

National Post Kevin Libin: Readers detail rarely-seen ugly side of child-protection agencies Posted: June 16, 2009, 4:36 PM by Kevin Libin

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My in-depth look at the tremendous power and frequent unaccountability of [Canada's child welfare agencies](#) has touched a nerve, and inspired an outpouring of response from parents, teachers and social workers across the country, many of them recounting the most harrowing experiences with what they describe as abusive, incompetent, arrogant and unaccountable child welfare authorities.

The piece even elicited a quick Twitter response from the Ontario Ombudsman, [André Marin](#), who, as the official public watchdog of the province, has long worked to pull the Children's Aid Societies into the universe of his investigative power, to help improve that accountability. His tweeted response to the story: "*CAS has long used your money to ward off oversight. Don't forget, you and I fund this network of agencies.*" And about oversight, he said: "*They oppose it vigorously, tho they need it badly.*"

Of course, there are undoubtedly many, many child welfare workers and agencies that do excellent, responsible work. Here, however, are some clips of just a few of the reports from readers that detail a much uglier, rarely seen side of child-protection agencies (the law requires that all names be concealed).

"Thank goodness someone finally did a piece on the most monstrous institution in existence today."

My husband and I both hold university degrees. We have one child. We were married and prepared before bringing him into the world. We care for his every need and already have money put aside for him for college. We-like every other parent have bought him every device necessary for his health and well being, baby monitors, special bottles etc.

My husband and I disagree on things and we bicker a lot so we decided to go in for counseling to strengthen our marriage. We brought our 3 year old with us. The new, inexperienced counselor decided to ask the baby "if mommy and daddy fight in the house" the child's answer was "yes" although it could have been yes to anything. "Does your mother communicate with aliens?, or do you have lunch with Spiderman?"

The counselor called CAS and they became part of our lives . . . The woman who came in seemed bossy and started telling me what to do, how I should run my life. . . .To make a very long story short...the social worker threatened to "apprehend" my child because my husband and I did not want to conform to her demand for a six-month separation period between us because she felt that "the child was in "potential for risk" of emotional abuse. All I could think of was "doesn't everyone in the world face the potential for risk?" What the hell does that mean? We could not believe this was happening. With all those truly bad parents out there WE were now facing court with CAS . . .We were over powered, we felt helpless, there was no agency more powerful that we could call on for help. We ended up going to court with the CAS and were forcibly divided. We used our son's college money to pay for the lawyer. My husband and I fell into a deep depression. I asked my boss if I could go part time, because the stress was killing me. It deeply affected all of my family, and my close friends too. It was scary that this was a Canadian institution; it felt like we were living in a dystopian universe, with no personal freedoms.

Please government of Canada REIN in the powers of the CAS it is long



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overdue!

I did thirty years of child protection work without screwing up . . . About caseload size. There is a lot of myth about this. I have handled caseloads of thirty and more without a problem. It is largely a matter of focus . . . What really matters is demand for work and the amount of work actually done. I have evaluated numerous caseloads and I have found that some caseloads grew and grew simply because the workers were not accomplishing anything. . . .A supervisor once asked me to evaluate a caseload for him because he was too busy to do it himself and a staff member had just left. I closed 35 of the 40 cases, because there was no need to keep them open.



Since retiring twenty years ago I have done a lot of advocacy work and I have built up a shocking dossier of abuse by social workers, who were fully aided and abetted by their superiors at every level. Nobody seems to care about it. Politicians are scared to touch them.

Full Comment: Full Pundit

I applaud you for the time and effort it has taken you to write the article. Three families (including myself) , from here in Calgary, have experienced these types of abuses from social services. My MLA got me my children back. I was attending school, and had to withdraw due to my children being apprehended. My children also had no beds in foster care and were told not to complain, or they would be separated. When they did complain, I was told by the caseworker that the children were lying. 2 days later, after contacting my MLA, the foster parents had to buy my children beds.

My girlfriend's children have been gone for a year now, no abuse: a domestic dispute, and no evidence. The other family is being constantly threatened to have their children apprehended [for doing things] including feeding their children Kraft Dinner.

I applaud you for the well-constructed article about the state of [child protection] in Ontario; the immense immunity & powers of agency workers . . .

I have an amazing tale to tell about my own experiences with CAS, having lost custody of 3 children nearly 9 years ago after a violent marriage & entrusting their care to in-laws, for a personal reprieve, who couldn't be bothered & voluntarily relinquished them to authorities. As a result I've been engaged in nearly 9 years of litigation, left self-represented on a 2009 Court application, after being frozen out of Legal Aid....I could write volumes & pray that some day the madness will stop. I am truly the epitome of what your article says, about the situation with poverty, lack of supports & resources to leave the abusive marriage . . . the children were UNTOUCHED, but being intimidated, coerced & manipulated by the CAS worker, in my "then" naiveté, into signing "voluntary care agreements" etc., only solidifying my family's demise, whilst my universe was falling apart, hoping to regain custody of my children to face an interminable DECADE of battles within battles just for the privilege of maybe seeing my kids; always under the overhead of "we owe no duty of care to you" . . .

It was only this past fall that I was telling a wonderful man who was adopted through the Toronto Catholic CAS about the disaster that this agency still is. [This] man was adopted into a family that should not have been able to raise hamsters let alone children . . .

I told him about the long list of horror stories still happening including Jeffrey Baldwin. The Ontario audit that disclosed CAS managers were jetting around the countryside with money allotted for children—this with

a list of dead children that seems to grow yearly. The rash of lawsuits against them, and the fact that it remains a cesspool of secrecy, corruption and lies.

What bothers me the most is not just what these agencies have got away with in the past, no, it is that they are still doing the same thing. They are no more accountable now than they were 66 years ago when this man had the misfortune of being in their clutches.

Congratulations Mr. Libin on such a good article. Having been through CAS in foster care and adopted via them, I can assure you the anger I have towards them is huge. I've written to no avail requesting oversight of them for years . . .it is a disgrace that the Ombudsman is not being allowed to help in sorting out this festering disaster.

I just want to say thank you for standing up and doing this article about the CAS, very few have the guts to do so.

I am one of those parents who are still after 5 yrs fighting to get 3 of my children back from those baby stealers . . .I went to the CAS for help for someone to look after my children while I attended cancer treatment only to be [told] by the male worker . . . If I didn't do what he wanted he would take my children, in the end I didn't and he did. He falsified reports and affidavits to the court and shortly after was transferred across the province to cover it up we believe. It didn't even go to a trial as legal aid had run out after 17 months . . . so I took the deal they offered under duress and took the 2 children they offered to me, leaving my other 3 to be beaten, abused and mentally/emotionally terrorized by these people. I live with the guilt of leaving my children in that situation every day of my life and I haven't stopped fighting to get my 3 boys back . . .

I am supposed to have access to the other 3 children but am always denied it by the CAS office involved . . . My 3 children are alone and, as in your article are being drugged on things, like Seroquel to control them because they want to come home. The things they have done to my children I would never dream of . . . the child abusers are minding the children with no one overseeing their actions and that has to stop before anymore families are destroyed.

I commend you on taking this issue to the public. No one disputes the need for intervention to assist families and children in need. However in many areas a culture of impunity and corruption now dominates the closed, secret system of lawyers, judges and social workers who administer "protection". Child [protection] is now a multi billion dollar business on Canada, and the pursuit of power and profit has placed the interests of the "system" before the interest of families and children . . .

I am a direct witness to corruption and abuse in the Quebec care system (DPJ) and can provide documentation and corroboration of serious corruption and abuse at all levels of the system . . . bold lies, prevarication, false testimony, perjury and collusion in the court room . . .

For many years here in Ontario the Children's Aid has shown to be one of the most corrupt corporations and it is not getting any better. In Oshawa, a priest sued them and won however it cost him over \$300,000 to finally have a judge charge the CAS with corruption and lying on documents. You know what they did? They moved the worker from Oshawa to London Ontario even after she was charged with crimes against him.

I wish to thank you for telling the truth as no one seems to be doing anything about this and it has got to the point where a parent can't parent anymore in Ontario and all it takes is a phone call to turn a parents life upside down. I emailed your story to all the MP's and MPP's in Oshawa but I know it won't make a difference.

Sadly your article missed a very critical issue completely, what happens when the parent calls them for help!? I did, under the guidance and recommendation of Youthdale (a centre my defiant and aggressive son was an in-patient [at] 2 years ago) when I reached out to them for help, when his rages escalated and our living conditions were untenable . . . what had ended up happening is my now 15 year old son has been living the life of Riley at a home I REFUSED to permit he go, and is calling all the shots! I have not seen or heard my child's voice for nearly nine months now.

I merely did what Youthdale said I had to do to get the process in place to have my son put in residential treatment. Instead, my child declared he wanted no treatment of any sort and to go live hundreds of miles awayCAS all these months . . . continues to say "we can't make him do what he doesn't want to do" . . . I've been told I am to "just get used to life without him." Clearly most of these social workers are not actually parents.!!!

I just read your article on Children's Aid Societies. I could not agree more with what you described there . . .

The sad thing is that it might be that without this monstrous system, there might be some abuses, but probably less than the amount of abuses at the hands of social workers or other kids in province's care. I am also sure that as abusers of children and pedophiles congregate where kids are, similarly a certain kind of people would pursue such careers.

I am not in the least surprised that Canadians react to such injustices by decreasing the amount of children they have to the point that Canada must import hundred of thousands of new immigrants (who don't know about these abuses) to pay the pension bill. The Children's Aid societies try to impose the Marxian view that children should be taken from their parents and being raised by the state.

Thank you for bringing this issue to the forefront where it deserves to be. Congratulation to you and NP for this great article!!!

Great story . . . Recently I was interrogated by a CAS worker in Woodstock Ontario who entered my home without warrant. That social worker came as a result of a supposed "anonymous" call. She claimed that the caller stated that I smoked Marijuana in my home and they were "concerned" about my disabled sons' behaviour. She stated that the prime reason for the interrogation was because my AUTISTIC son acted erratic (I would think that if he acted "normal" at any point I would have a heart attack!) . . . She said that she spent time in university and that she could "detect" a faint odour of marijuana in my home. We stated that was ridiculous. . . I was [once given an] award from Premier Dalton McGuinty for providing an exemplary role as a parent of a disabled person .

This organization should be looked at. They are non-accountable to the taxpayer, and routinely abuse whatever limited powers they have. Generally the people that are abused by them, are unable to defend themselves and through the usage of voluntary agreements are forced to participate in drug testing, parenting classes, and other "state" approved programs that are intended to do nothing for families but everything for the alleviation of the "states' guilt".

I just read your article in the National Post. I want to thank you for writing this article. My life, my family life and everything I had been working for all my life is now almost destroyed because of the CAS. I haven't been able to be with my kids for the last 2 weeks and CAS hasn't

talked with me at all. They only have a small piece of the story and based on that I have now so many problems. I'm really afraid even writing this email because of the consequences, they have so much power.

What a great story . . . CAS is so corrupt . . . As an advocate in Ontario I have seen 1000s of cases and read all information on the cases. From police officer who were former crown wards to doctor being threatened to favor CAS and being over-paid to do it. The most common thing I see is discrimination. Why have the charter when a parent loses their child because they are legally blind or in a wheelchair? Julian Fantino said it best in 2001 "we can find a missing car in 24 hours but a missing child maybe never found, that's child protection in Ontario." But, great story. Families affected by cas/cfsa need more stories like this one to tell the truth.

I read your above article recently, and my wife and I couldn't agree more. The CAS is a spun out institution where the presumption of guilt reigns.

My wife and I have a 16-month-old daughter who is in an expensive daycare in Markham. My wife received a call about bruising on our daughter's legs (thick of thigh area) on a Wed. We explained how it happened, given she is super mobile and had a fall while 'investigating' our walk in shower—I was standing right beside her.

A week and 2 days later, as the bruising was subsiding, but darker, the daycare called me to advise the CAS was contacted and coming to check our daughter . . .

We are two professionals that are great parents. We wouldn't harm anything, much less our pride and joy. We were appalled at the lack of judgment of the daycare as well as the audacity of the CAS. And yes, 'apprehension' was mentioned through the process . . .

I'm filing complaints against the daycare and the CAS because of this ordeal . . . The experience was only mildly short of a death in the immediate family in terms of stress, pain and emotional turmoil. It was the worst day of my life, short of my father's recent passing . . .

Thank you for highlighting the CAS' completely ill-founded and distorted evolution.

A friend of mine is a lawyer with CAS in Kingston. Awhile ago, I, as a joke, I suggested that with the current laws and attitudes towards smoking that they would soon be taking children away from parents who smoked. She completely missed my satire and said something like, "Well, we have to consider everything in the welfare of the children."

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by Horatio
Dunesbury
Jun 16 2009
2:56 PM

Wow, this is unbelievable. Thank you Kevin and National Post for exposing the government's corruption once again.

Career politicians may be craven egotistical corrupt maniacs, but they wont ruin your life like a bureaucrat can.

I believe these agencies ought to be exposed much like the Human Rights Commissions were exposed. An ongoing campaign to "denormalize" these agencies

ought to be orchestrated right away.

These people make me sick. A couple of years ago a movie was made in Quebec about the DPJ (their version), and it was very similar to the above stories.

by Fred_001
Jun 16 2009
3:04 PM

What kind of totalitarian gulag has Canada become?

The CAS can invade your home without a warrant and abduct your children without judicial process for nothing more than hearsay.

The Ontario SPCA can search your property without a warrant, confiscate your animals without due process on any flimsy excuse, and then bill you for it all.

The CHRC can convict you of printing something that is absolutely true for no better reason than that it "might" someday cause some imaginary person to feel contempt for someone else, and ban you from ever speaking of it again or be jailed.

What kind of totalitarian gulag has Canada become?

by ZeeBC
Jun 16 2009
3:16 PM

There must be tens of thousands of similar horror stories out there. Busybody Jerks who deliberately destroy people's lives should face jail terms IMO. Will any kids be removed from polygamist marriages when one kid is favoured over another? Would they try it with a radical Muslim family?

by Horatio
Dunesbury
Jun 16 2009
3:42 PM

ZeeBC: good point - the combination of political correctness with unaccountable uber-powerful bureaucrats is scary indeed. Check out this story from the UK:

"In 2006, gay foster parents Craig Faunch and Ian Wathey were jailed for paedophile offences against boys at their home in Pontefract, West Yorkshire. The couple had been the first gay foster parents in Yorkshire. An inquiry found social workers had regarded them as 'trophy carers' and failed to respond to signs of abuse because they feared being accused of discrimination. Gay adoption provoked a major political row in 2007 when Labour's Sexual Orientation Regulations made it unlawful for adoption agencies to refuse to help gay prospective parents."

www.dailymail.co.uk/.../Slurred-adoption-Nazis-Critics-gay-parenting-branded-retarded-homophobes.html

by Warwick1
Jun 16 2009
3:47 PM

Government equals force. More government equals more force. No surprise.

Between the HRC's and CAS's they've cornered the market on "applied Orwell."

One day, someone will be pushed so far as to go postal on them. I will not be unhappy.

by Warwick1
Jun 16 2009
3:54 PM

Oh, this is also the perfect illustration of the effects of tyranny of the state set upon a good intention.

There is nothing more dangerous than a zealot who believes in the justification for thuggery. Nothing kills faster than someone who would crush you under the jackboots of the state - for your own good. Or worse

for the "greater good."

by GuyTron
Jun 16 2009
4:00 PM

Good article and good examples, but some of the posters are intellectually challenged. Trying to blame the Politicians for the government bureaucrats crimes is as stupid as not blaming the judges and lawyers who thrive on causing suffering, whether you are innocent or not.

by Sassylassie
Jun 16 2009
4:23 PM

Guy the politicians are doing nothing about the bureaurat's alleged corruption and wrong doing and lives are being destroyed.

Three words of advice: Class Action Law Suit against the government and the CAS. Form a group for the victims of CAS and organize and shut them down.

I don't reconize Ontario anymore, it's become a province run like a despotic nation where the words accountability and freedom aren't applicable.

by Straightup
Jun 16 2009
4:37 PM

Guy...I think the other posters were quite specific and critized the bureaucrats. If they blamed the politicians it's for not doing anything about the obvious abuses of power.

Thanks for the article...Many times I've written against our bureaucrats. Less gov = Good.

Money can't buy you class and education won't obtain you intelligence.

by Straightup
Jun 16 2009
4:39 PM

Sassy you need some cash to do that or a lawyer that thinks it'll help their career.

Don't diss ON...AB is the same nonsense. In fact we have one of the worst abusing HRC's.

by Anonymous66
Jun 16 2009
4:55 PM

That's appalling.

One thing strikes me as HIGHLY implausible, though. Does it seem at all possible that someone's kids would be seized "because the parents fed them Kraft Dinner"?

Unless they're feeding them nothing BUT Kraft Dinner, I really doubt that the CAS are going to go seizing kids for eating something that about 98% of other children also eat.

by Sassylassie
Jun 16 2009
4:58 PM

Straighup many lawyers will file class actions lawsuits for a share of the pain and suffering and liability awards usually 30 percent of the damages awarded. You only pay for office work, i.e. letters etc.

Stay strong maybe the real Conservatives will overthrow the red Tories posing as a Conservative Government in Alberta.

by Straightup
Jun 16 2009
5:19 PM

Sassy...well then that's clearly not happening enough. So either folks don't think they can or lawyers aren't interest.

The Wild Rose crew won't be doing much anytime soon. In fact they lost the one seat they had in the last election.

And its about money and power. Idiologies are for the media and they've simply been in power too long.

by maths1
Jun 16 2009
5:51 PM

Admirable journalism: still only the tip of the proverbial/Provincial iceberg, with minorities* penalized in public service, police* and Courts* for opposing government agencies (there are others) driving tanks through perfectly good, intelligent and principled marriages.

Remember the parents and children who (permanently or temporarily) "solve the problem" by flight overseas to sanity sanctuary.

For one radical and instant reform (for illustration/discussion):

Replace/recruit case workers through successful grandparents (e.g. REAL women of Canada) with time to spare, and experience galore instead of ego-centric "Graduate Social workers".

* Visit: ottawamaths.spaces.live.com

(for the twenty or so essays

1: shut out of TVO throughout its three decades, as producers defy executive: exception excellent web-site

2: which evicted me from offices, homes, and "judicially, twice" burned my books,

3: black-listed me at York(EDUCAN), Carleton and Ottawa U (the Governing Body Rackets),

Still finding publication easier at Oxford U. than in Ontario.

Arnold Guetta mathematician

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by RobertA9
Jun 16 2009
6:25 PM

The child is not a creature of the state, nor are parents mere agents of the state in the rearing of children.

by Rectificatif
Jun 16 2009
6:25 PM

Those who have read my posts, I mean, diatribes, know that I detest social workers. Not as individuals, but as a mob of weenie fascists preying on human weakness. They are a vindictive rabble who believe in the power of themselves, because, like some cops on the beat, they're drawn from the poorest of society, and were themselves under the sway of social workers. In short, they're like alcoholics selling alcohol to the addicted.

Nice to see this is finally being documented. Remember: even the HRCs are a branch of social-work. This profession is a make-work project and an organized scam.

by Denis Pakkala
Jun 16 2009
6:39 PM

Fantastic article Kevin,

CAS is unaccountable and cannot be trusted.

I recommend that anyone who has interactions with CAS to secretly record everything, everytime!

They are infected with abusive feminists on power trips.

They are completely void of ethics, honesty, integrity and morality. Good job exposing Canadian Fascism!

by JohnSmith56
Jun 16 2009
6:40 PM

As someone who's been through the CAS Wars, I speak with firsthand knowledge.

Firstly, in Ontario the Courts give the CAS's disproportionate weight in their rulings.

Secondly, the CAS's target those who are economically challenged. The CAS's rarely become involved with people who can afford to legally defend themselves.

Thirdly, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that CAS workers are exempt from civil litigation if the CAS worker BELIEVED that their actions were in a child's best interest. A pretty low standard was set that day.

Finally, in Ontario the gov't spends over \$2B/yr on CAS's but provides no oversight except for cost expenditures. In Ontario, the CAS's are self-regulating. If you have issues with a CAS worker, then you must write the worker a complaint letter. Once the worker writes back and tells you he/she did nothing wrong, then you must write the workers supervisor who will write back and tell you same same as the worker. Once you go through 5 levels in the CAS heirarchy, you can appeal to the CAS President to take the issue to the CAS board. If the CAS President says no, you are out of luck.

A few weeks ago, the Ontario Liberal Government defeated a PC Private Members Bill 130 that would have changed the Ombudsman Act to provide oversight to the Ontario CAS's. The NDP also has a Private Member's Bill 93 which similarly proposes changes to the Ombudsman Act to provide CAS oversight. If you live in Ontario, do not let Bill 93 be defeated.

by JohnSmith56
Jun 16 2009
6:58 PM

Below is a Queen's Park link to Bill 93. If you are concerned about Ontario CAS oversight, please contact your MPP and voice your support for this legislation.

www.ontla.on.ca/.../bills_detail.do

by JohnSmith56
Jun 16 2009
7:02 PM

Here is a Queen's Park link to Private Member's Bill 130 that was defeated by the gov't.

www.ontla.on.ca/.../bills_detail.do

by Denis Pakkala
Jun 16 2009
7:19 PM

borrowed from Rectificatif

1. To what extent are educational the social agencies, e.g., social workers, systemically anti-male, discriminatory, or indifferent to straight men in society?
2. To what extent have the above agencies influenced law, law enforcement, and public policy?
3. To what extent is politically incorrect research (and researchers) suppressed?
4. To what extent is enforcement a product of "moral panic"? Moral panic is when due process and procedure are abandoned in the rush to "look like we're doing the right thing." The need to blame and charge a male, any man, in a domestic dispute is one example.

5. To what extent are all of the above preventing the media (esp. State-supported media like CBC) from reporting the story accurately?

by Rectificatif
Jun 16 2009
7:52 PM

Kudos to JohnSmith and Denis P, for great posts above. John fleshes out the sociology of the Brooding Social Worker.

Social-worker training is a Nanny-state boot camp. The entire education of s.w.'s should come under review.

Denis, thanks for the mention of moral panic, which is the base psychosis of political correctness, which began under Stalin as a population-control device.

I believe moral panic is today's term for witch-hunting.

by MarnieTunay
Jun 16 2009
7:59 PM

This situation won't change unless people with evidence will name names. The Supremes' ruling that parents cannot sue those agencies should swing both ways: it should be much easier for parents to get away with naming names as a legitimate effort to obtain accountability. A defamation action would take into account what alternatives to naming names were available and tried.

Personally, I'm a cynical old bat. I would be very sceptical of many of these stories - unless I heard names. If someone's willing to take a stand on the evidence, then I'd be a lot more sympathetic and interested. I would even do what I could to help on one of my blogs: poomansjustice.blogspot, and maybe even on my spaceslive site.

But so far, all I hear is accusations, made by nameless people about other nameless people.

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by Really?
Jun 16 2009
8:15 PM

A buddy of mine had been fighting for his 3 boys for 10 years, the stories he told me were in the same league as all the stories Kevin Libin provided for us. I was aghast, almost didn't believe him, who would think this happens in Canada?

He happened to live across the street from the CAS building in his town. They have what I can only describe as "a cage" in the rear of the building where outdoor supervised visits take place. It was surreal to me, being new to all of it.

One day as we walked by the building to go to his place we witnessed 2 workers waltzing into the front doors with a 6-pack of Coronas! He and I couldn't believe our eyes! We didn't have cellphone cameras or we would have definitely snapped a shot of "our tax dollars in action."

Coincidentally, 3 months later I did some tilesetting at a foster care home where the 60 yr. old couple were renovating their house to the tune of thousands of dollars with the \$\$\$ they received to "care for" the children. In the 2 weeks we spent there I assure all of you, I didn't witness any love!

They cared for 4 kids, and from what I understand they receive in the range of \$3000 per kid per month.

The husband also was very forthright to me about the additional money he made from being "a driver", which meant he was on call to drive other kids to visits with their parents which in some cases was hundreds of kms. away from the foster home. So he pocketed an extra "income" from getting paid mileage at twice the rate anyone else being paid "mileage" gets...

I was disgusted, it took all I had to be civil and diplomatic with this man as I installed the expensive tile in this home.

Bottom line... This is a way for some "foster parents" to generate a huge income, in more ways than one.

Please Andre Martin, please fight like these children are your own, to get the oversight needed in this very, very corrupt and broken social program, to hold them accountable and correct the injustices.

This is not the Canada I was told/taught, I lived in.

by Really?
Jun 16 2009
8:23 PM

Marnie, how many "foster parents" or bureaucrats, or social workers, have come on these comment boards to defend themselves in the last 2 stories Kevin has provided for us? None.

Your cynicism is astounding. Do you get out much?

by Rectificatif
Jun 16 2009
8:26 PM

Marnie, it's hard to understand what you want. The rap against the CAS, detailed here, is that it is a violator of natural justice and due process. When it's not ignoring evidence of child abuse (through laziness), it's doing the opposite, trolling for it and concocting child victims.

Until the CAS swoops down on the families of provincial premiers, politicians won't care. Don't hold your breath.

by JEST
Jun 16 2009
9:03 PM

Whe you incrementally allow your liberty to be usurped by the state.You get Iran.Enjoy.

by Really?
Jun 16 2009
9:06 PM

The part that burns my ass, is that a welfare Mom trying her best, gets what? \$1200 a month to raise her babies... So she's forced to resort to foodbanks, the churches, what ever it takes to get enough \$\$\$ to raise her babies. Yet a "foster couple" will get \$3000 per month to raise those same kids. WTF???

The system is so corroded and corrupt it is beyond comprehension.

by Really?
Jun 16 2009
9:12 PM

For the record, I'm apolitical. I don't give a rats behind whether I sound Liberal, Conservative, or Nanu-Nanu, the bottom line is these children are being used as pawns by people who make me want to puke at how they make their money! (Or get their jollies) The system needs change. FULL STOP!

by GeeM
Jun 16 2009
9:16 PM

The so-called social sciences have much to answer for - from education (teachers), to social workers, to psychologists. These pseudo sciences have

implemented social engineering for probably the last 60 years and all they have done is create disaster in their wake. I would love to see someone reassess these fields and qualify the misery they have caused.

by phatti

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9:26 PM

Nothing new here, these abuses and many more have been a part of the Canadian culture for as long as the country has existed, where do you think your living Jonathan, little house on the prairie.

by Zaksmom

Jun 16 2009

9:29 PM

Dearest Marnie,

You are as skeptical as I was when I heard these kind of stories. That is, until two years ago when CAS came knocking on MY door. I'm not going to go into detail, as my story would just take too long to tell. But I will tell you that I never in my life would have believed the CAS had the power they do, had I not experienced it. Although it was a malicious allegation and I had emails to prove my belief, my life, and the life of my close family and friends, was still turned upside down.

I just wished that SOMEONE would have told me my legal rights at that time! I was so confused and upset that I even called the OPP to my home, to explain to me what I should do! Of course they could tell me nothing of my rights, why would a police officer know anything about rights?? I still cant wrap my head around it! They actually came to my home with their allegations, took my evidence and left. When they called me, it had been a long weekend holiday, it was on a Tuesday at 4:30, to tell me I needed to be in their office by 5:00, I happen to live a half an hour from town. We made it there, my husband drove as I don't drive at all, and they presented us with an order to appear in Court the very next morning! I wasn't able to get legal counsel in that time frame! In court the next morning, with no representation, other than duty counsel, my husband was court ordered out of our home! My only means of financial support, my only mean of transportation, was court ordered to LEAVE our home.

I am fortunate enough to say, they never did apprehend my children, although they did threaten to many times over the course of that long 8 months, and yes, over things as minor as having a couple of cereal bowls in my kitchen sink. And my husband, although now suffering from post traumatic stress, is safely at home. I do believe that the only thing that saved my family was the fact that I stuck a recording device in front of her, and between us every time we spoke! I didn't hide it for long, I let her know that I would not play along, I even played back to her when she had contradicted herself.

And as for not being open with names and stories, I don't believe very many parents want to risk having CAS back at their doors, back in their lives, exacting revenge. And YES it does happen. Although I will be happy to share my story along with names dates and evidence to anyone that asks in the appropriate manner!

Keep up the good work Mr. Libin, innocent Ontarians need to be educated BEFORE it happens to them!

by MarnieTunay

Jun 16 2009

9:31 PM

reply to Really: " Marnie, how many "foster parents" or bureaucrats, or social workers, have come on these comment boards to defend themselves in the last 2

stories Kevin has provided for us?"

Why should they respond to a bunch of anonymous commentators or even think the post is about them?

Yes, I am cynical. I've seen how people in high places can lie through their teeth and get away with it. I've been lied to. If you haven't experienced any of that, - then you're either very young - or you're the one who doesn't get out much. P.S. I walk the walk. I name names on my sites. So it's not as if I don't practice what I preach on this site.

Marnie Tunay

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by MarnieTunay
Jun 16 2009
9:45 PM

I live in Alberta, but the criminal law is the same. It strikes that it should be possible to mount a legal challenge against an agency worker's being able to threaten anyone with "apprehension." It also strikes me that there must be limits to the power of apprehension: 72 hours emergency apprehension at most - with severely restricted parameters - and then off you go before a judge. What we need to be hearing from on this thread is a lawyer. I know a lawyer who works for the govt of B.C. and whose specialty is constitutional law. I'll pass this along to him - or you can talk to him yourselves:

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by Really?
Jun 16 2009
10:04 PM

Marnie, I'm 46 yrs. old. And if you continue to defend what is defenceless, then your website and blogsite credibilty are zero!

This is a slam dunk for all human beings with a heart!
Do some research before you spout off your defenceless position!

Do you have any babies Marnie? Little ones who never asked for any politics, just love?

Do yourself a favour and fade to black until the next story you choose to comment on, because on this one you are sounding like the town fool!

With all due respect, and I mean that because you sound like my elder, please do...due diligence! This issue is too important for politics!

by Denis Pakkala
Jun 16 2009
10:23 PM

Ombudsman, André Marin knows the full extent of the problem and he is the one who should be dealing with this system of injustice and unaccountability.

Very often they do more harm than good to children and families! A bunch of B.Soc. with ultimate power and no accountability cannot be trusted.

André Marin is a real Canadian Hero!

Shame on the Ontario Liberals!

by Really?
Jun 16 2009
11:10 PM

Politics drives me nuckin' futs!!! Tonight there are thousands and thousands of little children from coast to coast in this great country of Canada, going to bed in a strange house, in a strange bed, missing their Momma and Dadda so much it physically hurts, and here we are on message boards arguing politics!!!!

It's a holocaust as far as I am concerned!!! And no political platform or ideology can convince me otherwise, I witnessed it IN THE HOUSE THEY LIVED!!! Nothing can erase or mitigate the sight of their empty eyes looking at me as I worked on the house where they were now FORCED to live!!!! Nothing!!!!

Marnie, I love your passion honey. I've been reading your posts here at the NP for a year now. It took this issue to have me sign up and SPEAK TRUTH!!!

Please dear, apply your relentless passion to THIS ISSUE!!! It needs you!!!

P.S.- I'm sorry for being obtuse, I just know, that I know!!!

by Tours
Jun 17 2009
9:29 AM

Just sounds that people are way too readily letting in those who do not have a warrant.

by JeremyW
Jun 17 2009
9:55 AM

Sick, depraved monsters. The elected officials know all about it too, its impossible not to know.

Remember the opening lines of the Declaration of Independence. Our government has become so corrupt, so backward, it deserves to be collapsed. High time for a good old fashioned revolution.

by MikeMurphy
Jun 17 2009
11:08 AM

The CAS is one part of a very dysfunctional system in place and like the others has been allowed to get out of control by lazy politicians. Another component is Family Law which often involves the CAS - but is separate and distinct.

That Family Court judges will give custody in a 9-1 ratio to the mom is a civil rights disaster for dads beyond the pale and part of a corrupt system of law.

The CAS is full of victim feminists who also believe the rightful place of a child is with the mother but it is also the most dangerous place for most children. How many male protective child workers have you met? How many fingers do you have on one hand then subtract 2.

We do not hold our politicians feet to the fire near enough. They are ultimately responsible for these disasters. More oversight is needed and shared and equal parenting the norm.

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