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I have recently been granted legal custody of my granddaughter due to her being abused at home. The judge ordered her mother be added to the Child Abuse Registry. Today, I attempted to access the registry and learned the following.

1. Before anyone can access this information, one must fill out a form. 2. Mail the form to DSS, seeking DSS permission to access the data base. 3. Pay a fee of up to \$25.00.

Why is it necessary for the citizens of this state, after already funding DSS through taxes, jump through these hoops just to view this database? Why can't we be able to view this information without all of these roadblocks just to try and protect our children.

The State has no problem allowing anyone (even children) free access the sex offenders database. Why is it okay for one piece of information but not another?

I'd like to see free internet access to the Child Abuse Registry just like the Sex Offenders database. Or, how about closing/limiting access to the Sex Offenders database?

Why the differences? As a citizen, understanding government and how it operates is confusing enough without everything like this having different rules.

Thank you.

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