

Child “Protective” Services
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In recent weeks, the Foundation has received several new referrals pertaining to the agencies that are held responsible for Child Protection Services, designated as CPS, DPS, DCFS, and DYFS. The Foundation receives referrals from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Nevada, Texas, and California – and while the acronyms for child protective services differ from state to state, they share in common the same concerning core issues.

Agencies responsible for child protection share a frightening level of power: They have a disturbing capacity to swoop into families’ lives, remove children based upon allegations that were created by court appointees. These court appointees are defended or employed by the Attorney General’s office, wielding financial and personal authority over those who are unfortunate enough to fall beneath their umbrella of control.

It’s overwhelming to be confronted with the policy of “If I say so, it’s true” – especially when confronting such falsehoods subjects the accused to insults and threats from judges, lawyers, psychologists, and social workers who control the information and the witnesses that provide the information that the defense relies upon.

These agencies benefit from the ability to control the acceptability of the evidence that they submit to the court because if they say that a document is “Certified,” it’s expected to be accepted by the court as factual and true. That document can actually contain false information that would easily be shown to be erroneous, but is bolstered because it’s “Certified.”

Among our recent cases, “certified” documents stated that a child was adopted in one state. Other government documents, however, proved that the child in question was born to the accused family in a totally different state. Blank documents were submitted stating that a child had no vaccinations. The accurate document that our defense submitted showed that the child had received all vaccinations in a timely manner. Further, the child in question couldn’t have attended school without vaccinations – and our documents substantiated that the child had attended school.

Further, these agencies can protect their documents from scrutiny by classifying them as “Confidential.” Thus, various professionals who work with these agencies can gain power, authority, and notoriety by currying favor with these agencies, referring cases, and having those cases substantiated for whatever claim the agency wishes to hurl at vulnerable subjects. These agencies can then accrue federal funding through Social Security and other financial rewards that can be tapped through Health and Human Services.

Preying on vulnerable populations by manipulating power and control is a lucrative business for far too many professionals. Confrontation and exposure of this fraud is the only antidote to this bureaucratic manipulation that sanctions child abuse, transfers children from poor families to wealthy families, and results in children’s deaths because of inadequate assessment skills.

The Foundation For the Child Victims of the Family Courts goes where others fear to tread.