

## Statement on Government Agencies Dealing with Families & Children

Whether the acronym is:

DYFS – the division of youth and family services

CPS – child protective services

Foster care through state funded agencies

Adoption services through the state funded agencies

We have rarely if ever come across a state employee who is empowered to make decisions with regard to removal of a child/children from the natural parent that is either competent to make such a decision or whom upon making such a decision arrives at a correct decision.

Our long, in depth experience dealing with government bureaucracies has raised our cynicism level to a point of being able to say that power, control, lack of transparency, oversight, inability for parental intervention has created a monstrous agency whose workers feed on power and control and are allowed such power and control because of the money generated by caseworkers inured to acute suffering.

We in fact go further in our assessment of the functioning of such state agencies empowered to forcibly remove children with the assistance of police whom may arrive at all hours of the day or night to forcibly remove children. Our experience is that the selection process in hiring staff is geared toward hiring personnel who are incapable of empathy or concern for child or parent and who thoroughly lack the intellectual skills to comprehend psychodynamic issues related to parenting, bonding, child development or any form of risk assessment.

Those responsible for perpetuating/fostering the widespread deprivation and abuse of children falls squarely in the hands of professionals who fail to report, complain, indict, study a highly corrupt system. Further, politicians exponentially increase the growth, power, wealth of this system – not unlike the prison system which is a privatized money making enterprise.

The concatenation of the power of the family courts in conjunction with the characteristics by which we indict the agencies empowered to warehouse, traffic, neglect, abuse, experiment on children seized into “The System” is monumentally destructive.

The position of the FCVFC is that the entire child/family welfare system is a monumental failure. Our position is that the responsibility of all mental health/social policy/legal, family court practitioners, politicians have a sworn moral/ethical responsibility to protect the rights of parents and children and to secure services, finance, education and to make accurate diagnostic assessments for the best interest, of all parties preferentially with the cooperation of all parties.

Having stated all of the above, we wish to note that the foundation strives to combat social forces that are inimical to the public interest and to protect our clients from identified destructive

systems and functionaries of such systems. Designation of those who become engaged with the system understandably the first reaction to any form of contact with authoritarian agencies is fear and loathing.

Simplistically stated we tend to find that the families we see are most often some combination of the groups we describe as :

The fearless fighters

The know it alls

Thoroughly intimidated individuals who abandon their children

Protective parents

Abusive parents

Highly pathological individuals

Couples locked into highly pathological interactions where children have little to no importance

Individuals with secrets to hide

Under any and all circumstances focus must be on accurate psychodynamic understanding of the client (s) and the family/social dynamic.