on the issue and the internet didn't yet provide the ability to reach mass audiences.

Today, her allies have grown in num-

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