### Removing children from "Unsafe Homes"



On the morning of April 22, 2000 Attorney General Janet Reno woke to a very big problem: a series of seven pictures, snapped by AP photographer Alan Diaz, of agents seizing 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez. Television and the Internet displayed images of a terrified child confronted by a heavily armed, helmeted, goggled, bodyarmored commando.

Polls taken that weekend indicated that a plurality of Americans were troubled by the raid's brutality. People understood the images as illustrating a disturbing level of government force in an American Home.

#### **ARE YOU NEXT?**



### **Melissa Gaston**

In 1996, Melissa Gaston, age 5, was literally stolen out of the front yard where she and her father, Will Gaston, were living.

Melissa has not been returned to her father although he was never charged with any crime. In foster homes, she has been raped, burned as a method of punishment, and, at age 6, a porn film was made of her by a foster mother, at the direction of a caseworker for State of Oregon Services for Children and Families.

This outrageous case is still unresolved. Oregon has done EVERYTHING short of KILLING the Gastons trying to silence them. Visit them at http://www.avoiceforchildren.com

### What you should know Before it happens

**DO NOT** spank your child in public. Avoid yelling and be careful about name calling (Like calling your child a "dummy").

**DO NOT** do anything that could appear Sexual with children.

**DO** educate yourself on CPS rules and regulations. They violate their own rules and your constitutional rights regularly. DO educate yourself by reading all information available to you from Family Rights advocates sources available on the Internet.

**DO NOT** trust any CPS official, no matter how friendly they act. They are not your friends!

**Be aware** that CPS can take your children out of class, interrogate them, strip search them, photograph them, remove them from school, x-ray them, medicate them, place them in foster care or other state-run institutions, all without your knowledge, notification or consent.

**DO** file a written notice with all medical professionals that you or any member of our family have seen restricting them from discussing your medical history with anyone unless authorized by you in writing.

**DO NOT** let CPS case workers or police inside your house unless they have a warrant. If they insist on seeing your child call the child to the door or a window.

DO NOT open the door. DO tell them you will not talk to them without your attorney present, even if you don't have an attorney. ESPECIALLY do not relent when they threaten you! Demand your Constitutional Rights.

Do ask them if you are under arrest and free to leave. If not-SHUT UP! If so—absolutely shut up.

**DO NOT GIVE CPS** caseworkers or the police any information in defense of yourself. CPS will take anything you say and twist it to use against you. BE firm but polite and courteous at all times.

**DO NOT** allow CPS officials to provoke you. An angry response will be used against you. **DO** keep your composure at all times.

**DO** tape record or VIDEO TAPE all conversations with CPS officials or representatives when possible. If you do not have a tape recorder call a trusted friend to come over and be a witness. If possible, have one or more trusted friends present whenever you or your children speak with CPS officials or police.

**DO document** all interviews, phone calls, events or altercations as thoroughly as possible. (Write things down as soon as possible after an interview or telephone call. You may have a legal right to record telephone calls. Do so if possible.)

**Do** locate and preserve any evidence corroborating your innocence. **DO NOT** rely on others to do this.

NOTE: This information is for educational purposes only. It is not legal advice.

# FAMILY SURVIVAL INFORMATION

When Your Local
Children's
Protective Service
Takes an interest in
YOUR FAMILY



"When the people no longer read or understand their Constitution, then they will live in a POLICE STATE" -Robert Wangrud

EACH CHILD in YOUR FAMILY has a 1 in 25 chance of being the subject of a child abuse/ neglect investigation this year. On the other hand, the chance of getting a flat tire on the family car is 1 in 70 (including Firestones).



http://FamilyRightsAssociation.com

### A Social Worker Knocks on Your Door....

### Does that strike TERROR in your heart?

Sadly today, almost anyone can relate a story about a miscarriage of justice. They may personally know someone or heard about a tragic case from friends, relatives, co-workers, or on TV— Parents crucified for false allegations of child abuse, children violently removed from their homesnever to return, people sent to prison for years for crimes they didn't commit, functioning families DESTROYED.

CPS builds such ABSURD cases that many make it to investigative TV shows like PBS Frontline.

ANYONE can phone Child Abuse Hotline and say anything they want, NEVER to be held accountable. You will NEVER be able "to be confronted with the witnesses against him" (Your 6th Amendment Right).



They seem friendly, So why be so scared?

Your local CPS will send somebody to talk with your kids at school. The kids will be COERCED into talking. And like the Art Linkletter TV show of yesteryear-

## "Kids Say the Darndest Things"

Later, the social worker, maybe with a policeman,

knocks on your door. "There's been a report. WE would like to ask a few questions to get this cleared up. May we come in?"

The accusation is so bizarre and ridiculous that you're SURE you will be able to easily clear it up. You don't think you have anything to hide and you don't know any better, so you let them in, GIVING AWAY your 4th Amendment Right about Search Warrants, your 5th Amendment Right against self-incrimination, and your Miranda Right to have counsel present. So it begins...

### Why is a Social Worker asking questions?

She has three kinds of accusation to bring:

### **Abuse Categories**

Physical Abuse ranging from Severe to Mild Sexual Abuse ranging from Severe to Mild Emotional Abuse ranging from Severe to Mild

### **Neglect Categories**

Severe life threatening neglect/medical neglect Neglect ranging from Chronic to Mild

Who Knows Category- New

Threat of Harm- Vague and VERY dangerous

The social worker **SUBJECTIVELY** assigns **SE-VERITY** by **WHAT SHE IMAGINES HAPPENED**, and **HOW OLD** the child is.

What <u>you think</u> Abuse or Neglect is— is <u>entirely</u> <u>different than</u> what CPS calls Abuse and Neglect. That's how you can be drawn into DEEP TROUBLE over the SILLIEST things.

#### THEIR DEFINITIONS

**Definition of Neglect**- Neglect is failure, whether intentional or not, to provide and maintain adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, supervision and protection, and/or nurturing.

Definition of Physical Abuse- Physical abuse is non-accidental injury to a child which, regardless of motive, is inflicted or allowed to be inflicted by a caretaker. Physical abuse includes but is not limited to any injury which could not reasonably be the result of the explanation given, and/or any injury which is the result of discipline or punishment.

**Definition of Sexual Abuse-** Sexual abuse and sexual exploitation is any incident of sexual contact including **but not limited to** rape, sodomy, incest, and sexual penetration with a foreign object.

Definition of Emotional Abuse- Mental injury is the result of cruel or unconscionable acts and/or statements made, threatened to be made or permitted to be made by the caretaker which have a direct effect on the child; or caretaker failure to provide nurturance, protection or appropriate quidance.

### **What Happens Next**

If you are WEALTHY, they will NEVER mess with you, because your top-notch lawyer that is on retainer and available on a moment's notice will tear them to shreds. Then too, you might call your pals in the U.S. SENATE and cause LOTS of trouble. You should anyhow.

Otherwise, you are **GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT**. You have to prove your innocence. The social worker is a children's advocate, not an impartial investigator. CPS agencies are fueled with **BILLION \$ of DOLLAR\$** and **HIGHLY MOTIVATED** to INCREASE the head count in the **MEAT GRINDER**.



If you earn a decent wage, live in a decent house, are married, have no run-in's with the law, and have SOME stature in the community, (In other words, if your character appears unimpeachable, while the witnesses' character does not)-

If Johnnie or Suzie told the social worker they fell off the bicycle or down the stairs or hurt themselves on the trampoline, *THINGS MIGHT be OK*.

Whether you **DID or DID NOT** spank, hit, slap, or **Emotionally Injure** the child, you are going to **AT LEAST** get counseling, and go to a "Parenting Class" to be tutored in the **New Age** drivel.

If you did Sexually Abuse a child, you deserve what you get. If you **DID NOT**, you are in a battle for your LIFE.

If you are poor, or a minority, and have NO stature in the community-The state gets up to \$6000 BO-NUS from the Feds if they get your child (preferably UNDER 5 years old) adopted. (FAMILY PRESERVATION is no longer the goal under the new ASFA act of 1997).

The scenarios above represent what happens if you don't know your rights, and don't know anything about CPS BEFORE you get involved with them.

By the time you figure out -

THIS IS SERIOUS
you have already GIVEN them your
Constitutional Rights
and your lunch, and they
HAVE THEIR BOGUS CASE BUILT