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Today during a Capital Hill briefing hosted by Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), a panel of experts voiced concerns to the Congressional Black Caucus about misperceptions of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) in the African-American community. The panel presented scientific evidence that African-American children and teens with AD/HD are often undertreated, due to lack of access to comprehensive assessment and appropriate treatment options. The panel, along with former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, discussed the impact of untreated AD/HD in the African-American community, particularly the damaging belief that it does not exist.

Evelyn Green, past president of CHADD and an African-American parent of a son with AD/HD, said: "I encourage policymakers, parents, school administrators and educators alike to seek science-based information to make sound decisions on behalf of all children with AD/HD."

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