

Dear Governor,

CHILD ENDANGERMENT SERVICES (CES) FAILED THE FAMILIES THEY ARE TO HELP AND CHILDREN THEY ARE TO PROTECT. CES need to be fired and every last one put in the unemployment line as the least if not jailed and held accountable for THEIR ABUSE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Don't take my word for any of these charges. Verify them for yourself. Ask anyone who has been through the ringer of CES. You don't need to talk to CES themselves they have a good speech to justify what they do. They talk almost as good as politicians running for office. I challenge you to get first hand information from families themselves. Talk to the results, good and bad. Talk to families helped and got their kids returned and those who lost their children. I challenge you to get firsthand information. Ask about the **professional handling and respect** shown by government employees.

Way back in the mid-1970's I took a class at college called Child, Family, and Community. I was enrolled in the college's Early Childhood Education (ECE) program. It was there that I first heard about Child Protective Services.

Everyone wants to do what's best for children. We all want to protect children from tyrants, even if those tyrants are their parents. I have always parented under the shadow of child welfare services, though they didn't intervene in my life until about fifteen years later.

Until then, I was like most other Americans. I had no real knowledge of CPS, and I thought they were there only to help abused children.

National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (Now known as the Administration for Children and Families) is a joke. This is a jobs-creation opportunity, providing employment for college graduates many whom are not married not have any experience raising children. (I know because I personally stopped in offices in three states, [Florida, Texas, and Ohio visiting family], and just asked simple questions pretending to be doing a research paper.)

When I first heard about the new child protection program about a year after it was signed into law, I sat in my college class listening as a social worker and foster parent tried to explain. They gave us examples of the types of severe child abuse they believed would cause a child to become a ward of the state: outrageous and severe beatings, slaps leaving very visible red marks, broken bones, children thrown against walls, and things like that.

Nothing they said prepared me for the reality of what CPS has become.

They gave me the impression that foster children would be those who were severely physically abused.

Americans trusted that the social workers would take children away only from true child abusers. **As it turns out, most foster children are detained for almost anything. According to 2012 national statistics, 78.3% of the children detained were said to be neglected in some way, not physically or sexually abused. That's right... more than 3/4 of the children taken into foster homes are not known to be physically or sexually abused in any way at all.**

As we all know now, neglect charges can be anything from a messy house, to domestic violence or even just simple arguments between parents, to sunburns and vegetarian diets. Colorado now has a case of kids running in the snow. Yes, kids' running in the snow is now Child Abuse. Social workers can call almost anything neglect. While parents may be reeling from shock job loss, Child Endangerment steps in and kicks them while they're down by placing the children in foster homes, justification: parents no longer able to care for the kids.

Rather than having clear instructions on what is or isn't acceptable as Child true ABUSE, social workers are able to take children from them on any allegation they want to make, many of which are trivial, insubstantial, or even fabricated.

Judges and Juvenile Court Referees tend to accept social worker court reports without question, believing everything they're told so long as it is written by someone paid by the county (and therefore, supposedly trusted by the county). Thus plenty of lies and misrepresentations have resulted in the destruction of families.

**It is extremely rare for a child welfare social worker to be prosecuted on perjury charges. That's something we need to change.**

Meanwhile, the money allocated by CAPTA has been used to educate the public about child abuse and neglect. By education, I mean brainwashing.

Suddenly we were inundated by anti-parent propaganda via TV programs, commercials, radio public service announcements, and newspaper articles about the danger of parents harming children. Advertisements with the child abuse hotline telephone numbers were found on billboards, buses, and even grocery carts.

**The snitch society was activated. Parents became the new public enemy number one.** Parents were mistrusted. Therapy became a matter of learning to distrust your parenting. People learned to hate their parents, to malign them, to be angry at them.

CHILD ENDANGERMENT SERVICES need to be fired and every last one unemployed at least and supervisors arrested and be held as accountable as the families they hurt. They need to be investigated and abuses punished just as the families they claim to help.

