

From the desk of Children's Rights Montana, Billings Montana

Six years ago this coming April, I launched a website against DPHHS/CFSD exposing corruption. They took my son 24 hours later and he and I lost 14 months of our life until the State lost miserably in Court. Even the judge threw the book at them.

Since that time, we've handled over 400 family and children cases that CFSD has taken actions against. The alarming statistics are that as a rule of thumb, CPS (may) get 1 out of 12 cases right.

Equally as alarming, is that the majority of these cases are taken against low income families who haven't the funds to fight back, or the Department refusing to place kids with clean family members who are waiting for temporary, or permanent placement. Instead, these kids are shuffled into Foster Care homes and most are diagnosed with SAD, (Separation Anxiety Disorder,) and are ultimately drugged by CFSD hired guns (Preferred Providers List.) Even if that particular child has been in active therapy for years, CFSD ignores and quashes any information from the child(s) previous provider(s). CFSD (TELLS) their providers what, when and where to say what they want in order to keep the child in the system. Meanwhile, the parents are told to complete a myriad of tasks, classes etc., yet when they have completed all that's asked, they are told to do more into a point of abuse by the CFSD and exhaustion of the families. We have seen a staggering increase of Native American kids being snagged by CFSD, on and off the Reservations. CFSD has basically thrown out Federal Law governing the tribes and refuses to contact the tribes in a timely manner after removal, or worse yet, return the child to the Reservation, in direct violation of Law.

The CFSD (Mission Goal) according to they themselves, is Reunification of these families, yet I can ASSURE you that is Not the Case. The longer CFSD retains the child, the more monies they receive from Washington D.C. The Public can only be aware of this (If You Let Them.)

This (Umbrella Law of Confidentiality MUST end) and all DN cases be made open to the public Courts and media. Without redaction, or worse yet, hiding facts due to corruption. This old worn out cliché that investigations are always confidential and the people have no right to review errors by the Department is hogwash. The vast majority of redaction is to cover up the errors and possible illegal actions taken by CFSD. CFSD is protecting themselves, not the families they are sworn to protect.

All the while, CFSD keeps crying for more money to handle their case loads? Have you ever considered the case load is too big because they are out of control and taking kids that don't need to be taken? According to Nationwide statistics, Montana should have less than 200 kids in Foster care right now!!! We all pray that Montana will follow suit as Arizona did, firing the entire Division and begin anew.

Open these Hearings of the DN cases and educate the people who voted our politicians into office to prevent such an organization from running rampant and start holding workers that willfully violate families rights, or laws, accountable as any of us would be, by bringing charges against them.

Sincerely,

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