
CPPA Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27, 2013 National Scandal: Family Courts Give Children to Identified Pedophiles

Nineteenth Annual Child Sexual Abuse Conference from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm at Veterans' Memorial Center, 14th and B Streets, Davis, CA.

Linda Barnard, Ph.D.; Researcher Geraldine Stahly Ph.D., Nancy Steubner, M.A.; Kathleen Russell Center for Judicial Excellence; award winning documentary No Way Out But One; Jane Stevens; survivor panel. No cost, no registration unless you need continuing educational credits. For more information, please go to <http://www.issb.us>

May 4 - 5, 2013 Survivorship will hold a conference on ritual abuse at Executive Inn & Suite, 1755 Embaracadero, Oakland, CA 94606, <http://www.executiveinnoakland.com>

May 10 - 13, 2013 All Together Now! The Battered Mothers Custody Conference (usually held in Albany NY) is moving to Washington DC to join with Mothers of Lost Children, Center for Judicial Excellence, California Protective Parents Association, and other groups.

On **Friday May 10 and Saturday May 11, 2013**, the Tenth Annual Battered Mothers Custody Conference will be held at George Washington University Law School, 720 20th St NW (at 20th and H Streets), Washington D.C. For registration and information. please go to www.batteredmotherscustodyconference.org.

On **Mothers' Day, Sunday May 12, 2013**, Mothers of Lost Children www.mothers-of-lost-children.com will gather for the fourth year of demonstrations from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW,

Washington DC. The purpose of the demonstration is to ask our President to protect over 50,000 children per year who are taken from safe mothers and given to identified batterers and molesters by family (divorce) courts.

We have written countless letters and requests to meet with the President and First Lady, to no avail. We are therefore following in the footsteps of our suffragists foremothers to make the plight of these innocent children visible. <http://americanchildrenunderground.blogspot.com/>

We will begin with a silent vigil, then march around the White House with our signs. We will end with a speak-out in front of the White House. We wear white clothing and white Mothers of Lost Children t-shirts, which will be available at no cost. If judicial retaliation is a concern, please wear a disguise.

On **Monday, May 13, 2013**, we will go to the United States Congress and Senate to lobby for improvements in Federal laws and policies to better protect children. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has been highly critical of the United States' handling of domestic violence and child abuse cases in the Jessica Lenahan (Gonzales) case in which 3 young girls were killed. Recommendations to correct these human rights violations include improving Federal and state laws to better protect women and girls.

We will provide lobbying training on Saturday evening at the BMCC X conference. We will have packets available and will make appointments with designated committee members in Congress and the Senate. It is important for each of you to make an appointment to meet with your own two US Senators and one US Congress member in Washington DC by contacting their schedulers in advance at <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

July 26 - 28, 2013, Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) will hold their Annual Conference at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel 2800 S Potomac Ave, Arlington, VA. http://www.snapnetwork.org/2013_annual_conference

GOOD NEWS!

Fox11 LA continues to cover the family court crisis. This family is not identified, but the father's and child's attorneys are shown in their full glory. <http://www.myfoxla.com/story/21420842/lost-in-the-system-custody-fight>

Mother gets children back with help of media, demonstrations, and an ethical Orange County Commissioner. <http://www.myfoxla.com/video?clipId=8624329&topVideoCatNo=240600&autoStart=true>

A child in Northern California was rescued from her sex offender father when an expert testified on the facts of child sex abuse. A young teen in Stockton area and another young teen in Los Angeles were returned by CPS to their mothers after being placed by family court with their fathers who abused them.

NOT GOOD NEWS

There is a trend of family court and child protective service allowing children to be sexually and physically abused, and killed, especially in Los Angeles CA. Data from the

California Department of Social Services show that the rate of substantiation of child sexual abuse declined from 25% of cases to a mere 13% of cases in LA. This is "child abuse decline by disbelief".

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/27/foster-homes-sex-offenders_n_1037490.html?icid=maing-grid7%7Cmaing6%7Cdl2%7Csec3_lnk1%7C108107

<http://articles.latimes.com/2013/feb/14/local/la-me-child-death-report-20130214>

<http://documents.latimes.com/report-severe-problems-los-angeles-county-department-children-and-family-services/>

CPS and police substantiated allegations of child sexual abuse against a 5-year-old girl by her father. Despite substantiated abuse, Judge Daniel Healy of Solano County Superior Court changed custody of all three daughters from mother to father, blaming mother for the children's poor relationship with father. Judge Healy thinks children need a close relationship with their abuser.

RESEARCH

Grade your court actors

We need everyone to grade their court players on www.distinctioninfamilycourts.com. This is one way to warn other others about failure to protect children.

Battered Women's Justice Project

Custody Evaluators' beliefs about DV relate to custody outcomes.

http://www.bwjp.org/custody_evaluators_own_beliefs_about_domestic_abuse_closely_related_to_custody_outcomes.aspx

The Neurobiology of Trauma 45 minute National Institute of Justice training video.

<http://nij.gov/multimedia/presenter/presenter-campbell/>

Adverse Childhood Experiences study

http://acesconnection.com/video/end-it-now-understanding-and-preventing-child-abuse?xg_source=msg_mes_network

RESOURCES

Gavin De Becker online Domestic Violence Assessment called MOSAIC

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZo6bP-CDcc>

<https://www.mosaicmethod.com/>

Marci Hamilton: new resource to track child sex abuse statutes of limitations reform: www.sol-reform.com

BOOKS AND ARTICLES

The Child Survivor: Healing Developmental Trauma and Dissociation by Joyanna L. Silberg, Ph.D. Excellent resource for mothers whose children are being sexually abused to know there is hope and healing for them.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Child-Survivor-Developmental-Dissociation/dp/0415889952>

Court Licensed Abuse: Patriarchal Lore and the Legal Response to Intrafamilial Sexual Abuse of Children by S. Carolyn Taylor, The purpose of this book is to make explicit the process by which victims of intrafamilial rape are silenced, how gaps in their evidence are created, and how these gaps and silences are filled with dominant masculinist stories and narratives about child sexual abuse. <http://www.abebooks.com/9780820461717/Court-Licensed-Abuse-Patriarchal-Lore-0820461717/plp>

Protective Mother Lori Handrahan's op ed about cover-up in Maine
<http://www.christianpost.com/news/maines-shameful-state-secret-child-sex-abuse-90184/>

Please comment on this article if you can.
<http://communities.washingtontimes.com/neighborhood/heart-without-compromise-children-and-children-wit/2013/feb/28/finding-ground-zero-connecticut-part-i/>

Association of Family Conciliation Courts (AFCC) 50 year anniversary
<http://www.afccnet.org/Portals/0/PublicDocuments/Conferences/AFCC%2050th%20An>
For more information on AFCC, see **Court Cancer Metastasizes** at <http://protectivemothersalliance.wordpress.com/2011/07/16/a-must-read/>

GRANT FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA CHILD CUSTODY PILOT PROJECTS

Judicial Council of California. Administrative Office of the Courts
455 Golden Gate Avenue . San Francisco, California 94102-3688 www.courts.ca.gov

Under the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act Judicial Council awards \$9.5 million in grants to qualified legal service organizations and court partners for pilot projects to provide legal representation and improved court procedures for eligible low-income litigants in civil cases affecting basic human needs effective July 1, 2011. Below are the three counties that selected child custody as a high priority.

1. Bar Association of San Francisco Voluntary Legal Services Program Superior Court of San Francisco County Child Custody Pilot Project - \$350,000.
2. Legal Aid Society of San Diego Superior Court of San Diego County Child Custody Pilot Project - \$700,000.
3. Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice Superior Court of Los Angeles County Child Custody/Domestic Violence Project - \$850,000.

INSPIRATION

This is a truly inspiring story of courage in the face of power.

http://www.torahcafe.com/jewishvideo.php?vid=b7a62ae8a&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=A%20Survivors%20Tale&utm_content=A%20Survivors%20Tale+CID_f5f31273e208dbc7b293605f4d8bee92&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Tefillin%20in%20Auschwitz%20-%20Mr%20Leibel%20Zisman

Other inspirations from the Holocaust include the demonstration by the Rose Street

women.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosenstrasse_protest

For those who have not read the book **Stolen Years** by Sara Zyskind, Lerner Publications, 1981, Sara Plager was an eleven-year-old child when the Nazis invaded Poland, and a seventeen-year-old young woman when World War II ended. Her savage suffering is described as she miraculously survived the Lodz ghetto, Auschwitz concentration camp and Mittelstein slave labor camp. In a chapter entitled "The Big Hunt", the author writes:

"But there were interruptions in the dull routine of our existence. Every now and again the Germans electrified us with some new shock, jolting us out of our lethargy and plunging us into a state of utter consternation. Such an event occurred in September 1942. It began with the Shpera (curfew) and lasted nine terrible days. Even now a tremor runs through me when I recall that time - nine days that seemed more like nine year, like ninety years!"

In ancient times, the Jewish people held captive in Egypt saw their first-born male children slaughtered. Thousands of years later, the Jews of the ghetto were ordered to deliver into the hands of the Germans all their small children - their most treasured possessions. The sick and the aged were to be taken as well, all to an unknown destination. Everyone was told to remain indoors and await the call of the policeman who would come with a list of those who were to be handed over. A strict curfew was instituted, and violators would be shot on sight.

The suddenness of the action caught us all off guard and gave us no time to collect our thoughts or to defend ourselves. Trucks full of armed troops were already speeding through the streets of the ghetto, sealing off an entire quarter at a time. The areas in which the searches had not begun were guarded by armed patrols. Not a soul was allowed to enter or leave. In spite of the severe curfew restrictions, however, hair-raising rumors about the savagery of the action spread through the ghetto.

A policeman with his list would enter a home to take a child into custody. Intimidated and confused, the mother would hand over her son or daughter, often no older than two, three, or four. The moment the deed was done, the woman would suddenly realize what was happening. She would dash after the policeman and try to wrench her child out of his grasp. But by then it was too late, for the policeman was already out in the street. There one German trooper would hold the mother back at bayonet point, while another would snatch her child and shove it onto the waiting wagon. The wagon would move off and soon disappear from sight. Then the crazed mother would claw at her face, clutch at her hair, scream, wail, but all in vain. Her child was irretrievably lost to her." (p. 68)

"The slow advance of our column (in Auschwitz) had now brought us to a group of S.S. men who were confiscating all the valuables still in our possession. I cast about desperately for some way of preventing them from taking away my mother's jewelry, each piece of which reminded me of precious moments in the past. They were my last links with what I held dear. I hastily removed the golden chain from my neck and put it beneath my tongue, hoping it would not be found there. I slipped Mother's gold watch from my wrist and held it in my closed fist. By now the woman in front of me was being searched. A paralyzing fear took hold of me on seeing the brutal treatment given her by the soldiers...Now I was ordered to open my mouth. The soldier, wise to all the tricks that might be used, pulled the chain from beneath my tongue. My attempt at cheating them earned me a resounding smack across my face. Finally, my fist was forced open, and Mother's golden wristwatch joined the rest of the jewelry on the table." (p. 149-150)

There are echoes of the past in our present.

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