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Janie Oyakawa, 43, is a mother of six who lives just outside Dallas. In her home, she keeps a binder full of important documents from her family's life, including a heavily annotated copy of Robert Sears's *The Vaccine Book: Making the Right Decision for Your Child*.

"It's like, here's your birth certificate, and here's when your mom was crazy for a few years," she says. For a few years, Oyakawa, an occupational therapist, was an anti-vaxxer.

Oyakawa vaccinated her first four children according to the routine schedule. But the birth of her fourth child was traumatic; she felt the doctors and nurses didn't listen to her. "That kick-started me being very skeptical of the medical establishment," she says.

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