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## California Protective Parents Association Newsletter

Dear Friends,

As we enter November, we know that many people are starting to wind down the year and beginning to prepare for the holiday season. However, CPPA's work to protect children and protective parents cannot afford to rest. This newsletter will highlight a number of important opportunities to take action that we hope you can spare the time to help with. As you know, our work is never done. In fact, we've only just begun.

Every action you take helps us get one step closer to ensuring the safety of children and protective parents. I thank you in advance for your help and support.

## **We Need Your Help Before November 18th to Protect Children from Abusers!**

The Julia Carlsen Healthy Marriage Promotion and Responsible Fatherhood bill HR 3005 (Davis) reauthorization <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/114/hr3005/text> is moving through Congress.

It is costing taxpayers \$150 MILLION per year to bring abusers into children's lives, under the guise of reasonable-sounding federal programs. This is the height of waste, fraud and abuse.

You may think you do not have one ounce of strength or one second of time left in your day to do this, what with court hearings, mountains of paperwork and a broken heart. But the other team is well organized and quite busy working the halls of Congress with well paid lobbyists and well heeled supporters. They are Goliath. We are David. Please consider taking action (as listed below) **before November 18th**.

Here's what you can do:

1. Go to <http://protectiveparents.com/action.html>
2. Copy the letter template to a Word document.
3. Fill the letter in with your information.
4. Print the letter
5. Print the 11 page White Paper
6. Send them to your Congressional Representative [www.house.gov/htbin/findrep](http://www.house.gov/htbin/findrep)
7. Call your representative (using the link in #6) and urge them to oppose HR 3005, stating the reasons in our template letter.

## **NPEIV Congressional Briefing on November 18th in Washington D.C.**

The National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence in cooperation with U.S. Representative Alcee Hastings (D-FL) invite you to attend a Congressional Briefing: *Spare the Rod, Protect the Child: A Reconsideration of Corporal Punishment of Children in Homes and Schools*.

The briefing will be held at the Cannon House Office Building, Room 122.  
(First and C Streets, SE. Washington, DC 20003)

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Deb Sendek at [debsendek@endhittingusa.org](mailto:debsendek@endhittingusa.org).

For more information, visit [www.NPEIV.org](http://www.NPEIV.org)



CPPA's Connie Valentine with Congresswoman Jackie Speier

## **Save the Dates: 2016 Battered Mothers Custody Conference & MOLC White House Demonstration**

## 2016 Battered Mothers Custody Conference

The 2016 Battered Mothers Custody Conference (BMCC) will be held from Friday May 6, 10:00 am through Sunday May 8th, 12:00pm (Mother's Day) at the Radisson Hotel in Albany, New York (2015 Wolf Road).

For more information, visit: <http://www.batteredmotherscustodyconference.org/>.

## Mothers of Lost Children 2016 White House Demonstration & Lobby Day

On Monday, May 9th, Mothers of Lost Children will host our annual White House demonstration and lobby day events in Washington DC. We can carpool from the BMCC in Albany on Sunday and return to Albany on Tuesday. Stay tuned for further details.

## Support A Worthy Cause Near & Dear to Our Hearts

### Free As The Sun Kickstarter Campaign

*Free As The Sun: Lou's Songs of Life* is a unique CD and Book project to share the music and poetry of Louis Raymond Debruge (1997-2014) giving voice to one brilliant young man's experience of traumatic childhood abuse and his sorrows as he struggled with addiction, depression, self-harm and suicidal ideation.

The project's Kickstarter Campaign must reach its funding goal **by November 17th** so the project will be available December, 2015. Here's what you can do to help the project.

1. Visit the Home page of the website [www.freeasthesun.com](http://www.freeasthesun.com)
2. Link to the Kickstarter Campaign and watch the project video.
3. Select "BACK THIS PROJECT."
4. Choose a "reward" level and complete the transaction.
5. Leave a Comment if you wish.
6. Ask your friends, family, and colleagues to join you in backing this inspiring work.

Louis' mother, the project's creator and director, believes her son's first-person story is a powerful resource to be used in a variety of therapeutic settings, especially in the hundreds of residential adolescent therapeutic programs across the country. To learn more, please contact Rhonda Lee Case (503) 680-3125, or by email at [rhondaleecase103@gmail.com](mailto:rhondaleecase103@gmail.com).

## Calling All Protective Mothers

Attorney Nancy Erickson is looking for cases in which a mother had post traumatic stress disorder and came out poorly on the MMPI in a custody evaluation. That pretty much describes all protective mothers. Psychological tests place battered mothers at a disadvantage and do not reflect the true situation. Let me know if you would like to be in contact with Nancy.

## Check Out Michael Volpe's Reporting on the Corrupt Practices in Family Court!

Reporter Mike Volpe has written a series of excellent articles on corrupt practices in family court, and a book about a father who committed suicide (*Bullied to Death: Chris*

*Mackney's Kafkaesque Divorce).*

## **"The Kafkaesque nightmare of family court"**

*by Mike Volpe*

WASHINGTON, October 30, 2015 - Named after the Czech writer Franz Kafka, Kafkaesque describes a state where a bureaucracy, usually a courtroom, overpowers people, often in a surreal, nightmarish milieu which evokes feelings of senselessness, disorientation, and helplessness.

**Read more:** <http://www.commdiginews.com/life/the-kafkaesque-nightmare-of-family-court-51097/>.

Written during WWI, Kafka's haunting novel *The Trial* accurately describes the current horror faced by mothers (and a small handful of fathers) trying to protect their children in family court. The novel's protagonist is a banker suddenly arrested by an unnamed agency for an unknown crime. He is left free, awaiting trial, twisting in the wind. A year later, he is taken to a location where he is supposed to kill himself. He does not, and is instead killed by a knife to his heart.

We find that mothers do not kill themselves either. The knife to their heart is the knowledge that they are powerless to protect their children from violence and incest. CA Protective Parents Association has received well over 3,000 contacts from mothers and 10 contacts from fathers who are bullied by family courts for trying to protect their children.

### **More articles by Mike Volpe**

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<http://crimemagazine.com/twitter-gets-dragged-ugly-custody-battle>

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0149ERBBI> (Amazon page for Michael's book: *Bullied to Death: Chris Mackney's Kafkaesque Divorce*)

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