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I am the Executive Director of the Foundation for the Child Victims of the Family Courts, an organization that fights for children in situations of unimaginable, unconscionable positions of physical, emotional, sexual abuse. I also serve as an expert to lawyers, across the country whom are pursuing wrongful death cases. As per the case of the two teen age girls whom have reached out for the services of the FCVFC, we are now their Advocates and their voices.

The Foundation works as an Advocate for children whom are assessed to be victims of institutional abuse, subject to malicious, false imprisonment and isolation, through threats and intimidation. These children are evaluated as being under the control of an obsessed abuser, intent on maintaining a false position of innocence, using the services of attorneys, experts, mental health professionals who violate their fiduciary responsibility for personal gain. Your agency is infamous for making incorrect assessments, diagnoses, interventions. Such an assertion is relevant in the current situation being brought to your attention.

The web site that represents the Governor's Task Force on Justice for Abused Children Committee, which I have attached to this Complaint belies the mission and performance put forth in this communication. The experience of our clients with your organization has been nothing other than able to be characterized as depraved, cruel, incompetent, possibly criminal. Complaints forwarded to the Judicial Grievance Committee, as well as Grievance against Attorneys Commission, describe a pattern

of collusion, between staff of your organization and the representatives of the accused abuser. Full and complete evidence of such statements exists.

Your staff, Supervisor Tim Welch and caseworker Ethel Moore have worked closely with the accused abuser and worked intensively to humiliate, undermine, silence the victims. Their efforts have been a key factor in supporting the actions leading to the malicious imprisonment, suppression of speech of our clients. Ethel Moore was the individual who met with the girls following the court ordered establishment of a Protective Order, document attached. Complaints against Ethel Moore were presented to the crisis team caseworker Laura (Laura Burke). The girls have reported repeated threats and intimidating actions committed by their accused abuser. Bruises on their bodies have failed to be reported, medical conditions continue to be untreated.

As per information from all parties engaged in the escape and court documents, the events which followed on March 20, 2016, the girls escaped from their accused abuser. They made a pact to leave based on worsening conditions and threats of greater control and repression being exercised by their father. Plans in place to run with the assistance of a non family member were altered at the last moment because of schedule time changes; moving parts in the escape changed. At the last moment they reached out to their grand parents whom they had barely seen or spoken to, over the past five years. With very little information, but clarity as to urgency the grandparents responded to their grand daughters requests. The girls were taken to the New Canaan Police where statements were given and investigation started through Marc DeFelice, Sargent, Youth Officer. A court date for an Emergency Ex Parte Order of Custody was heard on 3/21/16, Stamford, Superior Court.

Your agency, DCF was called in to "evaluate" a situation, which in the past they joined with forces of the accused abuser and his legal team, over the recommendations of the crisis team which indicated a substantiation of sexual abuse. The Children's Connection Evaluation team from 2011 stated, "if there is abuse, it will come out in treatment." As per direct information and evidence, when the girls disclosed the abuse to which they were being subject, for years, prior to 2011, the time of their removal from their protective parent and extended family, they were told by their "therapists" that they would go into foster care if they reported abuse. The girls state that they reported abuse, but the gate keepers failed to act on the pleas for help, supporting the accused abuser, by streaming information from their sessions to him, arranging joint sessions to negotiate abuse.

When DCF made contact with the custodians appointed by the court through the Protective Order, a pattern of false information, aura of deceit and lack of cooperation was insinuated immediately by your staff as per documented evidence. Accusations that the custodians had not contacted DCF, not returned calls were completely false, as can be verified by phone records and other communications that immediately injected a false record and an acrimonious accord. DCF had a record of failure to protect these girls that dated back years. The deceptive, hostile pattern of intervention immediately advanced by DCF, we assert was to cover a pattern of incompetence, deceit, influence peddling compliance, that they wished to cover to avoid law suits for damages to these victims of institutional abuse.

The girls were interviewed by the Children's Connection crisis team because of concerns for their emotional state. The caseworker from the crisis team, Laura Burke(your workers fail to provide identification, cards, contact information, part of a pattern of lack of accountability and transparency) interviewed the girls. She was seen as a helpful, positive person. However, immediately after contact with DCF staff, Tin Welch, her helpful, cooperative demeanor disappeared as the directive came to

“just do what DCF says.....Be sure you send Caroline to IOP”. Ethel (Ethel Moore), an individual who was the repeated source of complaint and mistrust became the lead contact person with the girls and their custodians as per the PO. Complaints were filed with Ethel's supervisor, Tim Welch, who supported her ignorant, incompetent, unfounded field assessments.

Ethel Moore's reported statement to the sixteen year old victim was that she was “nothing but a lying cutter”. While the complaint was documented by the emergency response team who interviewed the victim and documented her testimony, Ethel Moore was maintained as a caseworker dealing with the victim. The statement “lying cutter “ is to say the least confusing. If an individual is cutting themselves, as has been documented as a constant fact in the custodial control of this parenting arrangement, how are they lying? How does such a document reconcile the nature of suffering and pathology expressed in cutting behavior.

The range of complaints against Ethel Moore for her cruelty, indifference, incompetence, facilitation of biased, proceedings, leading to the ongoing endangerment of children, are second only to her final parting shot at the girls. As per Ethel Moore's final exit interview with the victims, she reportedly stated that if they did not wish to live with their father, they would be separated, placed in foster care and sent out of state, to different states. This threat was reiterated numerous times in the most acute situations, always with the admonition, stop reporting, stop accusing your father of abuse, submit and be quiet.

Ethel Moore and Tim Welch were allegedly present at Norwalk Hospital on 4/22/16 when the girls were admitted for acute suicidal ideation, following a court order immediately remanding the victims to their accused abuser. The father was allegedly allowed to see the girls at Norwalk hospital, as was a male friend of the accused abuser. The men, as per reports from the girls, were allowed to see them alone, where they were threatened and intimidated. The accused abuser was allowed to see the psychiatrist, alone. The psychiatrist was accused of being brutal to the girls who were hysterical, screaming, crying, physically and emotionally out of control. There was no mercy!

The accused abuser was treated by medical staff as if he was the victim and the girls, again had no credibility. We suspect and are investigating allegations that Jacob Pyetranker, the accused abusers attorney made contact with the staff of the Norwalk Hospital Emergency room, as did Eric Frazer, psychologist who has not seen the girls in more than five years. As per evidence, when Eric Frazer did see the girls for ten minutes of a deeply flawed meeting, proper attention to vetting and discrediting his 2011 report never took place because of inadequate/incompetent attorney representation.

The actions of the psychiatrist in the emergency room will be fully documented and referred to the Connecticut Medical Board Complaint Division.

Just as I think that I cannot imagine a worse case, greater suffering, greater rank stupidity, ineptitude, I come across the case for which I have enclosed the complaints already forwarded. We have direct knowledge of crimes that we assert are being willfully suppressed by your incompetent, ignorant, compromised staff whom we assert have been co-opted by the power, influence, money of Father's Rights groups in Connecticut; (see literature/advertising attached to this letter) . We are aware that Eric Frazer, and the lawyer for the father are all father's rights advocates and advertise as such. The overall micromanagement of the case by the lawyer in conjunction with the “expert witness” is thoroughly

irregular. All of the players in this case, who stand between clinical and legal corroboration of the children (teenage girls) deprived of all legal and clinical protections are associated with Fathers Rights groups and have a history of advertising overtly as Fathers Rights advocates. These groups gain power and influence by trading referrals and assuring each other of success in court, not through excellence or skill, but through influence peddling and malignant processes of threats, intimidation – involving the power of your agency. In the case involved, your staff have launched a coordinated effort to threaten and intimidate the children under their control. The children have been threatened with being subject to their worst nightmare, separation from each other, following complete and abject separation from their mother and their extended family.

Evidence of their intimidation and the strong arm tactics used against them, the coordination of power and influence by attorneys, mental health professionals, exists. Such hard evidence will be used to protect them and to indict the practices of an agency that places the fox in charge of the hen house, elevating an accused child sexual abuser to the position of teacher in a program alerting parents to sexual abuse in the camp program, where he has been a long time camp Director at Woodway Country Club, in Darien, Connecticut. This camp Director has an institutional history, though undisclosed, of inappropriate behavior with teenage girls and children. He no longer works as a teacher, but rather as a carpenter in his own business.

Scott Powell having succeeded in undermining the girl's credibility, having threatened and intimidated them into recanting parts of their story related to their escape from the home of their accused abuser, now feels in control again. Relaxed in his own home, despite cameras, he hits the buttocks of his younger daughter, Elizabeth, in front of the camera installed by DCF. Elizabeth commented, her father laughed, “oops”, they are not going to do anything anyhow”.(5/20/16, 5/21/16).

Grabbing/ patting Elizabeth's buttocks, Caroline's breasts are acts of aggressive sexual incursion listed by the girls, dismissed by DCF staff, are now on camera. The girls complained about this behavior, more aggressively acted out in privacy, but in a moments lapse Scott Powell impulsively engages, as he considers the girls “his property” and as per report sand tells them so.

Just as Jerry Sandusky, former assistant football coach of Pennsylvania State, convicted serial child, abuser, Dennis Hastert, former fifty first, long serving Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives, from Illinois, indicted child sexual abuser and former Rabbi Marc Gaffney, now a subject of numerous publications and articles dealing with his history of child abuse, committed in the homes, midst the families of his victims were brought to justice, the accused abuser, Scott Powell will not be allowed to languish under the veil of secrecy. He has forcibly, through threats, intimidation, the malfeasance of a dysfunctional Family Court, charm offensive before those whose interests it is to protect the cottage industry of Fathers Rights, been able to hide in plain sight. We expect that Scott Powell's reign of terror over his children, his ex wife, his former in laws, will not be allowed to prevail, either in his control over his children, whom have aggressively given evidence against him and continue to speak truth to power, even if behind his back, in the supposed confidentiality of the client therapist sanctuary.

I have no question that you are well aware of the plethora of bad publicity that your agency accumulates, a matter of obvious indifference to you. We fully acknowledge that the court of public opinion has never had an effect on your agency. We expect , however, that your agency will become responsive to the depth and breadth of legal action you will face as evidence of the harm and suffering for which your staff, Ethel Moore, caseworker and Tim Welch, supervisor, Bridgeport/Norwalk, Region

1, Norwalk Office, have been responsible and will be held personally accountable. You may think that you are covered by statutes of immunity, we suggest that think again as legal, judicial, sovereign immunity are a particular subject of our expertise. The callous cruelty, institutional ineptitude, failure to protect on any level, vulnerable children for whom your agency was entrusted is truly chilling. The level of abject stupidity/incompetence of your Intensive Family Program - “treatment “ modality is truly laughable if it were not soooo sadistically calibrated to cause pain:

1 -Who in their right mind attempts to force a child who has been sexually abused, has a documented history of sexual assault, to have that person wear a blind fold to gain trust with the father they have vociferously charged with multiple forms of abuse (see attached Protective Order, which only partly lists the charges against Scott Powell.

2 - The idea that the accused abuser, has a home work list that includes his listing one statement per day of a positive statement or action related to the girls, is nothing less than incomprehensible. Affirmations for an obsessed abuser who has been allowed to continue his reign of terror – truly novel!

3 -The therapist who suggested such absurd inanities as “have you said to your Dad, it makes me uncomfortable when you touch my breasts”. We at the FCVFC are uncomfortable with the thought that such a therapist is allowed to remain in practice in addition to ignoring her role as a mandated reporter. Her statements have been referred to the Board of Public Health.

4 – Members of your team have organized around the mandates of Eric Frazer, PsyD whose deeply flawed, never countered psychological evaluations have spear headed the deeply flawed defense of accused abuser, Scott Powell. The recommendation that a teenager who is the victim of sexual assault, neglect and abuse be forced to attend an IOP, mixed gender group as a treatment modality is beyond absurd.

5 – The “Safety Plan” in effect, involving wiring by video – audio? In the living areas of the house, and not the bedrooms is beyond absurd. Child sexual abuse charges and DCF avoids wiring bedrooms. When the girls were returned to the residence of Scott Powell, the accused abuser is reported to have taken Caroline into his bedroom, closed the door and said,” Caroline, all those things you said about my abusing you.....they never happened.....”

Supposed treatment modalities, such as the IOP program, were used to silence the victims under threats of institutionalization in a hospital or foster care, or with separate interventions for each sister.

The complaint to the Board of Public Health against Cody O'Connell is attached. Implicit in the complaint is the admonition to her client that if she, Cody O'Connell reports abuse, Caroline will end up like a student in her school who is well known to her. Evan Monahan was placed in foster care and eventually released. This individual is well known to have been severely beaten and abused in foster care and continues to bear the most severe emotional stigmata of suffering in foster care. This individual also serves as a constant real time threat, a visual, of what “foster care” as a destructive, frightening force means. Reputedly the subject was released from foster care under the understanding that if released, the family would not sue Connecticut DCF.

Prior to the girls removal from the custody of their protective parent and extended family, in 2011, charges of physical, emotional, sexual abuse were lodged and ignored by your agency. The extent of damages against your institution are to say the least, significant and will be pursued to the greatest possible extent of the law. Limited documentation of some of the evidence that exists has been attach to this complaint.

This case is being brought to your attention for investigation of your staff, investigation of your practices, review of the sources of intellectual direction and development. Finally, we would hope that the case set to be closed will remain open pending further Judicial consideration and police investigation. The only protection available to these girls at this point in time, given the surreal flow of events, is the continued investigation process, unimpeded. Sound, credible evidence does exist, is available and needs to be presented in an atmosphere of proper Judicial decorum, with stalwart representation of the girls. The urgency of intervention in this case is compelled by the currently reported intent of the accused abuser to move from Connecticut to Ohio, further isolating his daughters under his power, authority and isolation.

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