Tallahassee, FL - Nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and mood swings. Those are just some of the known side-effects of common medications used to treat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

But, a couple of FSU researchers are making major strides on a new drug they say could treat ADHD without addictive side effects.

"I was wide open. I had to stay busy all the time." That's how Tallahassee resident Tim Lashley describes being a child with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

The 52-year-old says things haven't changed much. He says, "Twenty-four-seven I'm pretty much going."

ADHD is one of the most common childhood disorders and can continue through adulthood. It typically causes difficulty staying focused and paying attention, difficulty controlling behavior, and hyperactivity.

Pradeep Bhide, Ph.D. and Jin Min Zheu, Ph.D., researchers at Florida State University, are working on a new drug that they say can treat ADHD without the addictive side effects.

Dr. Bhide says, "We believe we have discovered potentially a new medication to treat ADHD unlike any that's on the market today, that is effective, non-abusable, and does not have some of the side effects that the stimulants have."

Dr. Bhide says probably 40 percent of ADHD cases aren't treated mainly because of concerns of medication side-effects.

He says, "Untreated ADHD in a child potential is an adult with ADHD. There are a lot of statistics that show that the quality of life is, for an adult, an issue; employment, personal life, social life, workplace, they're all effected."

Dr. Zheu says, "This is my dream to getting some drug that can help people, especially help the young kids that have ADHD."
Lashley says, "I wish I would've had it back... I probably would've been... I love football. I probably would've been a heck of a football player at any level. I dealt with it for a long time and I hope they do find something that doesn't have a side-effect."

The researchers say the drug has not yet been tested on humans. They say it will take several years before the drug hits the market.