

## **Health Impact News**

# **Medical Kidnapping Children in the United States: Kentucky**

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# Kentucky



# CPS Defies Doctors and Police to Take Young Children Away from Mother



Brenda Maney's children, taken by CPS. Source: Maney family.

by **Health Impact News and MedicalKidnap.com** staff

It was a sequence of events that could happen to any new mother, but Brenda Maney of Richmond, Kentucky, could never have anticipated that it would result in her losing her children, perhaps forever. But that is what is happening. In less than a month, on May 7, Brenda faces a hearing to permanently terminate her parental rights.

Brenda's baby girl was born two weeks early via c-section, and it was love at first sight. Soon after birth, little Tanaieah coded twice. She went to the NICU and was in a coma for eight days. She was diagnosed with sleep apnea and severe GERD, and required an apnea monitor when she was finally released to go home. Tanaieah met her 11 year old special needs brother Aaron, who was both excited to meet her, and a little bit jealous of this tiny, demanding person who was requiring so much of his mother's attention. Between an infection in her surgical scar, and a monitor that sometimes went off every half hour or hour, Brenda wasn't getting much sleep.



Baby Tanaieah. Source: Maney family.

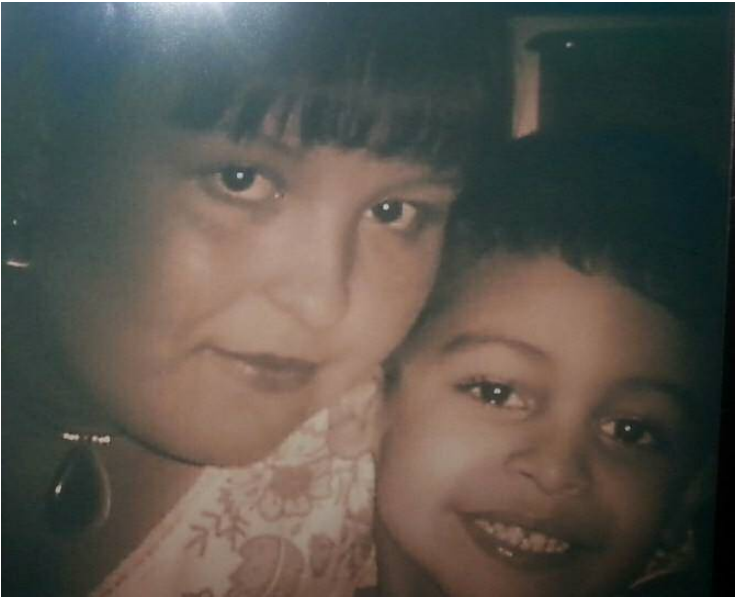
She didn't have much help either, because her mother had passed away not long before the birth, and she was a single mom. When her baby was 6 weeks old, she learned that she was going to have to move soon because the building she lived in was being sold. By this point, she was still under doctors orders not to lift anything over 10 lbs. She had no savings and no family to help her.

Then the transmission on her car went out.

It was a bit overwhelming, and Brenda called a friend, crying about the series of unfortunate events. Her friend offered to try to help her. Her friend was a bit naive, and called CPS to help the new mama, believing that their role was to help parents in time of need. That is when the problems really started.

## **An Unwelcome Knock on the Door**

Brenda was not nearly as naive as her friend. She was stunned and terrified when a pair of social workers knocked on her door. One of them convinced her that her friend explained everything, and they were just there to help. She let them come in, if nothing else to show them that she had a well-kept, safe home with plenty of provisions for her children. One worker talks to her while another went searching through her house. When Brenda asked her to stop, she allegedly told her, “we are just checking to see if we need to bring you anything.”



Brenda with her son Aaron in happier times. Source: Maney family.

## **Psychological Diagnosis by Social Worker**

While one social worker proceeded to check closets, cabinets, bathrooms, and more, the other allegedly decided that Brenda was suffering from post-partum depression, and told her so, even though she is not a doctor or licensed medical provider with the ability to diagnose. Brenda told her that she did not have PPD, that she was “just stressed out about where and how to move so unexpectedly.”

However, the social worker insisted that she had post-partum depression and needed to find a family member to watch the children so that she could go to the hospital. Under protest, Brenda gave the name of her nearest relative, a distant uncle. The worker called him, and he and his wife



agreed to take the children temporarily. Brenda believed that they would find nothing wrong with her if she went to the hospital, but hopefully if she agreed to go there to confirm that, it would get CPS off of her back so they would leave her alone. She signed the papers stating that she was voluntarily agreeing to go to the hospital.

## **Children Taken by CPS**

While Brenda was packing things “for a few days,” the social worker came back into the room, stating that there was a “change of plans; we are taking the children.” The uncle had called back saying that they were only able to take one of the children, not both. Therefore, CPS was going to take them because they didn’t want to separate them. (At least at that time.)

## **Accused of Suicidal Ideation**

When Brenda reacted predictably as a mama bear, telling them “over my dead body, you will take my kids,” the social workers allegedly tied that statement to a discovery made in Brenda’s medicine cabinet. They found NyQuil and a prescription medication, Flexaril, which had been prescribed for her sciatica. That combination of medicines, combined with her statement, was allegedly taken as indication that Brenda was “suicidal, with a clear plan” to commit suicide. This was allegedly used as the grounds for asserting that Brenda’s children were in “imminent danger.”

Police were called in to back up the social workers when Brenda became upset, but the officer allegedly told CPS that they were not doing the right thing, and that this was obviously a good mother. He allegedly stated that the children were well-cared for, clean, with plenty of food and

baby supplies to last for some time. Further, reports Brenda, he told the social worker that “all this mother needs is some help with housing and moving; that isn’t a reason to take and traumatize her children.” The social workers were unmoved and proceeded with taking Brenda’s son and baby girl into state custody.

Brenda assures *Health Impact News* that she was, in no way, suicidal. She was stressed, yes, but like everything else in her life before, she was determined to overcome and find a way to make it through.

She never had that chance.

## **Doctors Find Nothing Concerning**

After she spent several days in the hospital, she was released. The medical doctors found no suicidal ideation or behavior, and only mild depression, with “postpartum exacerbation.” She had experienced a great deal of stress since her baby had been born, but it was nowhere near approaching anything like postpartum psychosis, or anything that would be dangerous to her children or her. One nurse allegedly told her that she did not need to be there, and Brenda was permitted to sign herself out of the hospital.

Despite this, her children were not returned. Brenda met with the social worker supervisor and her caseworker shortly after she got home, and she asked when her children would be returned. The supervisor told her that it doesn’t work that way in Kentucky. She would have to work a case plan in order to get the kids back, and those took anywhere from 6 months to a year or more.



Missing her babies, and never giving up. Source: Maney family.

## Neglect Charge Added

Brenda missed a doctor's appointment for the baby, but that was because it was scheduled for the day that CPS took the children from her. Nonetheless, a charge of neglect was added to the allegations against Brenda. That charge includes allegations that she neglected her own mental health, even though previous evaluations have allegedly found no issues. She reports that her court-appointed attorney stipulated, or agreed, on her behalf to the neglect charge. She fired her on the spot. She now has a private attorney.

## Targeted by CPS Because She Herself Was a Foster Child?

Brenda believes that a major reason that the state refuses to leave her family alone is rooted in her prior history with CPS. That history has nothing to do with her being an unfit parent, but everything to do with her being a former foster

child herself.

She says that the CPS position is that she is “damaged” because of her childhood, which was largely spent in foster care. She says that being a former foster child makes a person an automatic target for CPS. It has become clear to Brenda that the social workers believe that:

*A person who has been through all the things that she has been through couldn't possibly be sane.*

Brenda was taken from her mother for the first time at 18 months of age, and was bounced around for years between relatives' homes, foster homes, and her mother's house. She reports that her mother was charged with, and convicted of, child abuse, several times, for which she served jail time.

Brenda tells the story often repeated by other children who have been part of the foster care system – she encountered even worse abuse in foster care than she had at home. Yet, she says that when she reported the abuse she suffered in CPS care, she was ignored.

## **Despite Her Wounds, She Has Overcome**

She was out on her own by age 16, living on the streets, sleeping in junk cars, under bridges, or wherever she could find. She found a job and applied for public housing assistance. She was able to get her first apartment on the day she turned 18, and bought her first used car at age 21.

With such a rough start in life, Brenda was determined to overcome, and make something better of her life. She has

worked hard to do so, through all of the struggles and battles. She is a strong person who chose never to turn to drugs or alcohol, instead focusing on helping others. Brenda is well-respected among people who know her, and her faith is strong.



Brenda. Source: Maney family.

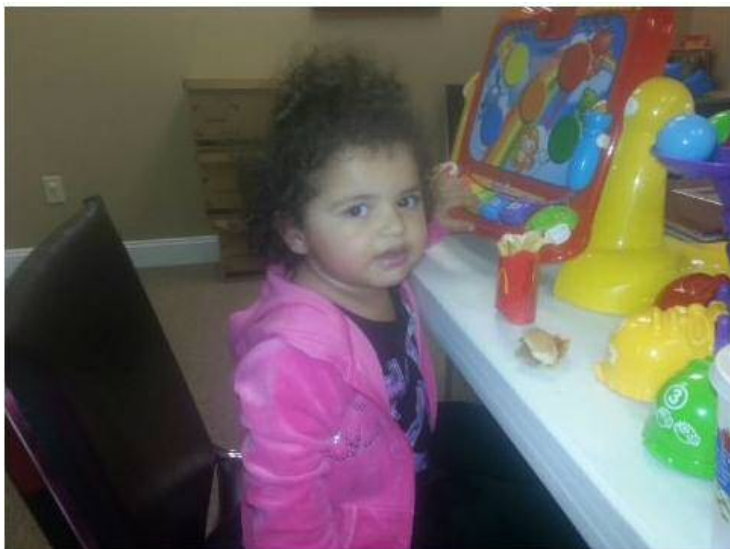
She has a heart of gold, reaching out and encouraging people. She cares deeply for people, advocating for other families regularly. A skilled researcher, Brenda is a wealth of information about how the CPS system works, helping devastated parents understand what is happening. Because of her advocacy and research, other families have been able to get their children back. However, she is very discouraged that she hasn't been able to get her own children home. She says that she had done everything that CPS has asked of her, but it never seems to be enough.

It wasn't enough for her abusive mother, either. After Brenda's first child was born, she allowed her mother back into her life. She decided that she wanted to have her grandson for herself, so she made complaints to CPS. CPS seemed only too happy to oblige. Incredibly, CPS took Aaron,

though there were no signs of abuse, and placed him instead in the custody of a known child abuser. After fighting for many years, Brenda was finally able to win back custody of her son from her mother.

### **“My Son Is Being Drugged to Death”**

Since CPS again became involved, Tanaieah has remained in the same foster home that she was taken to as an infant. Brenda loves her and “want[s] her back with everything within [her].” She was not happy to learn that her baby had ear surgery 8 months ago without anyone telling her until after the fact. However, Brenda says that at least Tanaieah is stable and seems happy when her mother visits her.



Tanaieah at a visit with mom. Source: Maney family.

Not so her son. The children have now been in foster care for more than 2 years. During this time, Aaron has been moved

to 7 different foster homes, and changed schools 5 times. Despite the assertion when the kids were taken that CPS was not going to separate them, Aaron was removed from the first foster home within just a few weeks. He is very unhappy being away from home. Just this week, he told his mother in a phone conversation:

*“I want to come home where we can be a family; we were a happy family.”*

Aaron is special needs, having been diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, PTSD, anxiety and depression. He is now 14 years old and almost 6 feet tall, but Brenda reports that he is so thin that he looks anorexic. He is allegedly being given a cocktail of medications, including psychotropic drugs. “They keep upping the drugs.” On a recent visit, Brenda reports that he was pale, has dark circles under his eyes, and told her that he was peeing blood. Brenda is very frustrated because she feels like she is watching her son die,

*“and I can’t do a damn thing about it. It’s killing me.”*

She tries so hard to be strong for Aaron and keep a straight face, but watching her son deteriorate right in front of her eyes is devastating to her. He begs to come home, and he begs to be reunited with his little sister, but CPS is talking about putting them up for adoption, separately. The social worker recently told Brenda that the behavior of her special needs son is “unruly,” and Brenda has learned that the foster mom actually called the police on him. Yet Brenda says that he responds to her, and that she can calm him

when he is upset, as only a loving mother can. The longer Aaron is away from home, the more unhappy he has become. Aaron has made it clear to his mother that he refuses to be adopted.

*“The happy boy who left my home is no more. When you see him now, it’s like he has no light or joy in him anymore. It’s like he has a flat affect. You can see the misery all over him.”*



Aaron – Before and after taken by CPS. Source: Maney family.

## Aaron Begs to Come Home

As this article was being written, Aaron called his mother saying,

*“Mom, you’ve got to help me. Please, just try to get me home.”*

Brenda said that she could hear the pain in his voice, as he is



desperately reaching out for help. He reported that the foster mother yanked him by his arm and left marks on him, and that she has been telling him that he is a bad child. He also said that the caseworker told him that they are not a family any more, even though the termination of parental rights hearing is almost a month away. If Brenda loses that hearing, her children could be adopted soon.

CPS is Kentucky's single largest supplier of children for adoption. ([Source.](#))

## How You Can Help

A Facebook page has been set up for the family, for supporters to follow their story and offer support – [Fight to Bring My Babies Home -Maney Family.](#)



Supporters are encouraged to call the governor of Kentucky and legislators to advocate for the return of Brenda Maney's children. Governor Steve Beshear may be reached at 502-564-2611, or contacted [here](#).

The Senator for Brenda's district is Senator Jared Carpenter, who may be reached at 502-564-8100 Ext. 730, or contacted [here](#).

Representative Rita Smart represents her district. She may be reached at 502-564-8100 Ext. 607, or contacted [here](#).

Apparently, Kentucky has a history of problems with CPS. Someone on our [Facebook Page](#) shared these videos of a local TV News station reporting on abuses back in 2006 and 2007, and they had to go to court to be able to air their investigative reports:

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# Whistleblowers Reveal CPS Child Kidnappings in Kentucky Adoption Business



[YouTube image.](#)

by **Health Impact News Staff**

In 2006 and 2007 investigative reporter John Boel exposed much of the corruption taking place in the “child protection” system in Kentucky. His reports were broadcast in the local media at that time, and included some amazing interviews with former CPS whistleblowers, documenting the depth of the alleged corruption within Kentucky CPS.

In a report aired originally on WLKY Target 32 News, news

anchors begin the story by explaining that the station had to go to court just to get permission to air their investigative report, because the State of Kentucky attempted to censor their report from the public.

Reporter John Boel states that they were “being swamped with complaints” against CPS in Kentucky. He explains that his report gives an “in-depth look” into Kentucky CPS which exemplifies what they were hearing from so many other families who were coming to them.

Boel reports that children are often removed quickly with no evidence of parental wrong-doing, and that the State retaliates against those who try to fight back.

## **Corrupt Kentucky Family Court**

The investigative report shows a confidential video tape from an actual custody trial that was recorded in family court. Boel states:

*While it may take weeks, months or years to take someone’s freedom away in a circuit court, it only takes 17 minutes to take 3 .... children away in a family court.*

The video footage then clearly shows that the mother in this case had no true representation in family court. The caseworker states that the children were taken into state custody due to “educational and medical neglect.” No records were allegedly provided, only the opinion of the caseworker. After 17 minutes, the judge terminates the mother’s right to her children.



[YouTube image.](#)

## **State of Kentucky Retaliates Against Those Who Try to Fight Back – Including Attorneys**

The mother allegedly appealed the ruling and fought back, which resulted in the State removing her other 3 children, and 14 children from her extended family.

Next, Boel interviews an attorney who took this family's case, attorney Bob Bishop, and his wife Jennifer Bishop. Jennifer explains how her husband was incredulous that such abuses in the system were happening.



[YouTube image.](#)

She then explains that CPS came after them also, removing their own adopted daughter from their home.

*They said “if you don’t cooperate with us, we’re going to take all your children, and charge you with emotional abuse.”*

## **Corrupt State of Kentucky Makes Money from Adoptions**

In his next investigative report, reporter John Boel explains that one of the motivations for the State to remove children from parents even when parents have done nothing to warrant such a removal, is to receive federal reimbursement funds for the adoption program.

In his follow up report in 2007, John Boel receives “confidential” family court tapes showing just how the system works, and how the actions of some caseworkers even disturb some of their fellow caseworkers. Records supporting parents seem to “disappear.” They also reveal conflicts of interest between case workers and foster parents who may be related to the case worker placing the child into the foster home.

Watch these 3 reports here:

Video no longer available.

## **CPS Whistleblowers Speak out on Abuse in Kentucky CPS**

In this 4th report, John Boel explains that CPS whistleblowers reveal how Kentucky families are harassed, and CPS workers are pressured to boost State adoption numbers.



[YouTube video image.](#)

He starts out his report by interviewing former CPS social worker Pat Moore, who was fired because she refused to ignore abuses in a foster home. She sued the State of Kentucky, and settled for \$308,000.00. Moore allegedly refused to carry out an adoption for foster parents because they had criminal records, and a convicted sex offender was allegedly visiting and caring for the foster children. CPS tried to over-rule her decision to oppose the adoption and push it through quickly.

Boel interviewed her attorney, who stated that he believed the motivation for CPS to approve adoptions to convicted criminals was to receive federal funds available for adoptions.



## Adoption Business: Placing Orders for Babies that CPS Fills by Kidnapping

Next, Boel interviews another CPS whistleblower, but one who wanted to keep her identity concealed because she was so afraid of retaliation. The former CPS worker explains how CPS is all about statistics, about how many children can be placed into adoption, since State and Federal reimbursement funds are all tied into statistics. She explains that CPS workers are encouraged to put more children into adoption.

She even relates one story of how someone who could not have children “placed an order” for a baby:

*Someone could not have a child and wanted a child. So, within the community this certain person saw a family that was in distress, was having a hard time, and relayed to (CPS) workers that they would like those children. And that is exactly what is happening....*

Next, Boel interviews a former CPS supervisor who also conceals her identity because she fears retaliation. This person tells Boel that if an order for a child was delayed or denied, her supervisors would come in and try to overrule local decisions.

*This one family was promised a child. And when it happened that the child was going to be reunified with the parents, they called our regional office, and our regional office came down on our county and they harassed the birth parents... because they did not agree with our decision.*

## **Kentucky CPS Power: Take Away Children at Will**

These CPS whistleblowers also confirmed that CPS can and does take away children simply to retaliate against people who try to fight or expose the system:

*I can call in a report tomorrow, and I can make it seem very real, to the point that a family will be investigated. And whoever gets it could come up with a substantiation, of let's say "neglect," and it might not be true. But it doesn't matter.*

Watch this shocking report here:

Video no longer available.

## **Are Things Any Different in Kentucky Today?**



Brenda Maney's children, taken by CPS in Kentucky. Source: Maney family.

We could find no evidence that John Boel's investigative reports on Kentucky CPS back in 2005 through 2007 resulted in any changes for the better.

Earlier this year, Health Impact News reported on the story of the Maney family in Kentucky, which suggests it might be business as usual in Kentucky CPS.

Brenda Maney of Richmond, Kentucky spoke to our reporters and told us her story, [which is published here](#). Brenda reports that a well-meaning friend called CPS in Kentucky to actually help her through some difficult times, but that instead of helping, CPS allegedly took her children away, even over the objections of local police.

Brenda is facing a hearing on May 7, 2015 to permanently

remove her parental rights.

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**UPDATE 5/8/2015**

### **Pregnant Homeschool Mom Assaulted by Sheriff as CPS Kidnaps Her Kids in Kentucky**

John Boel now works for a different news station, [WAVE3](#). He has told Health Impact News that he can only cover the stories his news management assigns to him, and he is not currently covering any Kentucky CPS stories. Contact his station and ask them to cover the Maney family story (and the [Naugler family story!](#)) and their court case on May 7. [WAVE3 can be contacted here](#).



Contact WAVE3 News and ask them to cover Kentucky CPS abuses.

# Pregnant Homeschool Mom Assaulted by Sheriff as CPS Kidnaps Her Kids in Kentucky



The Naugler family of 12 people, 6 dogs, 2 farm cats and a few random farm animals in Kentucky. Image from [Blessed Little Homestead Facebook Page](#).

UPDATE 7/8/2015

## All 10 Children Returned to Naugler Family

From [Blessed Little Homestead](#) Facebook Page:

*I admit, I am hesitant to post anything anymore as some of the people who follow this page are just incredibly vile.*

*I wanted to clear up a few things tho. First of all, to those who are trying to cause more trouble, your antics are being observed and logged. Trying to "get us in trouble" by making*

*false reports, attempting to set us up, or harassing our family, won't effect us. However, you will be held accountable. I don't know why people are trying to hurt my children more, but that's all that will come of this. They are the ones who suffer.*

*That being said, last Thursday the children were returned home. Many "experts" have speculated as to why and how.. It's common to return physical custody as legal custody is finalized. We still have a lot ahead of us regarding court matters, and I cannot and will not discuss any of that, so the trolls will just have to thrive on gossip for now.*

*The children are doing good. We do have some issues we are working out, as Joe stated in the interview he did, they are having some insecurity issues. Their confidence and trust has been damaged, understandably.*

*They are happy to be back on the homestead. And happy to be together again. 8 weeks is a long time for a family as close as ours.*

*As far as the homestead goes, we are working on things. I will only be posting limited photos, until the case is cleared.*

*We did buy a prefab, and we are working on finishing the inside. We had a few delays in the other projects, and this was a quick solution. We still plan to build a larger cabin down the road, but this gives us time to work on it as a family. We have quite a few small projects we need to focus on as well such as a fall garden, larger rabbit and chicken coop, and a rain water collection system.*

*We still plan to continue to live off grid. We still have a tiny house plan. We still plan to homestead and I will still have*

*the salon, which is doing quite well.*

*I want to thank those who have been supporting us, sending messages and prayers. I can't always respond but I read as much as I can. You have all been very encouraging through all of this. Thank you and many blessings, ~Nicole*

#### **UPDATE 6/3/2015**

From [Blessed Little Homestead](#) Facebook Page:

*The reunification of our family has been delayed another week. We are devastated that the children are not returning home today. We want the world to know our children, Jacob, Quinten, Abigail, Isaac, Zachary, Olivia, Urijah, Ezra, Lucas, and Mosiah.*

*Their voices have been kept silent. They are young adults, and tender children, and they have been treated like property. We want their wishes known and respected. We will continue to fight for our family's rights. We will continue to work very closely with all agencies involved and have complied with every request*

#### **UPDATE 5/1/2015**

From [Blessed Little Homestead](#) Facebook Page:

*We have allowed CHFS to inspect our property and interview our children multiple times. After every visit they have confirmed, and confirmed again today that our children are*



*happy, healthy and well cared for and that our property is sufficient for their needs.*

*Despite that, the judge decided as a result of the deliberations in today's hearing that our children will remain in CHFS care while they continue their investigation. Alex, my 19-year-old estranged son, testified in today's hearing. We are both heartbroken with the way Alex's upbringing away from us and his strained relationship with his mother have affected him.*

*Although we are sad our children will not be returned to us today, we have nothing to hide. We have cooperated with all requests made to us by CHFS and will continue to do so. We are confident that throughout this process Nicole and I will be shown to be the good parents that we are and that our family will be reunited. We thank everyone for all you have done for us and ask for continued prayers for our children. We want all our children to know that we love them and we are constantly with them in our hearts.*

## **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap Staff**

Friends of the Naugler family in Kentucky reached out to us and asked us to tell their story. Their 10 homeschooled children were allegedly taken away by Breckinridge County Sheriff deputies and CPS this week, allegedly acting on an anonymous tip. The officers reportedly had no warrant to enter their property. Nicole Naugler is currently 5 months pregnant, and reportedly attempted to drive away from the property with a couple of the children. Officers allegedly detained her from leaving her own property, and when she objected to them taking away her children, they allegedly "slammed (her) belly first into the cop car and bruised and

scraped on both arms.”



Nicole Naugler after encounter with deputies.

They also allegedly arrested her for “disorderly conduct” when she objected to them taking away her children, and spent the night in jail. All ten children are reportedly now in State custody. Much of the encounter with CPS and the Sheriff deputies was recorded, and the recordings are available on the *Save Our Family* blog.

## **Day 1: Arrest**



## Save the Naugler Family

Joe and Nicole Naugler live on a homestead in rural Kentucky. They live a very simple life. They garden and raise animals. They are industrious people trying to teach their children how to live right.

They have ten children who are homeschooled on the homestead. They contribute to the success of the family crops and livestock, all while learning about the amazing beauty of life.

On May 6th, 2015, Breckinridge Co. Sheriff's officers came to their home, acting on an anonymous tip, and entered their property and home without a warrant and without probable cause. Nicole was at home with the two oldest children, while Joe was away with the others. When the officers left the home, they attempted to block the access road to the family property. Nicole and the two boys got in their car to leave the family property. They got only a short way down the

road before the officers pulled Nicole over.

During this stop, Sheriff's deputies took their two oldest boys from Nicole's custody, providing her no justification or documentation to support their action. Nicole was able to contact Joe briefly by telephone, but only for a short period of time, because she needed to use her phone to record the events.

At that point, Nicole had been taken into custody for disorderly conduct (for not passively allowing the Sheriff to take her boys) and resisting arrest. Even though she is 5 months pregnant, she was slammed belly first into the cop car and bruised and scraped on both arms.

Joe was able to arrange transportation to meet his wife where the stop had taken place. Joe attempted to get out of the car to speak with the officers and his wife, and to recover the vehicle Nicole had been driving. The Sheriff, with his hand on his sidearm, ordered Joe back into the car. Joe complied with that request. The Sheriff informed Joe that he had every intention of making this as difficult as possible for them and that their car would be impounded, despite the fact that Joe was there onsite to recover it.

A friend, who had driven Joe to the location, got out of the car to speak with the Sheriff. She was able to convince the Sheriff to let Joe recover the vehicle. Joe also recovered Nicole's cell phone, which had been recording audio the entire time.

The Sheriff ordered Joe to turn the remaining eight children over to Breckinridge County Sheriff's deputies by 10:00 a.m., and threatened him with felony charges if he does not comply.

At this time (roughly 5:00 CDT), Nicole is being held in custody in Hardinsburg, KY by the Breckinridge Co. Sheriff (see update below). The whereabouts of their two oldest sons is unknown to the family. Nicole faces a magistrate at 8:00 a.m. to set bail and an arraignment will take place shortly thereafter.

All of this has happened because of an anonymous complaint filed with CPS. In the state of KY, an anonymous complaint cannot be considered probable cause to pursue this course of action. It cannot be confirmed that this is the complainant, but earlier this week an acquaintance of the Naugler family threatened to file a CPS complaint against them, all because Joe “unfriended” this acquaintance on Facebook.

## **Nicole Released, Kids Still In Custody**



Nicole Naugler – Image from [Blessed Little Homestead Facebook Page](#)

*“I am a free range human. Not meant to be caged. But I will stand up for my rights. Overwhelmed by the love and support.”*

Nicole has been released from jail. But the State is still in custody of her 10 children. The Naugler's fight is only just beginning.

## How to Help

Steve Beshear is the Governor of Kentucky and may be [contacted here](#).

Dean Schamore is the State Representative of the district the Naugler family resides in, and can be [contacted here](#).

Sheriff Todd Pate of Breckinridge County, also an elected official, can be [contacted here](#).

One of the U.S. Senators representing the State of Kentucky has recently declared his candidacy for the office of the U.S. President. Perhaps people should contact Senator Rand Paul as well, and let him know he needs to clean up the mess of Child Protection Services and its corrupt practices in his home state before aspiring to represent the entire nation. Senator Paul can be [contacted here](#).

When you contact these elected officials, please refer them to the investigations done by local media in Kentucky on the corrupt practices of Child Services as exposed by whistleblowers in this story:

## [Whistleblowers Reveal CPS Child Kidnappings in Kentucky Adoption Business](#)

Also let the local media in Kentucky know they need to keep on reporting these abuses of power in kidnapping Kentucky children.



Contact WAVE3 News and ask them to cover Kentucky CPS abuses.



Contact WLKY News and ask them to cover Kentucky CPS abuses.



# Destroying Families in Kentucky via State-sponsored Child Trafficking: United We Stand, Divided We Fall



by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com staff**

Kentucky is known as the Bluegrass State, famous for breeding horses, tobacco farms, fine bourbon, the Kentucky Derby, and CPS corruption. It is hard to imagine that in a State full of picture-perfect rolling hills, dotted with grazing cattle and big red barns worthy of postcard covers, that so many of its residents' families have been destroyed by CPS.

When reading stories about children being removed from their homes and placed into foster care, most people *want* to think that CPS is acting benevolently and in the best interest of the child, and that CPS would only use this sort of extreme measure in situations where there is imminent danger to the

child, an immediate threat to the child's life. Most people want to believe this rhetoric, because they want to believe that our government agencies are there to protect our rights, our families, and our children.

But, as we have shown repeatedly, CPS removes children when no imminent danger exists and when no criminal charges are filed against either parent. Children are placed into traumatic situations by being forced to live with strangers, and they are rarely returned to the home from where they were removed. Sometimes the foster homes are dangerous and deadly, in which there is no escape.

It is ironic that the State Flag of the Commonwealth of Kentucky reads, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall." Families *are* being divided. Kentucky *is* falling apart.

It's time for families in Kentucky (and all across America) to wake up and demand that the corruption of CPS be investigated and criminal social workers be prosecuted. It's time to stop CPS from stealing our children and selling them to foster families for federal funds. It's time to demand that our local Sheriffs and law enforcement stop being the strong arm of CPS. It's time to require that law enforcement follow the Constitution regarding criminal allegations of abuse and neglect, and that Due Process be followed, and to stop treating allegations made against parents as "guilty until proven innocent."

The following stories reveal corruption, scandals, lies, & money that even Hollywood couldn't make up. While some of these stories may be older, they still expose the inherent scandals of a system motivated by profit rather than charity, and depict how federal funding leads to a love of money rather than to benevolent works.

## Black-Market Selling of Children: How Kentucky Got into the Adoption Business

In 2006, Kentucky's inspector general investigated complaints that some CPS officials were using foster children as "*bartering items*" in an adoption push equated to the "*black-market selling of children.*"

The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, was intended to move children into more stable adoptive homes, rather than moving them from home to home in foster care. In 2003, Kentucky faced \$1.7 million in fines if the Cabinet didn't comply with these new adoption standards. In 1999, Kentucky was investigated by Federal authorities for allowing children to languish in foster care rather than proceed to adoption. One Lexington attorney called this "the family law equivalent of the death penalty," and noted that "low-income families are especially vulnerable because they don't have money to pay for legal representation or expert court testimony."

Before Federal funding for adoption bonuses, the trend was to keep children in foster care and not terminate parental rights, as long as children were safe. When Federal laws passed in the late 1990s, there was added pressure to place children in adoptive homes more quickly and to terminate parental rights. This type of adoption system, which is motivated by federal incentive money, encourages the state to quickly move children into adoptive homes, without evidence to justify the removal of the children from their parents in the first place.

The number of children moved from state foster care to adoption in Kentucky increased from 384 in 1999 to 902 in 2005. That resulted in \$1 million in bonus money paid to the

state in 2004 under a federal program designed to encourage states to move more children into adoptive families. The state gets paid a bonus of \$4,000 for each child that is adopted out, more if it's a special needs child.

Social workers who have become whistle-blowers have reported on numerous occasions how supervisors have hand-picked adoptive families based on “owing favors,” and how they are coerced into intentionally destroy families in order to increase the number of adoptions of foster children, especially infants, who are being used as “*bartering items in the black-market selling of children.*”

In 2006, Fayette Family Judge Tim Philpot said the push for foster care adoptions was so *new* that problems were just beginning to come to light. He stopped an attempt by the Cabinet to terminate a mother's parental rights because she hadn't been given a “*fair shot*” to get her kids back.

Today, in 2015, the *push for foster care adoptions* is not so *new* anymore, and the problems have been coming to light for years. Now, we are shining a spotlight on them. We continue to hear stories about CPS corruption. Parental rights are being terminated rather than being recommended for reunification. Parents are still not given a “fair shot” to get their children back.

## **Adoption Pays & CPS Workers Get Praise**

After receiving repeated calls from Kentucky residents about CPS wrongdoings in 2004, a local news station launched a [3 year investigation](#).

What they discovered is that adoption pays very well. WLKY news revealed stories of detailed corruption, including CPS'

supervisors changing records, rushing adoptions instead of pursuing reunification, and using retaliatory power, all of which has created a very lucrative adoption business for Kentucky CPS. This lucrative CPS adoption business includes stories of adopting children to foster families with known criminal records, and even to families residing with convicted sex offenders.

A former social worker and whistle-blower, Pat Moore, claims she was fired because she would not ignore allegations of sexual abuse in a foster home, and she would not arrange an adoption to the known abusers (even at her supervisors' request to do so). Moore filed a lawsuit after she was fired, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky paid \$380,000 to settle it.

One CPS worker claimed that she witnessed a family put in an "order" for a child they wanted to adopt. And then there are parents, like Vanessa Shanks, who fought CPS and won, but was retaliated upon by CPS, *by having her relatives children and her attorney's child taken by CPS.*

Kentucky adoptions increased in 2004 due to federal bonus money, which jumped from \$452,000 in 2003 to more than \$1 million in 2004. As one CPS worker stated, "You get praised. The Cabinet praises you for terminating rights and adopting kids out immediately."

WLKY's investigation uncovered these shocking truths in 2007, truths that are stranger than fiction, but even more shocking is that today in 2015, things aren't any better for Kentucky families.

Watch these alarming investigative reports from WLKY:

<https://youtu.be/jAnjp7OnxNM>

[https://youtu.be/ZHw\\_kbsAZ6A](https://youtu.be/ZHw_kbsAZ6A)

<https://youtu.be/KeMmvq4U4aE>

<https://youtu.be/I8h4SOwWXdc>

## **Social Worker Suspended for Refusing to Adopt Children to Known Sex Offenders**

In 2010, Clay Clement, a state social worker, filed a [“whistle-blower” lawsuit](#) alleging that he was suspended because he reported violations by fellow social workers who were placing children in the homes of registered sex offenders. He alleged in the lawsuit that social work managers falsified documents “to justify this dangerous placement of children.”

According to Clement’s attorney, Shane Sidebottom, “It’s a continued pattern. Practices of the cabinet are placing kids at risk, and those who do the right thing and come forward are punished.”

## **Social Workers Sued for Lying About Sexual Abuse History to Meet Quotas**

What kind of child “protection” service would put more value on financial gain and quotas over the needs of abused children and the protection of the potential foster/adoptive family?

In 2010, Beverly and James Hilger from Shelbyville, Kentucky, filed a lawsuit against social workers, William

Hardin and Desiree Rhodes, for failing to disclose information regarding past sexual abuse of two foster boys, before they fostered or adopted them. These boys repeatedly assaulted the Hilger's daughters in the home.

Initially, when the Hilger's asked social workers if there had been any sexual abuse history in the boys' files, who were 11 and 15 when they were adopted in 2005, the social workers stated that the boys had not been sexually abused and did not have a history of sexually abusing others.

But the Hilgers learned years later, after the adoption, after the boys began sexually abusing their daughters, that the case file showed a different history. Mrs. Hilger blames "the system" for failing to protect her family and for failing to place the boys in a home that could meet their needs, by failing to disclose this vital information.

William McMurray, the family's attorney, said, "I think they lied because it's all about moving flesh. It's all about quotas, numbers." (See: [Family sues social workers 'for lying about sexual abuse history of two adopted sons who went on to assault their daughters for years'](#))

## **Father Files Lawsuit against Social Workers for Malicious Use of Power**

In 2013, another story reports a [lawsuit filed by a Kentucky father](#) against two state social workers, because the father claimed that the social workers violated his rights in an "arbitrary and malicious abuse of power."

Initially, social workers removed the son's children from his home after his mentally ill son alleged sexual abuse, however, the prosecutor dismissed the charges of sexual

abuse and neglect, and the children were ordered to be returned home by the court. But this decision wasn't good enough for the social workers, who then filed a document saying the allegations *were* substantiated, which resulted in the father's name being placed on a list of physical or sexual abusers.

Retaliation tactics like these are allegedly used by social workers when they don't get their way, or when Kentucky families fight back for their rights and for their children.

## Recent Kentucky Child Trafficking Cases in 2015

Health Impact News has covered two stories this year where abusive power in Kentucky social services seems to be continuing:



[CPS Defies Doctors and Police to Take Young Children Away from Mother](#)





[Pregnant Homeschool Mom Assaulted by Sheriff as CPS Kidnaps Her Kids in Kentucky](#)

These are stories where the families went public, in spite of intimidation and gag orders. How many other families today have lost their children to the corrupt Kentucky child-trafficking business, but are too terrified to report it? How long will the public allow this to continue?

# Kentucky is Being Investigated for Corruption: Will the State's Sordid History of Legal Kidnapping Finally be Punished?



Commonwealth of Kentucky.

## Kentucky is Named “One of the Most Corrupt States in the Country”

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

As part of the “[End Corruption Now Campaign](#),” the FBI began an investigation into public corruption in Kentucky, just after a recent Harvard study identified Kentucky as “one of the most corrupt states in the country.” The FBI website noted that between 2003 and 2012, approximately 300 individuals were convicted of federal crimes related to public

corruption.

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Howard S. Marshall of the FBI's Louisville Division, explained,

*The End Corruption Now campaign seeks to unite the commonwealth in the fight against corruption at every level, from the proverbial dog catcher, to the police officer, to the highest state and federal officials in the commonwealth.*

## **Tell the FBI that Kentucky's Children are "Not For Sale"**

MedicalKidnap.com has exposed many stories revealing the corruption within Kentucky's Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) and the unwarranted removal of children from loving homes. Often these stories reveal blatant violations of Kentucky citizens' Constitutional Rights by social workers and law enforcement when conducting home visits, searching homes, and removing children, often without a warrant or exigent circumstances.

According to the Kentucky DCBS [website](#): "DCBS is the primary adoption agency in Kentucky." MedicalKidnap.com has shared how these "adoption businesses" are wrought with fraud, motivated by federal funding, essentially selling our nation's children and destroying families. (See: [Medical Kidnapping: Billion Dollar Adoption Business](#))

Many Kentucky families have shared their stories, revealing the unlawful overreach of these government agents into their lives, and the unjust kidnapping of their children for financial gain.

See these stories documenting DCBS corruption in Kentucky:

[Destroying Families in Kentucky via State-sponsored Child Trafficking: United We Stand, Divided We Fall](#)

[Whistleblowers Reveal CPS Child Kidnappings in Kentucky Adoption Business](#)

[CPS Defies Doctors and Police to Take Young Children Away from Mother](#)

[Pregnant Homeschool Mom Assaulted by Sheriff as CPS Kidnaps Her Kids in Kentucky](#)

## **Public Urged to Speak Up!**

One concerned mother, who is no stranger to the corruption within Kentucky DCBS, contacted Medical Kidnap asking us to urge all Kentucky families to share their personal concerns about the corruption in DCBS. She said that she had hoped for this day for many years, since she has been calling and emailing the FBI for many years regarding the fraudulent practices of DCBS in Kentucky.

She says that while she doesn't know if her persistent communications had anything to do with this current FBI investigation, she is just happy to see it underway, and for the public to have an opportunity for their voices to be heard. After many years of suffering at the hands of DCBS, she is feeling hopeful that Kentucky families may finally receive some long-awaited justice.

The FBI realizes that public trust in local government has been undermined. Concerned citizens are the FBI's biggest asset when it comes to exposing corrupt public officials. The public is being urged to help in identifying public corruption within their community.

### **Now is the time for Kentucky citizens to speak up!**

U.S. Attorney John Kuhn noted,

*Public corruption victimizes everyone—taxpayers, voters, communities. Public officials, whether elected or appointed, are more than mere employees. They are servants of the public interest, and we must insist on absolute honesty, integrity and trustworthiness from every one. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Kentucky will continue working with our law enforcement partners to ensure crimes involving public corruption are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. ([Source.](#))*

U.S. Attorney Kerry Harvey agreed, stating,

*Public corruption is a terribly destructive force throughout Kentucky and has been a particularly pernicious problem in certain areas of the Eastern District of Kentucky. While the overwhelming majority of public officials serve honorably, those who corrupt the operations of government rob their communities—their friends and neighbors—of the fundamental right to honest government. We are pleased to continue our longstanding partnership with the FBI as we work together to combat this statewide problem. ([Source.](#))*

It's time to hold our public servants accountable; from the social workers to the local Sheriffs, from the Family Court Judges to the Guardian Ad Litem.

## How You Can Help

Let the FBI hear your voice concerning corruption in Kentucky DCBS:

- Call the FBI hotline toll-free: (844) 596-6721
- Contact the FBI Louisville Division [here](#).

# Is Kentucky The Most Corrupt State in the Country Trafficking Children Through Child "Protection" Services?



Reporter John Boel has previously covered the corruption in Kentucky Child Protection Service. [Image from YouTube.](#)

by **Health Impact News Staff**

Health Impact News and MedicalKidnap.com has [previously reported](#) how the FBI saying that Kentucky is “the most corrupt state in the country,” and urged families to share their stories involving alleged corruption in their dealings with Child Protective Services, or the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), as it is known in

Kentucky. It appears that corruption in Kentucky continues to run deep and wide. See:

**Kentucky is Being Investigated for Corruption:  
Will the State's Sordid History of Legal  
Kidnapping Finally be Punished?**

**Is DCBS Really Just a Government-Funded  
Adoption Agency That Steals Children for  
Profit?**

Many believe that the corruption of CPS is rooted in a for-profit adoption system created by the Title IV bonus funds from the Federal Government given to States when they successfully adopt children. There is great financial incentives for the States to remove children from families and place these children for adoption, for what many would call questionable allegations, false accusations, or even downright egregious violations of parental rights, basically using children as a transferable commodity to increase the State's budget.

One Kentucky mother, who wishes to remain anonymous, explains how the corruption is motivated by money, by using children as commodities in a for-profit business:

*Truly abused children are considered 'damaged goods' and are not 'sellable,' whereas those from good homes are much more adoptable and profitable to the State.*

On its [website](#), the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and its "family services" agency, DCBS, claims to work toward family reunification:



*While children are in temporary foster care, the main goal of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) is to reunify the child(ren) with their birth parents as soon as the parents have received services to provide a safe and stable home. While working toward the goal of reunification, the child's worker will complete a relative search and possibly place the child with relatives. The main focus is for children to have a permanent home, where they can be healthy in mind, body and spirit.*

*In some cases children may not be able to be reunified with their parents or placed with relatives. The courts may terminate the parents rights and legally free the child for adoption.*

And yet DCBS boasts on its [website](#) that it is also the primary adoption agency in the state:

*The Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) is the primary adoption agency in Kentucky. DCBS places hundreds of children and youth for adoption each year. DCBS is involved in nearly every adoption that occurs in the state.*

Why would an agency whose stated goal is family reunification or placement with relatives, purportedly do neither? Could it be that family reunification and kinship care are not profitable?

The anonymous Kentucky mother shared that when her children were initially removed, she was given a case plan for reunification, but how after 6 months has passed, her case plan changed from "reunification" to "adoption" for her daughter, because the foster family filed paperwork wanting

to adopt her daughter. She explained that a child must be in foster care for 6 months before the foster family can apply for adoption, but that once they do apply for adoption, case plans are quickly changed to “Terminate Parental Rights (TPR) and proceed to adoption,” *even when the birth family is working their original case plan and doing everything they can to get their children back.*

According to this anonymous Kentucky mother, her case plan was dragged on for 3 years so that her daughter would fully bond with the foster family and *not* with her, the birth mother. This “bonding” with the foster family would then be used as the *reason* to allow the adoption to proceed, *not because the birth mother was unfit or negligent*, but because her daughter, who was removed as a baby, had now bonded to another family! Her older son was eventually returned after 3 years of being in the foster system, and the mother was told that the *reason* she was being given her son back was *because he was “un-adoptable.”*

So on one hand, the *reason* the birth mother didn’t get one child returned was simply because her baby girl was “adoptable” and another family wanted *her* daughter, and on the other hand, the *reason* the son was returned to his mother’s custody was because he was deemed “un-adoptable.” The decision was not based on whether or not this mother was working her case plan (which she allegedly was), or whether or not this mother was a good mother (which she allegedly was), or whether or not this birth mother wanted both of her children (which she does) – but it was based solely on the fact that another family wanted to adopt her daughter, and the State would make money from this adoption. Even more disturbing is the fact that this mother says she was given a “choice” at her final TPR hearing:

*“Willingly (under coercion) sign over custody of your daughter to the foster family and we’ll let you keep your son, or lose both of your children.”*

Based on stories like this, where a mother is granted custody of an “un-adoptable” child, but not the “adoptable” infant, it would appear that adoption (profitable) is really the end-game for DCBS and not family reunification (not profitable), because if a mother is *truly* negligent or abusive or a harm to her children, why would DCBS return any of the children to her care? See:

### **Medical Kidnapping: Billion Dollar Adoption Business**

Could this *also* explain why we hear comments that some social workers will allegedly leave truly abused children with families – simply because they’re “un-adoptable”, but remove the ones who are apparently in loving homes with caring parents – simply because they are “adoptable”? Could this be why Kentucky DCBS appears to not be really interested in family reunification, but boasts itself as an adoption agency? Is this a conflict of interest?

In another [report](#) covered by Health Impact News, Attorney Julie Ketterman describes the problem like this:

*“The role of CPS has changed over the years,” Ketterman said. “They have become too powerful and have shifted their focus from offering guidance and support to acting as a punitive force.”*

*Historically, CPS would provide in-home services to help*

*stabilize families in need of assistance and maintain children in their home. Preventing child abuse and ensuring a safe home environment was the ultimate goal.*

*In 1974, Congress passed the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, which provided federal funds to the states for the prevention of physical abuse, neglect and sexual abuse. Then, in 1997, Congress passed the Adoption and Safe Families Act, which established strict timelines for returning children in foster care to their parents or for terminating parental rights, thus freeing the children for adoption. In some cases, states are authorized to dispense with efforts to reunify the family and move directly to termination of parental rights.*

*“This legislation started with good intentions,” Ketterman said, “but it was the seed for corruption.” Ketterman alleges that CPS frequently oversteps their boundaries, opting to remove children from their homes, placing them outside the home and in to foster-to-adopt homes for monetary advantage. “CPS profits every time they place a child outside the home for adoption,” Ketterman said. “It has stopped being a resource for families in need and has instead turned into an adoption mill.” Source:*

## **Texas Attorney: CPS is Too Powerful – Has Become an “Adoption Mill”**

Health Impact News has previously published whistleblower stories from social workers and former foster parents in Kentucky, as well as heart-breaking stories from families who have had their children removed by what appears to be an abuse of power and corruption in very high places.

For an eye-opening look into some of the history of DCBS corruption in Kentucky, watch these investigative reports by John Boel exposing corruption in Family Court, retaliation tactics by DCBS, and the money-making adoption business:

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See our other stories covering Kentucky DCBS:

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**[Destroying Families in Kentucky via State-sponsored Child Trafficking: United We Stand, Divided We Fall](#)**

Below, we share *new* stories of Kentucky DCBS corruption from local Kentucky news sources: whistleblower social workers and family court attorneys exposing the corruption with Kentucky's Child Protection Service department, as well as news of illegal, unethical behavior of Kentucky social workers, exposing a broken and corrupt system, fueled by money, administered by corrupt officials, and destroying families.

We should ask ourselves, why does such a corrupt system

continue to exist?

## Whistle-blower Exposes a System Out of Control

According to an [article by The Courier-Journal](#), Tim Williams, who worked for the Kentucky DCBS for 14 years, has filed a whistleblower lawsuit, claiming that he was harassed from supervisors after he reported problems. Williams says when he reported that 93 cases of alleged child abuse and neglect were either misplaced or had not been investigated for months, he experienced retaliation – a sudden job transfer – despite his prior exemplary record.

Although the Cabinet for Health and Family Service denies that it took disciplinary action against Williams, and Williams has since returned to his original work site, Williams claims in his lawsuit that his problems started after he sent a detailed letter on April 27 to top officials at the cabinet outlining his concerns. Williams reported that over the 93 child abuse cases were “missing,” and complained of an “atrocious” employee turnover rate and a backlog of more than 1,000 “past due” cases that had missed deadlines because of staff shortages.

Williams also alleged that some social workers lied in court, or made serious errors. In one example, Williams alleged that a case worker identified the subject of a case as a male with no disabilities, when in fact the the subject was a female with Down’s syndrome. In another case, Williams alleged that false information submitted by a social worker in court prevented relatives from obtaining custody of children removed from their parents, and instead, placed the children in foster care.

Sharing his concerns for families and the ethical practices of DCBS in Northern Kentucky, Williams declared,

*“If the management or workers cannot be accurate or truthful, if the leadership cannot ensure families are protected, if reports are not initiated and addressed, then the public must demand better.”*

See:

**[Social service worker files whistleblower suit.](#)**

## **Are Social Workers Who Do “The Right Thing” Being Punished?**

In [another article by The Courier-Journal](#), a social worker got suspended and faced possible termination, simply because she followed up on alleged abuse of a 7 year-old girl in foster care after the case had been transferred to another social worker. The new social worker, Paula Addington, allegedly ignored the abuse allegations and closed the case, so family members contacted the former social worker, Karey Cooper, and pleaded for her to investigate reports of sexual and physical abuse.

The worker who allegedly ignored the abuse complaints only got a two-day suspension while Cooper was suspended for three days. Kelly Wiley, Carey Cooper’s attorney, remarked,

*“It’s worse treatment for the person who did the right thing.”*

Cooper claims the case was closed too soon, adding that Addington did not follow up on serious allegations of abuse by family members. Cooper stated that she didn't realize that Addington had closed the case until later, and thinks the case was closed too soon. Cooper's attorney also says that the Cabinet (DCBS) did not close the case according to their policy, and has learned that DCBS has since reopened the case with yet another social worker.

See:

### [Social workers cited for helping, not helping.](#)



(Photo: [Courier-Journal](#))



## Are Retaliation Tactics Used to Punish Good Social Workers Who Question DCBS?

In a [continuation article by The Courier-Journal](#), Cooper says she filed a report after she visited the girl, stating that she found the child looking unkempt and uncared for, and that the child told her that she was often not being fed, that she came home to an empty house after school, and that she was not being taken to her court-ordered therapy sessions.

Cooper, who thought she was “doing her job” by following up on alleged abuse, *on a case she had worked on for nearly a year before it was transferred to another worker*, explains,

*This was my job — at least I thought it was. Here they’ve lost track of 92 cases and I’m in trouble because I went to see one kid.*

Since the Cabinet has more serious problems to address, like missing cases, attorney Kelly Wiley finds it hard to believe that the Cabinet would seek to punish Cooper simply because she visited a girl after the case had been closed, saying,

*She was acting to protect a child. If we had more Karey Coopers, we wouldn’t have all these missing cases and children at risk.*

Although social workers are only supposed to carry an average of 18 caseloads, Cooper was managing over 102 cases, but always received praise reports from her

supervisors, *before* this case. Cooper acknowledged that she violated policy by checking on the girl after the case had been transferred, but says she felt she had no other choice, saying,

*I guess my problem is that I went out to help a child when nobody else would and now my job is in jeopardy.*

Cooper says she filed a full report about her visit and the family members' concerns over the new social worker "dropping the ball," and now feels that she is being punished. The cabinet says it encourages social workers to express concerns without fear of retaliation, yet Cooper states in a second letter to the cabinet,

*I have never, nor will I ever, lie on my time sheet or travel voucher and to think that someone is digging to try to come up with dirt on me is extremely overwhelming and stressful. I feel like I am being retaliated against for contacting you and a hostile work environment has been created to the point that it is affecting my health.*

See:

**[Social worker helps girl, faces firing.](#)**

## **Ketterman Criticizes Kentucky DCBS for Retaliatory Actions**

The [Examiner joins in with a story](#) about Houston lawyer Julie Ketterman, who often criticizes the abuse of power

within CPS agencies. Ketterman contends that the Kentucky Cabinet's DCBS is retaliating against Cooper, because Cooper followed up on abuses on a case that another social worker closed, and now the department is "subject to both embarrassment and liability."

Ketterman discussed her outrage regarding the disciplinary actions against Karey Cooper for acting out of her concern for a child whom she had previously been assigned, because the current social worker was reportedly not returning phone calls from concerned family members, *a commonly reported complaint against social workers.*

Ketterman exclaims,

*"This is indicative of how asinine CPS agencies are across the country. This caseworker went to help a child after family members called her to report abuse. Karey Cooper was doing the right thing. This isn't about the kids anymore and it hasn't been for a very long time. If it was, this caseworker would be praised for going out of her way."*

See:

**[CPS Crusader Sounds off about Kentucky Social Worker.](#)**



Julie Ketterman. Image from [HoustonTexasCPSlawyer.com](http://HoustonTexasCPSlawyer.com).

## **Is DCBS a Sinking Ship: Caseloads Too High for Workers to Help Families?**

In yet [another recent article by The Courier-Journal](#), Kentucky's DCBS was described as a sinking ship by former DCBS attorney Kelly Wiley, regarding the 92 mislaid cases, management problems, high caseloads, and high employee turnover:

*“The Titanic is sinking and the cabinet is rearranging the*

*deck chairs.”*

Social workers complain of being driven to meet quotas and being punished when they speak out about problems. Traci Coleman, 37, who worked as a social worker in Fayette County for 10 years, said she believed that the constant pressure and endless paperwork prevented social workers from actually helping the troubled families, saying she quit because,

*“It was the hopelessness of it, the ultimate realization that we had done more harm than good by knocking on that door.”*

Although Kentucky law requires the cabinet to report to the governor and legislator if the average caseload per worker rises above 25 for more than 90 days, Coleman said it was typical for social workers to have 30 to 50 cases each. Each case requires monthly home visits for a parent and child, frequent reports, phone calls, emails, and conferences.

Kelly Wiley claims that the caseload statistics are not followed, and that when the state discovered the “missing 92 cases,” they just added them to already overloaded social workers. Social workers complain that as caseloads grow, so does the pressure from supervisors to close them.

Joyce Graves retired earlier than planned as a social worker, due to stress, and says she also received retaliation from supervisors after she began questioning caseloads. Graves related how that due to the high pressure to close cases, some social workers would joke about doing “drive-by home visits” and assess child welfare as a parent would hold up a

child in a window.

See:

**[Kids put on hold as social worker pool shrinks.](#)**

**Former Kentucky DCBS Attorney Sues:  
Claims She Was Fired as Retaliation**



(Photo: [Courier-Journal](#))

The [Courier-Journal](#) wrote an [article](#) about Kelly Wiley, an attorney who is not only representing several KY social

workers in lawsuits against DCBS, but is also representing herself in a lawsuit against DCBS. Wiley is claiming that she was wrongfully fired from her job as an attorney representing the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (KY DCBS), after she expresses concerns over high social worker turnover and high caseloads for social workers and herself.

She believes that she was fired as retaliation from the Cabinet because of her complaints, and says she received 9 years of exemplary performance reviews prior to struggles with supervisors regarding her concerns over rising caseloads for social workers. Wiley's concerns came at a time when the state is also investigating how DCBS lost track of 92 cases of suspected child abuse or neglect for months.

Initially, Wiley was refused unemployment benefits after being terminated, but she won her appeal and was given unemployment benefits because it was determined in her favor that "none of the stated reasons for terminating (Wiley) were legitimate." Wiley is seeking damages and attorney fees.

See:

**[Former social services lawyer sues over firing.](#)**

**Social Worker Abuses System: Makes Repeated Anonymous False Abuse Reports on Neighbors**



(Photo: [Debby Yetter/The Courier-Journal](#))

According to [another recent article by The Courier-Journal](#), Corey Chaney and April Rodgers were repeatedly approached by police at their Elizabethtown, Kentucky, apartment due to outrageous claims of child abuse made by anonymous callers. The first anonymous call claimed that the couple was involved in a drunken brawl while holding their child, but when the police arrived the couple were enjoying a quiet evening meal.

The couple asked DCBS to consider that these anonymous calls were false, but DCBS said it had to investigate every call, despite the fact that the police never substantiated any of the abuse calls. Fearing that DCBS might take their baby, the couple would work 6 different “prevention plans” and undergo drug tests and repeated scrutiny by social workers, all because of these false anonymous abuse calls.



By the third call, the police reportedly were apologetic to the couple and began to become suspicious of the anonymous calls' legitimacy. The couple began to notice a pattern: just as DCBS would be about to close a case, another anonymous call would be made. The brutality of the allegations increased with each call: one call claimed Rodgers was holding the baby upside down over a balcony; another alleged Chaney was violent and high on methamphetamine; and the last call claimed Chaney slammed the child into a wall.

Since a case was about to be closed by DCBS, and the couple anticipated that more anonymous calls would be made, they worked with the local police to prove their innocence. They went to stay with relatives so they would not be home when the false anonymous calls would be made. On the first night they were away, a call was received claiming that Chaney had become violent and thrown the baby against the wall, but when police showed up to investigate, they found no one home, as planned.

After a full investigation, police charged the downstairs neighbors, Beth A. Bond, a social worker in Hardin County, and her fiancé, Joseph W. Applegate Jr., each with six misdemeanor counts of complicity to call in false reports.

Chaney said,

*“You can tear someone’s family apart and it’s a misdemeanor”*

The couple was shocked that the false reports were made anonymously *by a social worker*, who allegedly told the police that her upstairs neighbors were “too loud.” Rodgers and Chaney moved that very weekend after their neighbors were

arrested, and said no one from the Cabinet ever called to apologize, so they went public with their story to expose what happened, not wanting it to happen to any other families.

Barry Sullivan, Chaney and Rodgers' attorney, questions the legitimacy of all the other child abuse cases handled by social worker Bond, and expressed his concerns where it comes to false, anonymous complaints, saying,

*“This could happen to anyone. The bottom line is that there was a social worker allowed to run amok because there’s a system in place to protect anonymous callers.”*

Chaney said,

*“There’s got to be a system in place to protect families. There’s everything in place to protect anonymous callers.”*

See:

**[E'town couple shaken by false child-abuse calls.](#)**

## **Louisville Family Sues Social Worker Who Lied About Child Abuse**

According to [an article by WDRB News](#), Dr. James Tipton and Rachel Tipton, of Louisville, Kentucky, alleged in their lawsuit against social worker Michelle Isham, that she deliberately lied and twisted witness testimony, to falsely accuse the Tiptons of child abuse. These allegations resulted

in “supervised only” visits for Rachel Tipton for over a year with her four children.

Yet, witnesses, including teachers, physicians, and the children, testified in court that their statements presented by Isham were “not true or were misleading or taken out of context.” On September 3, 2014, the Jefferson Family Court Judge Eleanor Garber dismissed the case, and after learning that Isham did not record any of her interview, but only wrote down notes weeks afterwards, wrote in her dismissal order that she

*“[C]ringes at the thought that (Isham’s) notes, without a taped record, could alone be deemed a full and accurate record of testimony at hearings.”*

The Tiptons attorney, Pete Lay, declares,

*“The nightmare that these two (the Tiptons) went through has to be made right. And losing your kids for over a year can never be made right. But we are going to do everything we can to correct it.”*

See:

**[LAWSUIT: Cabinet social worker lied about abuse allegations against Louisville parents.](#)**

## Why Is This Failed System Allowed to Continue?

Molly McGrath summarizes in the article, [Baltimore Child Welfare Director: Foster Care is a Bad Idea – Kids Belong in Families](#)

*“It’s not the government’s doing it badly; it’s that foster care is a bad idea. The error is the intervention, and the crazy part is – we still believe! We just keep doing it over and over and over and expecting it to work.”*

We close with the idea that not only is foster care a bad idea, but the government is doing it badly too, as alleged by these Kentucky stories, and encourage readers to:

- Continue to share your knowledge of DCBS corruption with the FBI’s investigation. (See: [Kentucky is Being Investigated for Corruption: Will the State’s Sordid History of Legal Kidnapping Finally be Punished?](#))
- Continue to expose that CPS is a failed system, and that children belong with their families. (See: [Foster Care Children are Worse Off than Children in Troubled Homes – The Child Trafficking Business](#))
- Continue to require that abuse be handled by law enforcement and that all Constitutional Rights be upheld and protected during investigations. (See: [Are Constitutional Sheriffs America’s Hope to Ending Child Protective Services’ Tyranny?](#))

# Kentucky Baby Medically Kidnapped Along with Siblings and Forced on to Formula



The Millers. Image from Facebook.

**UPDATE 7/16/16:**

Good news! Ashley Miller's babies are finally back home and her battle with Kentucky DCBS is over, according to her Facebook pages.

From the "[Operation bring the babies home. Support the Miller's.](#)" Facebook page, posted 7/15/16:

*The nightmare that Ashley has been living for the past 292 days is FINALLY OVER! HER BABIES ARE BACK HOME FOR GOOD! Thank you for all the comments, prayers, and good vibes.*

And from [Ashley Miller's Facebook page](#):

*They spent all this time trying to say abuse and ended up dismissing two of the cases today and the other was ruled that it was his medical condition.*

**UPDATE 10/4/2015**

Ashley Miller will be interviewed live tonight on the [National Safe Child Show](#) with Tammi Stefano on UBN at 7 p.m. PDT (10 p.m. EDT). [View live here.](#)

## **Miller Family's World Crumbles After Trip to Emergency Room**

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Cody and Ashley Miller of Kentucky took their sick 5-month old baby Easton to the Emergency Room of Monroe Carell Jr.

Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee late Saturday evening, September 26, 2015. When Vanderbilt made allegations of abuse against these concerned parents, they could barely comprehend what was happening.

Ashley painfully recalled that moment when Shell Peters, the CPS worker (or DCBS in Kentucky) entered the hospital room with 2 officers, and uttered those 2 words:

*We're taking...*

Ashley painfully recalls,

*My world crumbled when I heard those 2 words. I was nursing Easton one moment, and then they walked in, and then I was balling my eyes out hysterically. He can't be on formula – I'm breastfeeding!*

Ashley describes how they ended up at Vanderbilt late Saturday evening, September 26, 2015.:

*Saturday night, our youngest, baby Easton, was ice cold to the touch and sweating. He had a low core temperature so we contacted his on call pediatrician who gave us the orders to take him in to be seen immediately. Seeing as Vanderbilt is the only Children's Hospital close to us that specializes in children we made the hour drive from Fort Campbell, Kentucky to Nashville, Tennessee to the emergency room.*

*He was taken back, after the triage nurse witnessed his mouth turning blue, and put in a room. They came in and did*

*the vitals and noticed he had a heart murmur so they ordered a chest x-ray to look at the size of his heart, EKG, and blood pressure test on each of his limbs. Everything came back good with that except the one x-ray showed an abnormal find on one of his ribs that looked like a possible fracture that was healing.*

*They wanted to do additional imaging and we agreed. After we went back and got about 20 more x-rays done they came back and said he had what looks like four fractured ribs, one fracture in his femur at the very top by his knee, and one in his foot by his big toe.*

Ashley said that a hospital social worker came to talk to her and her husband, Cody, for what Ashley assumed was for comfort and reassurance since they just found out that their baby had a heart murmur and fractures. Ashley recalls the hospital social worker explained that she wasn't there for "legal matters," but that she was more of a "support" since they had just found out that baby Easton had a heart murmur, and she further explained that she "talks to all the cancer patients and such people that find out horrible life situations."





Ashley and Baby Easton when they arrived at Vanderbilt, with concerns over baby's low body temperature. Image supplied by Ashley.

## Should Families Consult their Attorney before Heading to Emergency Room?

Reports of concerned parents entering Emergency Rooms with their children but leaving without their children, are becoming all too familiar as more and more parents are being accused of abuse, and the burden of “Guilty Until Proven Innocent” is charged against parents by hospital Medical Abuse Specialists and social workers.

The article, [Are New Pediatric “Child Abuse Specialists” Causing an Increase in Medical Kidnappings?](#), raises a disturbing thought:

*“Going to the Children’s Hospital? Bring Your Lawyer.”*

The article further expounds:

*No part of the children’s hospitals’ child abuse processes appears to recognize, or even acknowledge, that a “defensive” rush to judgment, which some might call a “witch hunt,” creates real, lasting damage in families who are wrongly accused.*

## Hospital Accuses Parents of Abuse and Escorts them from Premises

Ashley understood and was relieved when the hospital admitted them to test Easton for vitamin deficiencies to find a reasonable explanation for his fractures, and monitor his heart through the night, but she never supposed that the

hospital suspected her and Cody of abuse. Neither of them have any criminal background.

Ashley says the worst thing on her “record” is a ticket for no seat-belt. Cody has been in the Army for 6 years and is a Combat Engineer. Neither parent could ever have imagined that by bringing their child to Vanderbilt’s E.R. Saturday night, that they would be going home without their children, accused as child abusers.

One of the hospital social workers, who was pregnant, accusingly questioned Ashley if baby Easton was “planned or a mistake?” and if she had ever considered “terminating her pregnancy!”

Ashley quickly replied,

*“He was not planned, but also not prevented: we knew what could happen. No, I would never terminate a pregnancy! I’m 100% Pro-Life! My kids are my WHOLE life!”*



Easton at birth. Image from Facebook.

Ashley recalls of that day, Sunday 9/27/15:

*We get transported upstairs to a room and they ended up doing an ultrasound of his heart and drawing blood work and told we would have the results later that day. As we are waiting for the results to come back another social worker comes in that is employed by the hospital and starts to question me as a DCBS worker is questioning my husband while he's with the baby. They then switched and the workers start talking to me and gathered some information on why and how he could have possibly gotten these injuries. She then tells us she has to go make a few phone calls and she will be back to talk with us.*

*A few hours later she returned with two officers and proceeds to tell us that the injuries had been labeled non-accidental and they were seizing my kids and we needed to pick a relative immediately or they would be placed in immediate foster care.*

*I was holding the baby nursing him since he is breastfed and start crying hysterically. My husband had to sign the paper giving them the right to take the kids and we were made to leave while being escorted out of the hospital.*

*They told me I could not even bring breast milk back to the hospital for the baby to have: it would need to be brought by a friend or family member. My mother ended up taking him milk up there that night.*

*This had all happened around 5 p.m. Sunday evening.*

Ashley says she begged the hospital not to give her son formula, and that she would send her mom back to the

hospital with breastmilk. Even though Easton was breastfeeding at the time DCBS seized custody of the children, and Ashley's mom returned within 1.5 hours with more breastmilk, Ashley was shocked to learn that the hospital had already given Easton formula in the short interim.

Besides baby Easton, DCBS seized custody of the Miller's other 2 children: Aiden, almost 2, and Kaelyn, almost 3. Ashley said that currently all 3 children have been placed with her grandmother, but that DCBS will not even allow her to go near her grandmother's house or even have supervised visits by her grandmother so that she can continue to nurse baby Easton.

## **Devastated Mother Accused of Being Suicidal**

Any parent whose children are kidnapped or gone missing would understandably be broken and devastated, and people would be suspicious if a parent wasn't hysterical in such a situation. Yet, when the State seizes custody of someone's children, parents who are overcome and distraught with grief are often labelled unstable, depressed and suicidal by the social workers who are taking the children away, and then these same social workers use this "diagnosis" as a reason for not returning the children.



The Miller Children. All three children were seized by Kentucky DCBS following Vanderbilt's abuse accusation. [Image from Facebook.](#)

Sunday night when Ashley's world crumbled and her 3 children were seized by DCBS and she was told she could no longer breastfeed her baby, the distraught mother went to her father's house seeking comfort and a shoulder to cry upon.

Meanwhile, the DCBS worker contacted the Military Police at the Army base at Fort Campbell, where the couple lives, and told them Ashley was suicidal. 14 MPs were dispatched to do a "welfare check" on this heartbroken mother. When the Millers returned home, after leaving Ashley's father's home, a neighbor told them about the 14 MPs who had been searching the neighborhood for Ashley, believing her to be suicidal. Eventually, some MPs showed up at her house and said they had to do a "welfare check" and make sure she was

not suicidal. The Millers consented, and the MPs left satisfied that Ashley was not suicidal.

## **Lab Results Diagnose Rickets, but Parents Still Accused of Child Abuse**





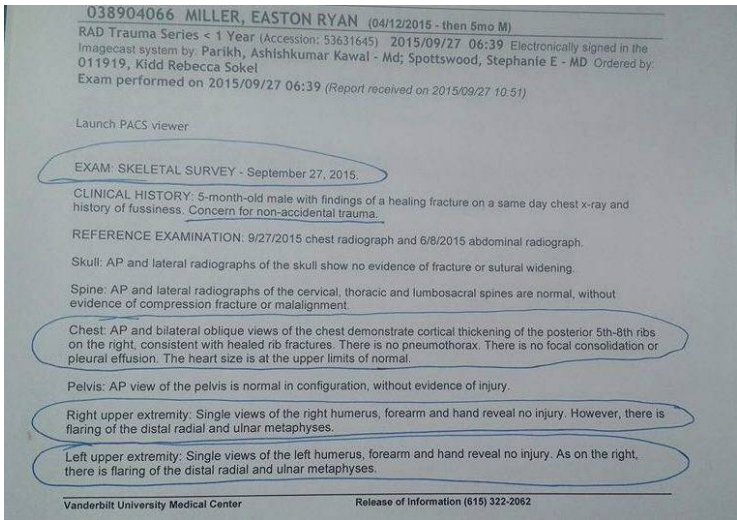
Baby Easton. [Image from Facebook](#) with caption: “My sweet baby boy, daddy loves you so much, you are an amazing person and you’re going to grow up and be somebody special.”

Ashley called the hospital the next day, on Monday September 28, hoping that the lab results would give them some answers as to why their son's x-rays showed all those fractures. She would find out that even though Vanderbilt diagnosed Easton with rickets, the hospital would not retract their allegations of abuse.

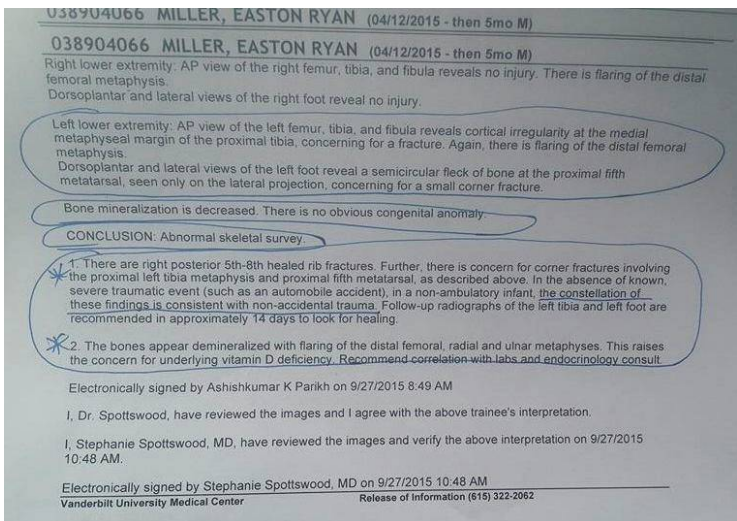
*The next day around 11 a.m. I call and find out the lab results were back and his calcium level and vitamin D level were fine but his phosphate level was low which is what makes up 85% of your bones and teeth. They did additional testing and later that evening diagnosed him with rickets. Around 5 p.m. the social worker from the Kentucky Cabinet was there to pick up the baby when he was discharged around 9 p.m. and take him to my grandmother. Her name is Shell Peters.*

## **Do Doctors who are Child Abuse Specialists “See” Abuse because They’re “Looking” for Abuse?**

Easton's radiology report mentions he has a “history of fussiness” which is consistent with rickets, and the doctors ordered labs, being concerned about a vitamin D deficiency, yet they still made a judgment of “non-accidental trauma.” Even after the Vanderbilt doctors diagnosed Easton with rickets, they would not budge from their original accusation of abuse, and consider that Easton's medical conditions may mimic abuse. Do doctors and social workers see abuse simply because they want to see it, even when other reasonable explanations exist?



Easton's Radiology Report from Vanderbilt. Image supplied by mother.



Easton's Radiology Report from Vanderbilt. Image supplied by mother.

In a similar story involving Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, the Turner's from Tennessee, were accused of child abuse by Dr. Deborah Lowen, a Child Abuse Specialist at Vanderbilt.

See:

### **Baby Found with Broken Bones – Parents Assumed Guilty of Abuse and Lose Custody**

According to [Vanderbilt's website](#), its Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Team (CARE Team) claims,

*We provide medical evaluations when concerns about possible abuse or neglect arise. Our team includes child abuse pediatricians and a nurse practitioner who work side-by-side with experienced pediatric social workers.*

*Child abuse and neglect are much too common and happen in all walks of society. Accurate and timely identification of children suffering from abuse may prevent additional injury, lifelong physical and mental health problems, and possible abuse of other children. Just as important, accurate diagnosis of accidental injuries or mimics of abuse can prevent inappropriate labeling of non-abused children and their caregivers. (Emphasis added by MedicalKidnap)*



Social worker Mary Murray, left, and Deborah Lowen, M.D., partner to assess each case of suspected abuse. Photo by Joe Howell, [Vanderbilt Medicine](#)

When MedicalKidnap interviewed the mother Ashley Miller, she said she never met Dr. Lowen nor was questioned by her.

## **Family Court: Where Families are Destroyed Without Due Process**



The Millers. [Image from Facebook.](#)

The hearing was set for Tuesday morning September 29th at 8:30 a.m. Ashley said that a new caseworker was there whom

she had never met, and Ashley alleges that this social worker withheld information from the judge about Easton being diagnosed on Monday with rickets and vitamin deficiencies. The DCBS social worker testified that they took the kids due to “possible abuse due to non-accidental trauma,” as suspected by Vanderbilt’s doctors.

The judge allegedly asked Ashley if she had any questions for the social worker. Ashley asked if the social worker was aware of the medically diagnosed deficiencies and rickets made at Vanderbilt, and the social worker replied that yes, she was aware of that, but that the doctors purported that there was no way this medical diagnosis was the cause of Easton’s injuries.

Ashley then reasoned that the abuse verdict was made by the doctors on Sunday, before the rickets diagnosis was confirmed, and asked if the doctors were still claiming “non-accidental trauma,” even after this new information was discovered?

The social worker held to the allegation that they are still claiming “non-accidental trauma,” despite the rickets diagnosis.

Then Ashley allegedly asked if she could have supervised visitation with the children at the grandmother’s house, so she could continue to breastfeed. To Ashley’s dismay, the caseworker denied the request, responding,

*We feel if they have any contact with the kids they are at risk for neglect, abuse, or potential death.*

When Ashley explained that she was breastfeeding and

needed to be able to continue to get milk to her grandmother for Easton, she says the social worker told her,

*You have no say-so. All your rights are gone. Even if you provide breastmilk, he will be given formula.*

Ashley sadly recalls,

*The judge ruled in her favor and I was denied any visitation. All my custody was gone, like a flick of a switch.*

Ashley alleges that the DCBS social worker also lied in court regarding the grandmother, claiming that the children would not be staying with the grandmother for long because the grandmother allegedly told the social worker that she couldn't "handle the children."

After court, Ashley called her grandmother about the social worker's claims, and the grandmother said that she never said those words to the social worker. The grandmother says that when the social worker was questioning her as a placement for the children and her ability to handle the children, the grandmother expressed that the baby would need a lot of attention, but added that "they would manage." The grandmother then called the social worker to correct the lie she made in court, and the social worker claimed it was simply a "misinterpretation."



## Mom Searches for Answers Regarding Rickets and Connection to Vaccines



Baby Easton at Vanderbilt. [Image from Facebook.](#)

Ashley explained that prior to being accused of child abuse that dreadful night at Vanderbilt, she never had even heard of “Rickets.” Now, within a few short days, she has a 50-page binder full of information regarding rickets, possible cause of rickets, and similar cases where other families have been accused of abuse when their children also had rickets.

Since learning about rickets, Ashley has discovered there

may be a link to vaccines and rickets. She was once a believer in receiving all the routine advised vaccines, but now says she will not administer any more vaccines for her children. Thinking back, she recalls how many of her son's "problems" began shortly after his 2-month vaccines. She recalls that he became fussy and began to cry a lot – high pitched screams.

MedicalKidnap addresses these questions about vaccine-induced rickets in the following articles:

In the article,

### **Are Vaccines Altering Our Genes Causing Brittle Bones in Infants?**

MedicalKidnap's editor opens with the following statement:

*Since Health Impact News started the MedicalKidnap.com website in late 2014, we have reported on numerous stories where children are taken away from loving families simply because evidence was found of broken bones or other skeletal trauma.*

And the article further investigates the question:

#### ***Are Vaccines Causing Our Genes to Mutate?***

*Although both of these conditions are said to be inherited, an unusually high number of parents are reporting that their child only developed these conditions after they had been vaccinated. If this is true, could it be because their children already had the genetic markers for these conditions and the*

vaccinations simply prompted their bodies to develop the full-blown disorder?

In the article,

## **Is Shaken Baby Syndrome Often Misdiagnosed and Caused by Vaccine-Induced Rickets?**

we learn more about vaccine-induced rickets:

### ***Child Abuse or Vaccine-Induced Rickets – Are Doctors Getting it Wrong?***

*Thousands of parents worldwide are being falsely accused of child abuse after doctors discover what they believe to be healing fractures on x-rays. However, far from being abuse, there is growing evidence to support the claim that many of these children are in fact suffering from infantile rickets.*

*Rickets is a condition caused by a severe lack of vitamin D in the diet, which can lead to a softening and weakening of the bones, making it difficult for the body to absorb calcium.*

### ***The Work of Dr. David Ayoub***

*One doctor who is unafraid to speak out on the subject is Dr. David Ayoub, a practicing radiologist from Springfield, Illinois. He believes that it is not only a poor diet and the lack of sunshine that is responsible for the growing number of children suffering from rickets, but also the growing number of vaccinations containing the adjuvant aluminium.*

*Dr. Ayoub, an expert on the subject, has been involved in*

*hundreds of cases of misdiagnosed rickets worldwide and has testified on the behalf of many innocent parents.*

## **State Refuses to Allow Second Opinions that Could Clear Parents**

Ashley contacted Dr. Ayoub, and he recommended a trusted pediatric endocrinologist in Birmingham, Alabama, for a 2nd opinion. However, Ashley says her hand are tied. Ashley cannot get a 2nd opinion because all doctor visits now have to be made by the DCBS social worker, who will not allow any 2nd opinions. Ashley's grandmother was warned by Shell Peters, the DCBS worker, that if she tries to get a 2nd opinion for Easton's fractures, that the children would be removed from her custody.

Ashley knows that she has iron deficiency, but she wanted to get tested for a vitamin D deficiency to find answers for her son's rickets. Ashley's Primary Care Physician says he cannot order the labs for it because she does not have a "medical issue" to warrant him ordering the tests, because this is a "legal issue." Ashley said he fears retaliation, saying that if he "interferes with the State, they will come after him."

## **1st Supervised Visit and Case Plan Meeting**

On Thursday, October 1st, Ashley had her first supervised visit with her children at the DCBS office, and was able to nurse baby Easton for the first time since Sunday, although she says her milk supply is really low despite the pumping. She says she can hardly eat or sleep, and is always thinking about how to get her children back home. She was offered a choice of one 2-hour visit each week, or two 1-hour visits,

and chose the 2 one-hour visits, so she could continue to breastfeed as much as possible.

Ashley was overjoyed to see her children, but says it was heartbreaking when the visit was over,

*It was like losing them all over again.*

On Thursday, Ashley learned of her case plan before getting to visit her children, and the “services” she and Cody would be ordered to complete during the ongoing 30-45 day “investigation”:

- Ashley was ordered to have a mental health evaluation
- Cody and Ashley would need to complete “parenting classes.”
- They cannot live within 10 miles of the grandmother’s house.
- Cody and Ashley were ordered to pay child support, which would not go to her grandmother, but to the State.

Astonished by the power of the State, Ashley reflected,

*They are dictating how we live and where we can live!*

This is especially bad news because the Millers had put in a 30-day notice to move out of military housing prior to their

E.R. trip and this investigation, and now have to be out of their home by October 23rd so the new residents can move in. They had planned to move into Ashley's mother's house, which is next door to the grandmother, but now due to this court order, if they move into the home as previously planned, DCBS will remove the children from the grandmother's home. Moving into the mom's home would have been an easy move financially, as there would have been no deposits and costly rents and leases. Now, the family is searching for a home to move into within the next 3 weeks that will comply with the distance restriction placed by DCBS, as well as finding a home they can afford on short notice.

Baby Easton has a follow up appointment at Vanderbilt with the pediatric endocrinologist to find a suitable treatment for his condition and to do additional lab work, but mom cannot take him. Instead, Shell Peters, will be taking Easton to his doctor appointments. When thinking about not being able to be with her son, and that this stranger would be driving him to the hospital, Ashley broken-heartedly pointed out,

*She's the bad person who took my kids, and I can't do anything about it, and she is the one who will be driving my son to his appointment.*

## **Are Families' Fates in the Hands of "Dishonest Scales" in Family Court?**



The Miller children as babies. Image from Facebook.

What do you do when your family's fate lies on the scales of the Family Court system? Oftentimes we have reported how social workers and court-appointed attorneys have lied, omitted evidence, and even twisted testimonies in Family Court. Allegations have been made about corrupt judges and social workers who trade children as commodities in a federally funded kidnap business, bringing in large amounts of money to the States.

Parents who are accused of child abuse, *which is a criminal offense*, are rarely tried as criminals in criminal court with a jury (their Constitutional right to Due Process), or even have

criminal charges brought against them, and yet they can be “found guilty” in Family Court, with the lowest level of evidence, Preponderance of Evidence, basically an *opinion* by a doctor or social worker that abuse is suspected. These courts have the power to operate outside the law of Due Process, to operate outside the Rule of Law of our Constitution, to hand out guilty verdicts and remove children (a family’s most precious “possession” – their pursuit of happiness even) without evidence that is “Beyond a Reasonable Doubt.”

If suspected child abuse were handled by Criminal Courts, these families would actually have a chance to present real evidence in a Constitutional court of law, and to have all their liberties protected before a verdict of guilty could be made. Instead, Family Court relies mainly on the testimony of the social worker, who is granted almost limitless power to be the judge, jury and executioner.

Even with all the other *possible* explanations, *Reasonable Doubt* is not considered in Family Court regarding Easton’s fractures. Ashley and Cody are still the primary suspects in the State’s eyes, regardless of other possible explanations. Ashley states:

*We have a court date for October 22nd for both sides to present any evidence to prove that they are guilty or innocent of the accusations. They are still attempting to push abuse charges towards me and my husband. The doctor who saw Easton at Vanderbilt wrote a statement that she felt there was no possible way these injuries could have been provoked by his medical condition.*

On October 2nd, Cody and Ashley met with their court-



appointed attorneys. Ashley's attorney said she is going to file an emergency motion to return the children to the parent's custody for routine care while the investigation continues. She said that she doesn't feel there is enough evidence to substantiate abuse – *no bruising* – and she says that the fact that the family has an excellent history of routine medical care and wellness checks, shows that they are responsible parents, not abusive ones. The attorney said she believes it is in the children's best interest to be returned immediately to the family for baby Easton to continue nursing.

## How You Can Help

Friends of the family have a Facebook page set up where you can visit and show support for the family.



Operation bring the babies home. Support the Miller's.

If anyone in the Hopkinsville area knows of rental places, please contact the family via their Facebook page. The Millers ask for prayers during this difficult time.

The Millers have contacted the FBI regarding their case, but were told the FBI couldn't do anything because it is "in the

courts.”

Share their story and continue to fight for justice for all children who have been medically kidnapped.

Speak out to the candidates running for Governor of Kentucky and discuss the issues of DCBS corruption, and ask them to return the Miller children and to investigate and shut down Kentucky’s corrupt DCBS program:

- Jack Conway can be reached [here](#) and via his [Facebook page here](#).
- Matt Bevin can be reached [here](#) and via his [Facebook page here](#).
- Drew Curtis can be reached [here](#) and via his [Facebook page here](#).

For additional information, see more stories from MedicalKidnap where parents of children with (vaccine-induced) Rickets, Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), brittle bone disease, or Ehlers-Danlos syndrome have been accused of child abuse:

**[Medically Kidnapped Baby in Pennsylvania Diagnosed with Rickets – CPS Keeps Child Anyway](#)**

**[Oklahoma Takes 3 Children Away from Parents When One is Found with Possible Brittle Bone Disease](#)**

[Another Baby Medically Kidnapped in South Carolina over Broken Bones – Parents Thrown in Jail](#)

[Medical Kidnapping in Maine: Child with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome & Sister Seized – Grandfather Commits Suicide](#)

[5 Children Kidnapped from Family in Missouri When Baby with Low Vitamin D Found with Broken Bones](#)

[Maryland Father Accused of Abuse over Broken Bones – Both Children Removed from Home of Loving Parents](#)

Also, be sure to check out MedicalKidnap's other stories covering Kentucky DCBS:

[CPS Defies Doctors and Police to Take Young Children Away from Mother](#)

[Pregnant Homeschool Mom Assaulted by Sheriff as CPS Kidnaps Her Kids in Kentucky](#)

[Whistleblowers Reveal CPS Child Kidnappings in Kentucky Adoption Business](#)

[Destroying Families in Kentucky via State-sponsored Child Trafficking: United We Stand, Divided We Fall](#)

**Kentucky is Being Investigated for Corruption:  
Will the State's Sordid History of Legal  
Kidnapping Finally be Punished?**

**Is Kentucky The Most Corrupt State in the  
Country Trafficking Children Through Child  
"Protection" Services?**

# Medical Kidnapping in Kentucky: Mother Coerced to Give Up Daughter to Adoption in Order to Keep Son



Aaron and Tanaieah at a DCBS visit. Mother told she had to choose her son and give up her daughter, or lose both. Photo provided by family.

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

When Brenda Maney of Richmond, KY, walked into her Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) hearing on May 7, 2015, she was not prepared for the impossible choice the Family Court would present to her.

About 2.5 years earlier, in the winter of 2012, a series of unfortunate events in Brenda's life led to a friend naïvely calling Kentucky's Department of Community Based Services (DCBS) for help. DCBS social workers showed up at Brenda's door, and despite the children being well taken care of, removed her children after "diagnosing" her as having Postpartum depression and demanding that she check herself into a psychiatric hospital for treatment in order to get her two children back.

Brenda would never get her baby daughter back, despite the fact that she did what DCBS required and checked into the hospital (*to "prove" that she was not depressed*), and subsequently worked her case plan within 4 months, DCBS changed her plan from Reunification to TPR/Adopt. Brenda claims that DCBS rescheduled her TPR 5 times, dragging her case on for an additional 2 years, in order to break the natural bond between mother and daughter and strengthen the bond of Tanaieah with the foster family, making an adoption "inevitable."

Because DCBS couldn't break the bond between mother and son Aaron, they used him to coerce Brenda to "voluntarily" surrender her parental rights to her daughter Tanaieah. After her TPR hearing in May, Brenda was fearful of coming forward with her story, scared of DCBS' retaliation tactics, fearing that if she told the truth about what the Family Court forced her to do, they would return and take Aaron out of her home again. Aaron has been home since June 2015, but it

wasn't until Brenda regained full custody in October 2015, that she felt safe enough to come forward with the update to her original story. Brenda is still haunted by DCBS' power to destroy her life, and worries every day what they might do in the future – *if they might come back and try to take Aaron*. Brenda expresses her fears:

*“Every day I wonder, will he get off the bus? I’m still worried that DCBS can come back and take him for some stupid reason. That would just destroy him!”*

See original story here:

## **[CPS Defies Doctors and Police to Take Young Children Away from Mother](#)**

### **Kentucky Mom Given *Sophie's Choice***

At Brenda's TPR hearing, Brenda was given what many have called a *Sophie's Choice* – an impossible choice between two unbearable options. (*Sophie's Choice* is a holocaust movie where a Jewish mother was given the horrific option of choosing which of her children (son or daughter) would live and which would die, or *both* would be sent to the gas chambers to die if she did not choose.) At the beginning of the TPR, the judge called a recess which lasted about 40 minutes. Brenda's attorney came back and said that the court was offering Brenda a choice – to choose between having her 14-year-old son Aaron come home by giving up her 3-year-old daughter Tanaieah voluntarily to adoption, or lose both children. The attorney explained:

*“Your daughter does not know you, she has bonded to the*

*foster family and she is happy. She thinks they are her family. DCBS is going to use her attachment as the 'Best Interest of the Child' and if you continue with the TPR hearing, you will lose. Your son wants to come home. He's miserable in foster care. He's not thriving in foster care. Every potential adoptive home he's been placed in has fallen through. You should take this offer, for Aaron. If you go ahead with the TPR hearing, you will lose. You will lose both children."*

Faced with an unbearable likelihood of losing both children, Brenda could not allow Aaron to suffer any longer. Brenda chose to get Aaron out of the foster care system that was destroying him, by relinquishing her rights to Tanaieah. Even though the Family Court required that Brenda sign her rights away "willingly," she did so out of coercion and feeling that she had no other choice. Brenda painfully recalls:

*"I never in a million years ever would've thought signing my name on a piece of paper would hurt so much as it did that day! My soul hurt and I just felt numb, but I decided if I could save my son, that was what I was going to do and that was a choice I will live with the rest of my miserable life.*

*The judge immediately gave me a 90 day in home trial to start the process to returning my son back to my custody after I signed my daughter away. I was made to say in court as I was signing that I was of sound mind, not on any drugs that would alter my thought process and that I was not coerced or under duress after signing.*

*But I very much was, but I didn't feel like I had any other choice, losing them both would have meant MY DEATH, because I couldn't have lived with myself knowing I left my*



*son to either die, be beaten, raped, starved in boys group homes, or in jail/prison because that was the path he was leading down while in foster care. He had already been in four different foster homes of potential adopters but had disrupted to the point of being placed in respite homes off and on throughout the three years which made him be in respite more than an actual family environment. Nobody wanted to keep him because they said his behavior is too bad and they couldn't deal with him. So he was given back to me to see if I could handle him."*

## **“Unadoptable” Special-Needs Son Thriving When Returned Home**



Aaron helping mom with laundry. Happy to be home. Photo supplied by family.

While Aaron was in DCBS care, he was miserable, and often complained of being mistreated, and he always begged to come home. Aaron told his mom that he refused to be adopted and all he wanted was to come home. Brenda

recalls:

*“He lost weight and you could see his ribs and the bones in his wrists. He had dark circles under his eyes. He no longer has a personality – he didn’t laugh, he didn’t smile.”*

While in foster care, Aaron was on several medications: Risperdal, Adderall, Seroquel, Clonidine, Prozac. Since Aaron has been home, Brenda has been able to take Aaron off of all medications, and he is doing better than ever. Brenda happily shares:

*“I got my son home and within three weeks of him being home I got him off all the unnecessary drugs they had him on that were causing most of his behavior problems. He has gained 25 lbs since being home, no longer looks super thin, and he has life back in his eyes that had been gone since entering [foster] care. He was shuffled from school to school [while in foster care]; I think he just gave up trying. He is healthier and happier and is doing great in school now and making good grades.”*

**Conflicting Family Court Message: Is Brenda a Fit Mother or Not?**



Brenda and Aaron. Happy to be together again. Photos supplied by family.

According to Brenda, she regained custody of her special-needs son Aaron, primarily because he was “*not adoptable.*” However, Tanaieah was not returned home because she was “*highly adoptable.*”

The Adoption and Safe Families Act gives huge bonuses when a foster child is successfully adopted, and penalize States when children languish in foster care. Brenda’s attorney told her that because Tanaieah had bonded with the foster-adoptive family, that DCBS reasoned it was in her “*best interest*” to be adopted by them.

Why is breaking natural parent-child bonding not an issue when DCBS removes children from their birth homes, but it

is a key factor in determining adoption eligibility? Are decisions made in Family Court based on whether or not you are a fit parent, or are they based on whether or not another family wants to adopt your children? How can a mother be found fit for one child and not the other? If Brenda is a fit parent for a special needs teenager, reason would have it that she is also fit to parent her toddler. If the court found Brenda unfit to parent, why then give any child back to her? Where is the justice in Kentucky Family Court? Brenda grieves:

*“I guess I’ll never understand how I was fit to care for one child but not both?? I have not seen or talked to my daughter since my “goodbye visit” in June. I wake up every day in immense pain. I don’t even want to get out of bed, but I know I have to for my son.*

*I guess I’ve just learned how to live while inside being emotionally dead! I feel like a corpse functioning with a brain but with no heart, my heart left with my daughter or at least half of it did, and the other half I’m still trying to mend the shards back together again but it’s very, very hard! They do the damage and leave it up to me to repair it.*

*I’m trying my hardest but my son left my house a child and came back home a young man. I missed him going through the puberty changes, and being in [foster] care had to make that difficult on him. I missed holidays and birthdays and precious time that I can never get back or make up. My life, my children’s lives all turned upside down, destroyed, forever separated, and my good name dragged through the mud, my reputation – well I’m seen as a monster who deserved to lose her kids around my community.”*

## **Social Worker Threatened to Make Brenda's Life Hell – She Did**

Three years ago when the DCBS workers ordered Brenda to go to a mental health hospital or lose her children, she recalls vividly the social worker's threat to make her life hell if she didn't go to the hospital:

*“I am taking your kids because you need to go to the hospital to get treated so you could be a good parent and be healthy for your children. You're not healthy right now and you need to be healthy, and I am taking your kids and there's nothing you can do about it, and you're going to sit right there and you're going to shut your mouth and let me do my job, because, I promise you, if you make my job hard for me, I'm going to make it hell for you to get your kids back.”*

Brenda says the social worker did make her life hell, even though she went to the hospital! When Brenda got out of the hospital 8 days later, DCBS did not return her children as promised, instead, they used the forced hospital stay against her. Because Brenda went to the hospital, DCBS claimed she was unable to care for her children, and was therefore neglectful, adding “Dependency Neglect” charges as the reason to keep the children in foster care.

## **Are Former Foster Children Job Security?**



Aaron and Tanaieah at a DCBS visit. Aaron had a close bond with his sister, whom he will never see again. Photo supplied by family.

Brenda strongly believes that she was an easy target because

she herself was a foster child. She remembers the words of her caseworker when she was a youth:

*“You know, if you ever have any kids, we’ll be involved in their life too!”*

While in foster care Brenda says she suffered repeated sexual and physical abuse and eventually ran away from the foster care system at 16. Because of the traumatic life she had, she was diagnosed with anxiety and depression as a child. Brenda says that the social workers “already knew her case history” when they showed up at her door 3 years ago, and she believes that’s why they kept pushing for a “depression diagnosis” as a reason to take her children into custody. At one point Brenda recalls the social worker saying (about Brenda),

*“There’s is no way she is mentally sound after the childhood she’s had.”*

Since the CPS system must increase its numbers of “adoptable goods” every year in order to keep the federal funds funneling to their State, is it nothing more than a self-perpetuating organization that guarantees themselves future “at risk children” every time they intervene in a family?

Although DCBS receives federal funding to provide services to keep families together, DCBS does not actually *provideservices*, they just demand that parents complete them via a case-plan in order to get their children back, *but parents are required to pay for these services out of their own*



*pockets*. Although Brenda completed her case plan within 4 months, her children were not returned home, and she was also court-ordered to pay child support to the system that “kidnapped” her children.

## **Foster Family Allegedly Connected to DCBS**

Brenda believes that from the first day DCBS removed Aaron and Tanaieah from her home 3 years ago, their end goal was always to adopt out Tanaieah. Both children were originally put into a foster-adopt home, and not with relatives, because DCBS claimed that they did not want to split the children.

However, after 4 weeks, Aaron was removed from that foster home and bounced from home to home for the next 2.5 years. At the very first visit, Brenda says the foster mother (inappropriately) shared how she had 4 miscarriages (all whom were girls), and she desperately wanted to adopt a baby girl, and the foster mother had her eyes set on Brenda’s baby. Brenda alleges that the foster-adopt family had “connections” to DCBS through family ties, plus the social worker and foster mom were “good friends.”

Brenda says that the foster mom put in an “order” to adopt Tanaieah after only 3 months, even though Brenda was working her case plan to be reunited with her children. Brenda claims that this “order” to adopt Tanaieah was being granted as a “favor” by DCBS, and that they were determined from the onset to adopt Tanaieah. When the opportunity presented itself to coerce Brenda into “voluntarily” relinquishing her parental rights in order to keep Aaron from a group home, DCBS didn’t hesitate to get what they ultimately wanted – a baby girl for one of their “friends” who couldn’t have one of her own.

If Brenda's story seems too far-fetched to believe, see investigative reporter John Boel's report from some years back where DCBS whistleblowers confirm that "orders" for babies to be adopted are indeed placed to put babies into their custody:

## Whistleblowers Reveal CPS Child Kidnappings in Kentucky Adoption Business

### A Piece of their Hearts Forever Missing



Grieving the loss of Tanaieah. Photo from Facebook page: [Fight to Bring the Maney Children Home](#)

Brenda sadly explains:

*“This is a hurt that hurts to the core of your soul. It’s a constant torture. I understand that I signed the paper, but people need to understand why I signed the paper. It is not something I wanted to do. I felt like I had no choice. They were going to TPR both kids and I had to sign to get Aaron back.”*

For Aaron, losing his sister has been something he doesn’t understand. Despite DCBS separating them after 4 weeks in foster care, Aaron remained very bonded to his baby sister. At his last couple of visits, Brenda explains how hurt Aaron was when Tanaieah would pull away from him and cling to her foster brother. Aaron would ask:

*“Why is she going to him? I’m her brother, not him!”*

Brenda laments:

*“My daughter thought the foster family was her family and she was brainwashed to feel like her brother and I are ‘BAD.’” She’s going to grow up never knowing the TRUTH, only the lies she’s been told by DCBS and the foster mom. I will never get the chance to tell her the truth – that her brother is not a monster and he really loves her, and so do I.”*

## Show your Support – Forced Adoption is Trauma

November is National Adoption Month, but Brenda and other families who have had their children forcibly adopted are bringing awareness to the fact that “Forced Adoption is Trauma.” Show your support by changing your profile picture for the month of November to one of these Red Buttons, or choose one from the “Is Adoption Trauma?” Facebook page [here](#)..



## Kentucky has a new Pro-Family Governor

Matt Bevin ran on a Pro-Family platform, and he will take office as the new Kentucky Governor on December 8, 2015. Perhaps the new Governor, who wants to cut back the size of government, will listen to Kentucky’s families and end DCBS’ destruction of Kentucky families. *Tell Matt Bevin that Kentucky families are Standing United and are tired of being Divided!*

Matt Bevin’s contact form is [here](#).

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[Pregnant Homeschool Mom Assaulted by Sheriff as CPS Kidnaps Her Kids in Kentucky](#)

[Kentucky Baby Medically Kidnapped Along with Siblings and Forced on to Formula](#)

# Kentucky Parents Found Not Guilty of Charges in Criminal Court but Family Court Refuses to Return Children



Danny and Leeann Foster with their two children. Photos from [Facebook page](#).

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Whenever we publish a story at MedicalKidnap.com regarding Kentucky, we get flooded with people sharing their stories of alleged corruption with Kentucky's Department of Child Based Services (DCBS) and the Family Court system. They share a common theme of parents alleging corruption and collusion, of DCBS using hearsay as substantiated

evidence without ever doing investigations into the truth, of Family Courts, attorneys, and social workers being corrupt giving parents little hope of ever getting their children back.

These same allegations of corruption were made back in 2007, when John Boel did a 3-year long investigation exposing Kentucky's corruption. Our question today in 2016: is it still "Business as Usual" in Kentucky DCBS and Family Courts?

**Watch these John Boel investigations from 2007:**

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We bring you one Kentucky family's story that illustrates the incredible struggle families face today in what many call an unjust Family Court, and what happens when DCBS relies on unproven allegations.

When Danny and Leeann Foster of Christian County, Kentucky fell on hard times in the summer of 2015, they decided to move to Louisville to look for work. Not finding work there, Danny moved to Nashville, TN to work in his father's business as an electrician, while Leeann and their two daughters, Bailey age 5 and Danica age 2, stayed in Louisville. Leeann's mother Sonya offered to have the children come stay with her for the summer, and since the children would enjoy summer back in their old town better than staying in Louisville, Leeann agreed. Leeann never could have imagined the nightmare that was about to unfold when her own mother would make allegations that she and Danny had sexually abused their own daughters.

There is no argument that physical and sexual child abuse is a crime, and if found guilty in a due process Criminal Court of law, that the criminals should be incarcerated.

But what if you were accused of sexual abuse based on a false allegation and a faulty medical exam, arrested, incarcerated, then released from jail because the Criminal Court dropped the charges for insufficient evidence, yet you learned that Family Court would not return your children because they were still going to press charges? How is it you can be *Not Guilty* in Criminal Court, but *Guilty* in Family Court on the same charges? The 5th Amendment says that no person shall be tried for the same offense twice, so it begs the question, is this a type of Double Jeopardy and a way around the 5th Amendment?

## “Heinous Allegations”

After 3 weeks of the girls being at Sonya’s home, Leeann began to suspect during their phone calls that her mother was drinking again, and decided to end the summer visit early.

Leeann had a history of strained relations with her mother Sonya. As a child Leeann herself became a ward of the State and was placed in kinship care with her maternal grandmother, allegedly due to Sonya’s drinking and abusive behavior. As Leeann grew up and forgave her mom, she was determined to move on and have a good relationship with Sonya, especially so that Leeann’s children would know their “Mimi.”

When Leeann arrived in Hopkinsville to pick up the girls on Saturday, July 18, 2015, she had several messages on her cell phone from Sonya claiming that both girls had been sexually



abused, and that Sonya had taken them to Jennie Stuart Medical for a sexual abuse exam.

Upon arriving at Jennie Stuart, Leeann discovered that the children were being detained in State custody and then she was escorted out of the hospital by police, pending the investigation. Leeann had no idea that the accusations of abuse were made against her and Danny, and her mind raced with questions about who had abused her children during the 3 weeks that they had been with their grandmother.

Leeann was kept in the dark about the true nature of charges, unable to comfort her children, or find out what was going on. Leeann returned to home to Louisville, feeling completely helpless.

*“I was frantic that my girls had been violated and I was racking my brain over who had been around the girls ...who could hurt my babies!!! I just wanted to protect my kids and I wasn't allowed to. It hurt.”*

## **Parents Arrested & Incarcerated**

Leeann was arrested 3 weeks later from her home in Louisville, but was not told the charges at the time of her arrest. Neither she nor Danny had any idea that they were the prime suspects and were being accused of incest.

For almost 2 weeks, she was detained without access to a phone call, and she was continually being offered plea bargains by her defense attorney if she would testify against Danny. Leeann says that her court appointed criminal defense attorney was not concerned with whether or not she was innocent or guilty, just whether or not she would testify

against her husband. Leeann offered to take a lie detector test, but they would not give her one.

3 weeks after Leeann's arrest, Danny was arrested. Because he was living in Tennessee in order to work, the police sent a S.W.A.T. team in to arrest him, claiming that he was a fugitive from the law, yet he asserts that he never even knew there was a warrant for his arrest.

What Danny and Leeann would come to find out is that Sonya had accused them of incest, and that Jennie Stuart Medical performed exams that supposedly confirmed abuse, and that Bailey made a statement that Danny had "touched her while in the tub." Detective Jason Sears of the Hopkinsville Police department, who was investigating the case, allegedly confirmed that "without a doubt" the abuse had been happening for over 2 years.

Purportedly, Jennie Stuart Medical did not perform the medical exams correctly, and a 2nd medical exam was performed about 2 weeks after the Fosters' arrests. The new forensic exams showed "no evidence of sexual contact," yet Leeann and Danny remained incarcerated for nearly 3 months.

The County's prosecuting attorney, Lindsey Adams, was allegedly so adamant that he had evidence to convict Danny and Leeann, that he denied them ankle monitoring devices or bond reduction.

## **Criminal Court Finds Insufficient Evidence**

*No True Bill* is a finding by a grand jury that there is no probable cause to decide that a crime has been committed. It will be endorsed by the jury on the written indictment

submitted to it that it is their joint opinion that the evidence found was insufficient to indict and the accused person must not be put on the trial. [Source](#).

After nearly 3 months of being incarcerated, the Grand Jury issued a “No True Bill” on October 23, 2015 for both Danny and Leeann, citing,

*“Insufficient evidence was presented to warrant an indictment.”*

Danny’s paid defense attorney, Rick Boling, was delighted, telling them that only 1-2% of people walk away from criminal allegations like that. Having never been in trouble with the law before, Leeann now reflects,

*“For 3 months I was behind bars, defenseless, helpless. I was facing 10 years, and Danny was facing 80 to life!*

*Before this happened to me, I had always believed that if someone was arrested, they were guilty.*

*Now I see that really isn’t true.*

*I’ve always been a big defender of children and animals because they can’t defend themselves, but now I look at the news differently and I wonder if the stories being reported are true. I would love to tear this whole system apart if I could. They are destroying families in the guise of helping families. Some families have to file for divorce to get their kids back.”*

Despite the fact that the Criminal Court, which relies on the highest burden of proof, *Beyond a Reasonable Doubt*, found no evidence for an indictment, Sarah Heltsley, the DCBS social worker, informed Leeann that Family Court can and will proceed with all charges because Family Court operates on a lower level of evidence, the *Preponderance of Evidence*.

In *IN RE WINSHIP*, 397 U.S. 358, 90 S. Ct. 1068, 25 L. Ed. 2d 368 (1970) the U.S. Supreme Court ruled,

*“the requirement of proof beyond a reasonable doubt in a criminal case as bottomed on a fundamental value determination of our society that it is far worse to convict an innocent man than to let a guilty man go free.”* [Source.](#)

## **Child Changes Confession, DCBS & Detective Ignore New Testimony**

Danny is Bailey’s step-dad, so when the children were taken into custody, Leeann phoned Bailey’s legal father, Matt in California, and he immediately flew out to get her out of State custody. It took Matt nearly 3 weeks of being in Kentucky (and a little help from a sister who is a para-legal) before the judge granted an ex-parte proceeding to allow him to return to California with Bailey.



Bailey with her dog Layla in California. Photo supplied by family.

While in Matt's care, Bailey allegedly confided to him that her "Mimi" (Sonya) hit her with a stick in the stomach several times until she could repeat the accusation that her

step-dad Danny had molested her. Matt claims he informed Sarah Heltsley, the DCBS social worker, and Detective Sears of this new information, but says that no action was taken by either one.

Exasperated, Leeann explained,

*“They take my mom’s story, and Bailey’s initial statement made as a fact. And even though Bailey never repeated that accusation again, and the fact that Matt affirmed that Bailey disclosed that her Mimi made her say those things by hitting her in the stomach with a stick and pointing to her private area, saying ‘your step dad touched you there,’ DCBS completely disregarded what Matt said, and only believe what my mom said.”*

## **Who Determines What is in the Children’s Best Interest?**

Early on, when Sheri Johnson, Danny’s mother, expressed concerns about Sonya having custody of Danica, she asked if she could have temporary custody of Danica until the investigation was complete. She called, left voice-mails, sent emails, and even a certified letter, but Sarah Heltsley the social worker allegedly never replied to her request.

When Sheri came for a visit in late November, she and Leeann had a supervised visit with Danica. Sheri then asked if she could at least have Danica come stay with her for the Thanksgiving weekend, but when Sarah asked her supervisor Amy Cox, Sheri’s request was denied.

Again, Sheri expressed her concerns about Danica living with

Sonya, but was allegedly told that she was not an option for placement because she lived in Florida, and that if Danica did not live with Sonya, DCBS' only other option for placement was foster care. To this remark Sheri exclaimed,

*“so the well-being of the child isn’t what matters here.”*



“Our little ❤️ God love her!!” Image from [Facebook page](#).

## **Family Court Refuses to Return Children to Parents**

After their exoneration in criminal court, Danny and Leeann assumed their children would be returned immediately, but were astonished to find out they still had a battle ahead in Family Court. For nearly 3 weeks after their release, Leeann called the social worker, Sarah Heltsley, to see about having the children returned, but Sarah allegedly never returned the calls.

Finally, Sarah called back to inform Leeann that there would be a Family Court hearing on December 10th, and she gave dates for 2 visitations with Danica prior to the hearing.





“Danny and I on Dec. 10th going to court. We thought we would have all this thrown out and we would have the kids back!” Photo supplied by family.

Leeann and Danny were excited at the thought that they would finally get their children back on December 10th.

However, at the hearing, there was not even any discussion of evidence. Instead, Matt was ordered (over the telephone in court) to return Bailey to Kentucky and into Sonya’s care, after being in Matt’s care for the past 4 months.

The reason for the judge ordering Bailey’s return? Because the prosecuting attorney Lindsey Adams wants to do

paternity testing. Although the Fosters can see no reason why this information is even relevant to the case, it seems to them to be a delay the prosecuting attorney is using to postpone hearings, since Adams contends that the case cannot be adjudicated until paternity is established. Court was set to be continued until January 28th, 2016, but has now been continued to February 25, 2016, awaiting paternity testing.

Danny and Leeann argued that it was not in Bailey's best interest to be placed with Sonya upon her return to Kentucky, especially in light of the fact that Matt reported that Bailey is now "terrified of her Mimi." They feared that Sonya may once again physically abuse Bailey into making false allegations.

Bailey is now in foster care placement with non-family members, and as much as it pains Leeann that Bailey is with strangers, she feels it is safer than being placed with her own mother, Sonya, who she believes "would abuse Bailey until she says what Sonya wants her to say."



“My precious Bailey...she shouldn’t be in foster care she needs to be home with family. I pray this ends soon! My God our girls need to be home!!” Photo from [Facebook page](#).

## Kentucky Family Court, Above the Rule of Law?



DCBS is a department within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services which administers child protection services

within Kentucky. Many have alleged that the Cabinet runs the Family Courts within Kentucky, and their outcome is based on the Cabinet's prejudice, not on justice.

When Danny and Leeann wanted to hire a private defense attorney for Family Court, he purportedly told them,

*“Don’t waste your money. If they tell you to stand on your head, you’d better stand on your head. The Cabinet controls everything. It doesn’t matter if you have a paid attorney or not, since there is no due process.”*

Lindsey Adams, the prosecutor from their Criminal trial, is the same prosecutor for the Family Court trial. According to Leeann, he “would have burned us at the stake” in Criminal Court if he could have. Leeann expresses her fears:

*“There has been no investigation into the truth. The children are white and prime adoption age. Numerous reports can be found of Kentucky CPS corruption to include terminating parental rights in favor for adoption – adoptions for which the state receives federal funding.*

*There are also reports of CPS workers retaliating against parents and their families when they try to fight for their children. Other reports exist of CPS workers receiving requests from prospective adoptive parents and terminating parental rights in order to place children with those adoptive parents.*

*CPS clearly holds themselves above the law and it is time for them to stop destroying families and children’s lives. Are your children safe from false accusations and lack of evidence*

*to support allegations of neglect or abuse by CPS? It takes only one person who has something to benefit or who seeks revenge against you to make it happen – even if they have a criminal record!”*



Here is a picture of me, Danny, and Danica. This was our 1st time seeing her after being locked up. Happy day. Photo supplied by family.

It is terrifying to Leeann how Criminal Court could give them a “No True Bill,” and yet Family Court proceeds as if “sufficient evidence” is unimportant. According to Kentucky’s [Family Court Rules of Procedure and Practice](#),

regarding Judicial Notice in Dependency, Neglect or Abuse Actions,

*“In making any determinations with regard to a child in a dependency or neglect or abuse action, the court may consider the findings of fact and court orders from any other court proceeding in any other court file involving the child or the child’s parents or the person exercising custodial control or supervision, if the Court is aware of such proceedings. To the extent that the court relies on such, the court shall include a copy of that material in the record.”*

## **“Substantiated Reports” or Hearsay?**

DCBS failed to give any paperwork or the “Substantiated Reports” to Leeann’s Family Court defense attorney, and when they showed up for court on December 10th, her attorney did not have any paperwork regarding the allegations against Leeann. Her attorney suggested that Leeann file a complaint with the Ombudsman. In her complaint to the Ombudsman, Leeann also told him about the allegedly coerced testimony of Bailey and the alleged abuse of Bailey by Sonya that DCBS was ignoring.

The [ky.gov website](http://ky.gov), describes the Office of the Ombudsman:

*“By law, this office serves as an advocate for citizens and works to ensure those seeking various public services are treated fairly.*

*The Office of the Ombudsman answers questions about CHFS programs, investigates customer complaints and works with CHFS management to resolve them, advises CHFS*

*management about patterns of complaints and recommends corrective action when appropriate.”*

After Leeann emailed the Ombudsman on December 11th, the defense attorney finally received all the DCBS paperwork, in early January of 2016. Until they received “Substantiated Reports,” Leeann was unaware that Sonya had alleged neglect in addition to the sexual abuse accusations.

Apparently, when Sonya had taken the children to Jennie Stuart Medical, Sonya also accused Leeann of neglect, stating that the children were dirty and hungry when she got them for the summer, that both girls had lice, that Danica had diaper rash, that they were underweight, and that Bailey told Sonya that her mom locked them “in cages.” Sonya also accused Leeann of having a drug problem.

When she learned of the allegations, Leeann explained that the “cages” described are just baby gates that Leeann put across the girls’ doorways while they played, to keep the toys corralled in the bedrooms and not sprawled throughout the house. Despite the fact that the children had been in Sonya’s care for over 3 weeks when she accused Leeann of neglect, and without an investigation or a home visit, DCBS allegedly substantiated all of Sonya’s allegations.



Bailey and Danica. Image from [Facebook page](#).

Accusing DCBS and Family Court accepting hearsay as fact, Leeann says,

*“It blows my mind that anyone can make accusations and they are accepted as true, and yet anything we say to defend ourselves is not permitted. They do these scare tactics, make these allegations that they say are substantiated, and as a parent, you’re in the dark wondering what’s really going*



on.”

As part of DCBS’ “Reunification Plan,” Danny and Leeann are ordered to do drug screenings, mental evaluations, pedophile evaluations, and parenting classes, as well as “get and maintain housing for 6 months” and “cooperate with DCBS.”

Regarding the injustice of still facing charges in Family Court, after they already served 3 months in jail for a crime they did not commit based on false allegations and hearsay, and after they were released from Criminal Court by a Grand Jury based on insufficient evidence, Leeann entreats the community:

*“I’ve been a mom since I was 16. My days used to consist of taking care of the kids. Now my days are filled with just trying to get them back. Holidays were hell – what’s Christmas without the kids?”*

*6 months into this and my baby is no longer a baby. Both girls have changed and grown up so much. We have missed Baileys 1st day of school, I was locked up on my birthday, and we spent this past holidays without our children. This has been a horrible nightmare and I stay sick to my stomach daily over it.*

*Now that this is in Family Court, I see no light at the end of the tunnel. They keep throwing new things at us.”*



“My little girls!! May God bring them back home!! ❤️” Image from [Facebook page](#).

## **Speak Out Against Injustice**

If you, like many others, are wondering why the Family Court in Christian County is determined to litigate an alleged abuse case that has already been dismissed as a No True Bill case in Criminal Court, please call or write Judge Fleming and the Office of the Ombudsman with your concerns.

## Contact Judge Jason Fleming

Family Court Judge Jason Shea Fleming presides over the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court in Christian County, Kentucky.

Honorable Jason Shea Fleming  
Christian Co. Justice Center  
100 Justice Way  
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Phone: 270-889-6038  
Fax: 270-889-6040

## Contact the Office of the Ombudsman:

By Telephone: 1 (800) 372-2973 or 1 (800) 627-4702 (TTY)

Online:

E-mail the Ombudsman [AndreaT.Day@ky.gov](mailto:AndreaT.Day@ky.gov)

Online

Contact

Form

<http://chfs.ky.gov/os/omb/ombcontact.htm>

The Office of the Ombudsman  
Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
275 E. Main St., 1E-B  
Frankfort, KY 40621

See Other Stories Published on Kentucky DCBS:

**[Is Kentucky The Most Corrupt State in the Country Trafficking Children Through Child “Protection” Services?](#)**

[Kentucky is Being Investigated for Corruption: Will the State's Sordid History of Legal Kidnapping Finally be Punished?](#)

[CPS Defies Doctors and Police to Take Young Children Away from Mother](#)

[Whistleblowers Reveal CPS Child Kidnappings in Kentucky Adoption Business](#)

[Destroying Families in Kentucky via State-sponsored Child Trafficking: United We Stand, Divided We Fall](#)

[Pregnant Homeschool Mom Assaulted by Sheriff as CPS Kidnaps Her Kids in Kentucky](#)

[Kentucky Baby Medically Kidnapped Along with Siblings and Forced on to Formula](#)

[Medical Kidnapping in Kentucky: Mother Coerced to Give Up Daughter to Adoption in Order to Keep Son](#)

# Child Trafficking Reported in Kentucky as “One of the Most Corrupt States in the Country”



Kentucky Families who lost their children to the State.

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

MedicalKidnap.com has been reporting alleged corruption within Kentucky’s Cabinet Department of Community Based Services (DCBS) for over a year, but the history of alleged corruption goes back much further. Even though the corruption was investigated and exposed, it appears today in 2016 that Kentucky DCBS and Family Courts still conduct

“Business as Usual,” sanctioning adoption over family reunification resulting in what many refer to as “[child trafficking](#),” according to the many stories we continue to receive from parents on a weekly basis.

Will new leadership and new laws keep Kentucky families and children safe from DCBS and Family Court exploitation?

In an [article we published last year](#) where we reported that the FBI had begun to investigate corruption in Kentucky after a Harvard study identified Kentucky as “one of the most corrupt states in the country,” one of our readers commented that in Kentucky, “we treat horses here better than we do our mothers, fathers, and children.”

*“i am so overwhelmed by this article it is answer to my many prayers i can relate to almost every post on here Clark Co is one of the most corrupt co. in ky. it is sad that it has taken this long and that so many have suffered the consequences of pure arrogance on behalf of officials that represent justice law.. there is no justice in ky. there is the almighty dollar and a favor. i pray that the fbi really grasp what is going on in this state that is why i firmly believe that we also rate pretty high on the scale of drug abuse and disfunction because of all the lives that are affected by the politics of the ungodly state. we are breeding drug addicted mothers and fathers and the children the victims of this corruption are being scared beyond repair therefore forcing them as well into a substance relief or crime something to find themselves due to the circumstances created in their lives by the government operating in good ole KENTUCKY... we treat horses here better than we do our mothers, fathers, and children. pray for the fbi during this investigation that God will reveal all and give them the favor that they need to stop the maddness!!!!”*



“Kentucky Unbridled Spirit” is the official KY state brand.

Let’s take a look at the history of Kentucky DCBS and Family Court corruption, and its current condition.

## “Business as Usual” for Newly Appointed DCBS Commissioner?



Adria Johnson. New DCBS Commissioner. [Source](#).

In 2015, Kentucky elected a new governor, Matt Bevin. But as much as he ran on a pro-Family and pro-Tenth Amendment

(State's Rights to free themselves from the grip of Federal Government overreach) campaign, Bevin is also outspoken on being pro-adoption, and many families fear that he will not do much to address the alleged corruption within Kentucky DCBS when it comes to allegations of DCBS' stealing kids for profit.

In early January of 2016, Bevin appointed Adria Johnson as the new commissioner of DCBS. According to an [article in the Courier-Journal](#):

*“Johnson will take over a problem-ridden agency that oversees child abuse and neglect investigations, adoptions and foster care... The agency has been plagued in recent months with high turnover of social workers, statewide staff shortages, allegations of mishandled foster care and child abuse cases, and a record number of children in the state foster care system.”*

As the new commissioner of the DCBS, will Johnson protect KY families from DCBS abuse and corruption, and prioritize reunification – not adoption – as the [Cabinet's goal](#), or will she simply increase the hiring of social workers to reduce caseloads and shortages so social workers can do a “better job” at removing Kentucky's children and to gain more federal adoption funds?

Of particular concern to some KY families was Glenna Bevin's comment that one of her top priorities is “improving conditions for foster care and making it *easier* for Kentucky families to adopt children.” (Source: [Bevin names new Ky. social service commissioner](#).)

One concerned KY resident wrote online:



*“The definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results. It’s kind of crazy to expect Commissioner Johnson to clean up child protective services when she didn’t do so as deputy commissioner. It’s also kind of crazy to keep a Beshear appointee around in a sensitive position so when a bunch more kids die under the Cabinets care the daggers can be thrown directly in the Governors back. Guess no lessons were learned from the Ernie Fletcher debacle of keeping his enemies around him. Sad day for Kentucky parental and grandparent liberty interests.” – Amy Mischler. [Source](#).*

## **Long History of Kentucky DCBS Corruption**

### **John Boel News32 Investigations**

In 2007 News32 aired shocking reports exposing alleged corruption within DCBS following a 3-year long investigation.



John Boel. [You Tube Image.](#)

See:

### **[Whistleblowers Reveal CPS Child Kidnappings in Kentucky Adoption Business](#)**

According to Boel's investigations, family victims, attorneys, social workers and officials described:

- Quick trigger child removal with no proof of parental wrong-doing
- Threats and retaliation against those who fight back
- Fast-tracked adoptions for Federal Adoption Reimbursements
- Requests for "white" babies

- Abuse of power, falsified documents, lies in court
- Workers pressured to boost adoption numbers

### Kentucky Youth Advocate Investigation (KYA)



Kentucky Youth Advocates. [Image from website.](#)

As a result of Boel's investigations, KYA and National Institute on Children Youth & Families, Inc. collaborated on a 95-page report released in 2006 called "[the 'other' Kentucky lottery: Child Protection & Permanency for Abused & Neglected Children in Kentucky in 2005.](#)"

Through KYA's email and telephone hotline, 255 families, social workers and other professionals responded from around the state, concluding that families contacted by DCBS unwittingly played a "game of chance," based on whether or not they received a dedicated & trained social worker who helped the family with resources, or if they received a social worker who was hateful and treated the family in deplorable, discriminatory & punitive ways, or if they even received a social worker with a degree in social work at all, since not all DCBS case workers are degreed social workers.

The [study](#) revealed some astonishing findings:

- 11% of children were removed for abuse, whereas 34.2% were removed from their homes due to allegations of dependency (a child without a caretaker) or 42.6% neglect (lack of food, clothing, or shelter), suggesting that poverty and lack of parenting skills were the main reasons children were removed from their homes.
- 21% increase in children placed in more expensive out-of-home care (OOHC), like foster care, psychiatric facilities, and private residential facilities, instead of utilizing Family Preservations Programs and Kinship Care programs.
- Although DCBS is mandated to help dependent, neglected & abused children and their families, services offered to OOHC caretakers was *not available* to children staying in the home with their parents.
- Because DCBS works 2 case plans simultaneously (reunification and adoption), children may be “steered toward adoption instead of reunifying the child with his family because services are not delivered to the families and the goals set for the families may be unrealistic.”
- Social workers complained of excessive paperwork, low morale, high turnover rates, and inherent dangers in CPS work, and punitive action taken against good social workers.
- Federal adoption funds may have incentivized the state to “fast-track” adoptions, since Kentucky received a \$1,074,000 bonus in 2004 for increasing its adoption numbers from the previous year.

State Calendar Year.	Federal ASFA Goal for Adoptions in Kentucky by the U.S. DHHS <sup>43</sup>	Adoptions "Finalized" <sup>44</sup>	Difference between Federal Goal & Kentucky's Efforts	Federal "Bonus" Received from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
1999-2000	494	384	-110	\$ 57,052.
2000-2001	615	542	- 73	\$ 796,000.
2001-2002	602	564	- 38	\$ 204,000.
2002-2003	611	606	- 5	\$ 452,000.
2003-2004	699	724	+ 55	\$ 1,074,000.

Table 11 Kentucky Adoptions "Finalized" & Federal "Bonuses" Received. (October 17, 2005 Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services, Department for Community-Based Services response to NICYF Open Records Request of September 12, 2005.) Image from [" the 'other' Kentucky lottery"](#)

### 2007 Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Report

In 2007, Robert Benvenuti, Office of the Inspector General (OIG), also conducted a 12-month, 5000-hour investigation based on hundreds of call, emails, letters, personal interviews with DCBS staff and complainants, as well as 75 DCBS case files.



[Image Source.](#)

The [OIG report](#) supported findings similar to the KYA report, including:

- falsification of records and dishonesty by caseworkers
- case plans that were unreasonable and often included burdensome and unrelated goals, like completing a GED or requiring domestic violence assessment, mental health assessment, and substance abuse assessment whether or not they pertained to the family

- no representations for the parents or the children at the 72-hour judicial hearing
- children staying in the foster home, not because the parents were unfit, but because the foster home was “better”
- higher standards set for biological parents than foster parents; promoting adoption over reunification and mismanagement of cases, and more

The OIG report also reprimanded the Cabinet for its definition of “abuse and neglect” as being too vague to be applied fairly:

*“The vagueness of the definitions of neglect, abuse, and a dependent child under KRS 600.020 makes it difficult to apply the statute in a fair and uniform fashion. Likewise, the statute’s broad terms create the opportunity for findings of neglect, abuse, and dependency to be inappropriately applied. For example, as written, the statute can and, in some cases, has been applied to impoverished families as well as accidental injuries and deaths. The Cabinet should work with the Legislature to make any and all appropriate modifications to the statute to clarify the intent of the statute and, to the extent possible, eliminate the potential for misuse or over-application of the statute.”*

## **Why Are Corrupt Child-Welfare Workers Still at Work?**

After these reports came out, a Grand jury in Hardin County, Kentucky released a criticizing 6-page report, but failed to indict anyone. According to an article by Deborah Yetter of

the Courier-Journal in 2007,

*“A grand jury in Hardin County has declined to indict any state child-welfare workers over allegations that some of them lied in court, falsified records and otherwise abused their authority.*

*The grand jury, in a report released yesterday, found too much time had elapsed to charge anyone with criminal violations in 18 cases it reviewed of workers’ conduct in child abuse and neglect cases.*

*But in the harshly worded report, grand jurors called for more outside oversight of the state’s child-welfare system and tougher laws to deal with errant workers, noting they have “potentially devastating power” over children and parents.” [Source](#).*

## **Current Complaints of Corruption Suggest Things are Getting Worse, not Better**

Even after all the years of investigations, it appears nothing has changed in Kentucky. With every story we print, Kentucky parents today continue to share their stories with us via emails and comments, which echo complaints of those past investigations.





Readers Can Comment on Our Stories in our [Medical Kidnap Community](#)

One reader shared:

*“I just went through DCBS bull crap for the 2nd time in my life. FIRST when i was a child. And this past time. With my own two kids. I can say its messed up the crap they pull. My case from me being a minor was supposed to be sealed. But dcbs used it against me. Just got our kids back after proving we were innocent. Never charged with anything. Did everything they asked. But some how come every court date dcbs “accidently” forgot some paper work or “forgot” to call on a witness. Or better yet the new workers we got every two weeks. Went through 20 workers. Always got changed right before our next court date. And dcbs refused to let any family take our kids in. From day one they said foster care. Then the foster parents were constantly talking about how they wanted to adopt to little girls just like ours and how in 7 months they might..... My husband and i fought from day 1 to get our kids back. Never gave up. Then we get them back and the foster parents just show up at our house no call nothing. Dcbs is full of crap. Spent 16 years in foster care cause they convinced my grandparents they couldnt take care of me. Almost got adopted 4 times. But each time i refused and told them i wanted my grandparents.”*

One mother revealed, during a phone interview, how she was coerced into terminating parental rights:

*“my plan for my daughter changed from “Reunite” to “Terminate Rights” when a foster family came forward wanting to adopt her (after about 3 years in the system and 11 foster homes later). I had been working my plan, but because I just had a newborn, DCBS threatened to take my newborn to make me to “voluntarily” sign over my 11 year-old for adoption.”*

A grandmother who was denied kinship care of her grandchildren after being told she would get them, related her heartache to us:

*“Dcbs came in my house and kidnapped my grandbabies while telling me ‘its nothing you’ve done, we’re not taking them from you.’ Family court judges, and several others plus DCBS pushed for these people to adopt ‘because they got attached to the babies.’ Well, don’t they think the family’s attached? I’ve been So Depressed and Down that I don’t want to go to my Dr. appointments, the grocery when I do it’s 3:00-4:00a.m because little ones aren’t there. Church was the one place I could go for spiritual help. I was there Every time The doors were open. The last time I went a little one yelled ‘Nanna’ and I had to get up and go to the restroom. I Couldn’t Take It. I have no reason to get up. I’m grieving myself too death and can’t STOP myself.”*

One aunt emailed us to relate how DCBS “stole” her sister’s children:

*“They target young, poor women and families and blackmail and twist things around until these families are torn apart and not even sure of what happened in the end. These social workers use their powers to play God by either making them out to be inferior to them or by falsely befriending them to gain trust and then steal these children.”*

A mother who lost custody of her children due to alleged corruption within the family courts shares this:

*“They set up a case plan which I followed however my attorney Jason Howell and Andrea Nelson were allowed to just say that I wasn’t complying. Even though I did everything they asked. This went on for a year. Then at the last court date in 2009 my attorney put a piece of paper in my face and said I had to sign it. Judge Mattingly read me my rights and asked me if I knew what I was signing and I told him no. But they still made me sign the paper. I learned 6 years later that I had signed my custody over. There was never an explanation, there was never any trying of unification, or anything. There was no evidence and I was told because of that they were able to just do a family interview and that was enough to charge me with dependency, abuse, and neglect.”*

Another mom shares:

*“my day in court, two years later, I was beaten down (even by my own pro-bono attorney), exhausted, .....I was an emotional and mental wreck. It culminated in my son staying in state care and a babysitter getting custody of my daughter. ... BTW, the 2 doctors who called CPS? GONE. QUIT*

or FIRED. Psychologist, two, one for me and one for daughter. RETIRED or MOVED. Original investigator who substantiated both cases for each child. Suddenly QUIT. Social Workers involve in our case? QUIT .....and the women in charge of DCBS in Frankfort? GONE, new director assigned.”

And another:

*“we went to court, the social worker was sworn in under oath and lied right there on the spot, and when I said something about it; I was told that if I didn’t shut my mouth I would go to jail. The medical records have been altered 3 different times, luckily I have all 3 different sets, but our lawyers will not bring it up in court. The social workers had deleted pages from the medical records that was in the discovery package. Then for some reason the hospital had changed them also here recently.”*

And another:

*“I completed case plan and still got nowhere and I am now having to fight to keep them from trying to terminate my parental rights and adopt my babies.”*

And another:

*“I was ordered to undergo counseling by a judge. It was also later put in a ‘protection plan’ by the social worker that I had to follow all court orders. Well, the counseling place in Jefferson County KY is called Seven Counties. Seven Counties*

*policy is that to receive counseling the meeting had to be scheduled by the social worker and both the social worker and I attend together. The Jefferson County Social Worker wouldn't call Seven Counties to set up the appointment. The original Pike County social worker then put in the TWIST records that I wouldn't call Seven Counties and make the appointment to get counseling to be in compliance with the judges order and the protection plan. I later won an administrative hearing against the social workers for failing to provide services. It was an empty victory because neither social worker was ever disciplined for failing to do their jobs."*

And yet another:

*"The case worker committed perjury in court under oath by saying my parents made all these ridiculous statements about me that she says came from my parents. The judge turned to my parents who were in court with me and asked if they said these things and they said no they did not. The judge then said he didn't understand why she said they did ... He never said a word about the perjury the worker committed verbally in court and again on her official report about the findings of her investigation... By allowing the worker to commit perjury without even a warning and to then treat me as if it were all true the judge undermined the foundation the legal system..."*

As long as families continue to share their stories with us, [MedicalKidnap.com](http://MedicalKidnap.com) will continue to report how DCBS workers and Family Courts allegedly abuse their power, have no oversight, and cause needless trauma to children and families, and that overall, DCBS and Foster Care is a really

just a bad idea that should be abolished.

See:

**Does the State Ever Have a “Right” to Remove Children from a Home?**

**Tell Congress to End Federal Funding for Child Welfare – Let Local Communities Take Over**

**Baltimore Child Welfare Director: Foster Care is a Bad Idea – Kids Belong in Families**

**How “The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997” Created a Lucrative Business for the State**

The issues of the past and those of today appear to stem from The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA) which proponents say was meant to prevent children from languishing in foster care by providing “forever homes” through adoption, but many argue that it has created a lucrative business for the state, using children as a commodity.

According to ASFA:

*“reasonable efforts shall be made to preserve and reunify families—*

*(i) prior to the placement of a child in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removing the child from the child’s home; and*

(ii) to make it possible for a child to safely return

to the child's home;" [Source](#).

Are Kentucky's children still being removed without regard to reasonable efforts to prevent child removal and trauma? According to the [2007 OIG report](#), KRS 620.130 Alternatives to removal from custody:

*(1) ... when the court is petitioned to remove or continue the removal of a child from the custody of his parent or other person exercising custodial control or supervision, the court shall first consider whether the child may be reasonably protected against the alleged dependency, neglect or abuse, by alternatives less restrictive than removal. Such alternatives may include, but shall not be limited to, the provision of medical, educational, psychiatric, psychological, social work, counseling, day care, or homemaking services with monitoring wherever necessary by the cabinet or other appropriate agency. Where the court specifically finds that such alternatives are adequate to reasonably protect the child against the alleged dependency, neglect or abuse, the court shall not order the removal or continued removal of the child.*

*(2) If the court orders the removal or continues the removal of the child, services provided to the parent and the child shall be designed to promote the protection of the child and the return of the child safely to the child's home as soon as possible...*

Even though the ASFA says that before states can receive these adoption funds, "reasonable efforts" should be made to prevent a child's removal from their home, many argue

that child “protective” services and family courts routinely remove children while disregarding the “reasonable efforts” clause in order to guarantee a steady commodity of children who would bring in a steady revenue of Title IV funds to the state.

If federal funding ceased, how many social workers, administrators, lawyers, court personnel, court investigators, evaluators and guardians, family court judges, juvenile court personnel, therapists, counselors, foster and adoptive parents would be out of a job? One of our readers boldly alleges:

*“CPS in Kentucky routinely violates their own policies IAW with their on-line manual (google DCBS, Kentucky, standard operating procedures). Children are removed BEFORE a hearing and parents do not speak with an attorney BEFORE their first ...or more hearings (nor do children). Attorney do NOT keep their clients informed during the process. It’s important that families are treated as valued customers which they are not. Afterall, it is their money. In fact, One child removed for six months, pays for 25 CPS employees—it is the only way they are paid.”*

## **Lack of Transparency in Kentucky’s Secret Family Courts**

Family Courts started in Kentucky in 1991, and initially had no statewide rules specifically governing family law cases, so judges followed the rules of civil court. In 2011 a uniform set of rules was created for family court judges called: [The Family Court Rules of Procedure and Practice \(FCRPP\) 2011](#).



Family Court is cloaked in secrecy, and proceedings for dependency, neglect, abuse, termination of parental rights and adoptions are not open to the public, and yet the KY Supreme Court said:

*“The principle that justice cannot survive behind walls of silence is so deeply imbedded in our Anglo–American judicial system as to give our people in today’s modern society a deep distrust of secret trials ... One of the strongest demands of a democratic system is that the public should know what goes on in their courts. This demand can only be met by permitting them to be present in person and by permitting the press, who have the facilities to properly inform them, to be present upon their behalf.” – Johnson v. Simpson, Ky., 433 S.W.2d 644, 646 (1968). [Source](#).*

The [2007 OIG Report](#) rebuked the courts, saying:

*“ ... we believe strongly, the cloak of secrecy that currently dominates this process is not in the best interest of Kentucky’s children and must be removed as part of any material reform. Simply stated, these are not matters of national security, wherein effectiveness often requires secrecy. Rather, they are social service issues that demand the full light of day in order to better ensure the integrity of the process. The fact that children are involved in the process should no longer be used as an excuse to protect these proceedings from meaningful public oversight.”*

Currently there is strong support for open court proceedings in Kentucky Family Courts, but [Senate Bill 40](#) would only allow the KY Supreme Court to approve a *pilot project to open*

some family court proceedings.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014  
(Continued)**

CFDA	Program Title	State Agency	Expenditures		Provided to Subrecipient
			Cash	Noncash	
<b>Child Care and Development Block Grant Cluster:</b>					
93.373	Child Care and Development Block Grant (Note 2)	CHFS	38,568,259		7,673,286
93.396	Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund (Note 2)	CHFS	41,006,775		3,018,623
93.586	State Court Improvement Program	AOC	476,666		
93.590	Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants	CHFS	2,584,122		2,360,545
93.597	Grants to States for Access and Visitation Programs	CHFS	62,364		62,364
93.599	Child Education and Training Vouchers Program (ETV)	CHFS	578,202		
93.600	Head Start	GOV	197,181		
93.603	Adoption Incentive Payments	CHFS	820,000		820,000
93.617	Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities, Grants To States	KBE	8,562		
93.618	Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities, Grants for Protection and Advocacy Systems	PUBAD	90,961		
93.627	Affordable Care Act: Testing Experience and Functional Assessment Tools	CHFS	5,946		
93.630	Developmental Disabilities Basic Support and Advocacy Grants	CHFS	1,127,189		
93.643	Children's Justice Grants to States	PUBAD	616,276		
		CHFS	148,087		14,606
		OAG			
93.645	Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	CHFS	4,266,031		
93.647	Social Services Research and Demonstration (Note 14)	CHFS			
93.652	Adoption Opportunities	CHFS	95,503		90,364
93.658	Foster Care, Title IV-E (Note 2)	CHFS	40,166,837		3,127,517
		JUV	3,593,054		
		AOC	331,717		
93.658	ARRA-Foster Care, Title IV-E (Note 13)	CHFS	2,844		
93.659	Adoption Assistance (Note 2)	CHFS	45,339,976		
93.659	ARRA-Adoption Assistance (Note 13)	CHFS	1,510		
93.667	Social Services Block Grant	CHFS	13,124,651		29,080
		JUV	6,609,852		
		FAC			

Portion of the 2014 Court Audit showing some of the Federal Award Monies. [Image Source.](#)

According to one of our readers:

*“The courts budget are all behind a veil of secrecy but I discovered through the annual auditors report that the KY courts receive a yearly substantial amount that covers the budgets of the juvenile branches of AOC [name of KY Courts]. That amount comes from putting children in foster care. What I am is saying is that the KY Courts cannot meet its budget for salaries for juvenile services unless there is a quote of children in foster care receiving Title IVE funds. What is juvenile services? Everything to do with juveniles including the employees who are supposed to monitor and train the Citizen Foster Care review boards. No instate attorney will ever challenge AOC on this conflict of interest because they*

*will be blackballed by the courts. It's got to be challenged by an out of state attorney in Federal Court."*

## **Anonymous Allegations Used to Kidnap Children by the State Unconstitutional**

According to the 6th Amendment of the Constitution, criminal defendants have the right to confront the witnesses against them, and yet families report how they and their children are torn apart and traumatized based on *anonymous*, and often unsubstantiated, allegations in Family Court. Many argue that those reporting abuse should be made to identify themselves and stand as witnesses in court, which would eliminate most false reporters, vengeful neighbors, or just busy-body trouble-makers. Shouldn't families accused of abuse in Family Court have the same constitutional rights as criminal defendants?

An online commenter suggested:

*"Anonymous reporting needs to be done away with. They should have physical evidence and stand face to face with the person they accuse."* – Lisa Amel. [Source](#).

Another online commenter said:

*"It's time for reform the entire CPS system in Kentucky. Social workers making false complaints is too common and usually they get away with it. Also, social workers look up information in the system on friends and families. I am speaking from experience."* – Amy Mischler. [Source](#).

Look what happened when this type of power was used by a corrupt social worker in Kentucky recently:

See:

**[E'town couple shaken by false child-abuse calls](#)**

**[Ex-social worker faces more criminal charges](#)**

## **Documented Sexual Abuses Ongoing in Foster Homes**

As quoted earlier, “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results.” Many articles we have printed expose that foster homes are often more dangerous than the “troubled” homes from which children were removed by CPS.

Recently in Kentucky, a WKLY news report reveals that a foster parent/youth pastor admitted to sexually abusing a 7 year old, over the course of three years. (See: [Kentucky youth pastor accused of sexually abusing child.](#))

**Other Medical Kidnap documenting the dangers of foster care:**

**[Foster Care Children are Worse Off than Children in Troubled Homes - The Child Trafficking Business](#)**

## **Foster Homes: Where Good Kids Go To Die**

## **Is Foster Care “In the Best Interest of the Child”?**

## **Corruption Will Have Its Last Day, Not the Last Say**

### **How You Can Help**

Continue to share our stories and raise awareness. Let politicians know that Kentucky’s children are “not for sale.”

See:

## **Child Protection Services is Out of Control – What Ordinary Citizens Can Do About It**

### **Advocate and Ask Questions**

[Contact Matt Bevin](#) and [Adria Johnson](#) with your concerns about DCBS policies and Family Courts. Ask what they plan to do to protect families from this continued corruption.

### **Share Concerns**

Contact your [local Representatives](#) and share your concerns.

### **Demand Adherence to Constitutional Rights**

Contact your local sheriff and urge them to protect Constitutional Rights in your community.

See:

## [Are Constitutional Sheriffs America's Hope to Ending Child Protective Services' Tyranny?](#)

Join our safe & secure Kentucky Group in the Medical Kidnap Community

Join our Health Impact News Community by creating a [registered account](#), and join our private grassroots group: KY Bluegrass Families United Against DCBS Corruption in the Medical Kidnap Community



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# Kentucky Family Falsely Accused of Child Abuse - Children Medically Kidnapped to Cover Corruption



Amira and Zadyne Evans before being taken by Kentucky DCBS in 2014. Image supplied by family.

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How does a routine trip to an E.R. by concerned parents in Kentucky turn into a terrifying ordeal where the parents were blindsided by child abuse accusations, and sent home empty-armed and broken-hearted without their children? Only recently did they discover the truth about what happened that night over two years ago when their infant son was in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital without them. They believe their baby's diagnosis was changed by a *Child Abuse Specialist* to cover-up Vanderbilt's medically induced injuries, blaming it instead on the parents. They have been fighting to get their children back ever since, and want to bring their story to the public.



Zadyne and Amira with daddy, Jarvis. Amira is now almost 4 years old and Zadyne is almost 3 years old, and the family has missed out on crucial time with their children during these early developmental years. Image supplied by family.

For over two years Ausia Branch, the mother, Jarvis Evans, the father, and Melanie Evans, the paternal grandmother,

have been fighting the Kentucky family courts and criminal courts for the return of their two children Amira and Zadyne. The children were removed by Kentucky's Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) following an accusation of non-accidental trauma by Tennessee's Vanderbilt Children's Hospital's Child Abuse Specialist after 8-month old Zadyne was air-lifted there from The Medical Center in Bowling Green for meningitis on 4/20/14.

The family says that Zadyne became ill after receiving vaccines.

Ausia and Jarvis are seven months pregnant with their third child, and fear that if this case is not resolved soon, DCBS will try and seize the newborn. The family shares:

*It is not easy to tell our story because it is embarrassing to be accused of child abuse when you know that you are innocent. We decided to share our story because we know that we are not alone. There are many other parents that have experienced and are presently going through the same thing that we are going through now.*

*We share our story because we want to draw public attention to this dark side of the so called shaken baby syndrome which is not scientific and where innocent parents are being locked up, their children taken away from them and their lives destroyed.*

*We share our story because the only HOPE that a poor person has is their faith in God as the legal cost of having good representation in fighting accusations of shaken baby syndrome can be tremendous.*

*It is our hope that our voices are heard and those in position*

*of power will take a look at how doctors are making decisions concerning the shaken baby syndrome based on one symptom or a triad of symptoms without any other evidence of physical abuse.*

*Families are being destroyed by only the word of a doctor. In other words, a doctor's word is allowed to become a legal conclusion rather than focusing on only the material evidence. This ought not to be and that is why we have decided to share our story.*

## **Premature Baby Becomes Ill After Vaccinations**



Zadyne born at 32 weeks gestation, on a ventilator in NICU. Image supplied by family.

Zadyne was born prematurely at 32 weeks gestation in

August of 2013 and was immediately admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for two weeks for “prematurity, metabolic acidosis, sepsis, respiratory distress, feeding problems and jaundice.” Zadyne received oxygen through a ventilator.

Ten days after his birth, they injected him with a Hepatitis B vaccine.

By the time he was 3 months old, he received eight vaccines: DTaP, Polio, Hepatitis B, Hib, Pneumococca, Rotavirus, and 2 Synagis. The family noticed that Zadyne would get very ill after the vaccinations.

Shortly after receiving these vaccines, Zadyne was taken to the E.R. of Greenview Hospital in Bowling Green, KY for persistent fevers, poor feeding, and unusual sleepiness.

Between 2/19/14 and 3/10/14, now 6 months old, Zadyne received the same six vaccines he received at 3 months, plus Influenza, and 1 Synagis. On 3/16/14, Zadyne was again taken to The Medical Center of Bowling Green’s E.R. for persistent fevers, poor feeding and unusual sleepiness.



Zadyne days before leaving the NICU and going home. Image supplied by family.

The family explains:

*These shots made him very sick as he was already probably suffering from hydrocephalus (which at the time we did not know that it was hydrocephalus). Zadyne had a very large head, and had always had problems trying to keep it steady. Our pediatrician Dr. Smith took notice of Zadyne's large head, but did nothing to determine if there were any underlying medical problems. His job was only to give shots.*



“This is Zadyne on March 15th, 2014. I believe that his hydrocephalus was getting worse, which is why he couldn’t hold his head steady, but at the time I did not know he had hydrocephalus.” – Ausia. Image provided by family.

**Diagnosed with Meningitis and BESS by  
Bowling Green Medical Center**



Zadyne at Bowling Green Medical Center before he was air lifted to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Image supplied by family.

The family reports:

*Zadyne stayed at the emergency room in Bowling Green from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for various test. He was then released to go home. After about an hour at home, he had a seizure and had to be returned to the emergency room. This time, they did a spinal tap and it revealed cloudy cerebral spinal fluid which suggested that he may have had meningitis.*



*Dr. Robert Game, Diagnostic Radiologist with over 39 years of experience, did a CT scan and diagnosed the child with a Benign Enlargement of the Space in the Head (BESS) ) and possible thrombosis (blood clots), ‘giving the large size of the subarachnoid space.’ He stated that there was ‘No focal lesions or mass. No hemorrhage.’ (In other words, there was no bleeding, destruction or damage to the child’s brain.)*

*Two chest test x-rays revealed that there was no problem with his lungs.*

*Around 10:00 p.m. Zadyne was transferred to Vanderbilt via helicopter. Ausia was not allowed to accompany her son in the helicopter, but she maintained in contact with the E.R. doctors by phone.*

*Dr. Abdalla Abdelrahman, Neuroradiologist with over 25 years of experience from the Medical Center, requested Vanderbilt do an MRI to determine if the child had a subdural hygroma (excessive collection of cerebral spinal fluid) or any chronic (old) subdural hematomas ‘giving the large size of the subarachnoid space.’*

## **Child Abuse Specialist Dismisses Previous Medical Assessment, Accuses Family of Non-Accidental Trauma**

Upon arrival at Vanderbilt, Zadyne’s assessment was recorded as, “awake/responsive to touch/pain, lung sounds clear, abdomen soft, fontanel bulging, mm dry, brisk caprefill.”

Dr. Thomas A. Powers from Vanderbilt agreed with Bowling Green’s BESS assessment, adding “no evidence of acute

intra-or extra-axial hemorrhage.”



Image of [Dr. Verena Brown](#), Vanderbilt’s “Child Abuse Specialist.” [Image source](#).

Two days later, Dr. Verena Brown, Vanderbilt’s *Child Abuse Specialist*, wrote that the ophthalmology consult showed “bilateral retinal hemorrhages” and “macular schisis” (retinal detachment), and stated, “Zadyne has macular schisis, which can only be found accidentally in severe accidents.”

Since Ausia knew of no major traumatic events in her son’s life, Dr. Brown stated that “*without any sort of underlying medical problems or history of major trauma, the diagnosis is abusive head trauma.*”

In her abuse report, Brown stated that Zadyne had previously been a “healthy baby boy,” disregarding his premature birth,

and previous E.R. visits for vaccine reactions. She also claimed that Zadyne had “a questionable healing fracture in the right humerus,” and that an MRI of the spine showed a “dorsal epidural/subdural hemorrhage over the lower thoracic and lumbar spine consistent with inflicted injury.”

Brown changed the previous assessment of BESS, stating that the MRI “clarified these to be actual subdural hemorrhages.” Yet the [American Journal of Neuroradiology](#) states:

*Although suspicious for NAT [non accidental trauma], subdural hematomas can occur in children either spontaneously or as a result of accidental trauma. Caution must be exercised when investigating for NAT based on the sole presence of subdural hematomas, especially in children who are otherwise well and who have BESS.*

Brown reported that Zadyne’s “blood and urine cultures were negative,” thus ruling out meningitis, and wrote that a “bleeding disorder panel for Zadyne had been negative.”



Zadyne at Vanderbilt. The family asks, “What happened?”  
Image provided by family.

## **What Really Happened at Vanderbilt and Why Was It Kept a Secret from the Family?**

Did Dr. Brown build a “great case” for abusive head trauma citing “subdural and retinal hemorrhages,” and “signs of brain damage (seizures and altered mental state),” the “possible broken humerus,” and the “inflicted spinal injury,” or did she omit critical information in order to draw her conclusions?

On 5/28/14, over a month later, Dr. Brown amended her statement about the “*inflicted spinal injury*,” stating that upon “re-reviewing the medical records,” the lumbar puncture was caused by the spinal tap. However, Brown clearly noted on 4/23/14 that a “spinal tap” was done, so why did she disregard this information when she made the abuse allegations?

Almost 2 years later, the family subpoenaed medical records that revealed another story of what happened to Zadyne on 8/20/14 in Vanderbilt’s E.R. This is what they learned:

*Shortly after arrival, Zadyne lost consciousness and had an ‘apneic event’ that caused hypoxia (low blood oxygen). Hypoxia can cause clots in the veins such as deep vein thrombosis, strokes and severe brain damage.*

*This ‘emergent event’ necessitated endotracheal intubation and supplemental oxygen. Afterwards, a physical exam showed that Zadyne was ‘not breathing over ventilator.’ He was unresponsive and paralytic for about 40 minutes ago.*

*At 11:43 p.m. on 4/20/14, Zadyne’s pO<sub>2</sub>-V blood gases registered six to seven times higher than it should have been. The reading was 570 mmHg, but the normal range is between 80 -100 mmHg. High pO<sub>2</sub> blood gas level can cause Oxygen Toxicity, which can result in lung collapse, retinal detachment and seizures.*

*At 12:31 a.m. on 4/21/14, a chest x-ray was ordered and a critical radiology alert was documented, citing, ‘An endotracheal tube is present and is located well into the right mainstem bronchus. A critical or has been sent. There is mild retrocardiac opacity which may represent developing atelectasis’ – (collapsed lung). By 2:00 a.m. the endotracheal*

*tube was withdrawn 2.5 cm to re-position it correctly. An EEG was ordered to rule out continued seizures as a contributing factor to his decline in mental status, ‘although other factors such as infection and recent intubation are most likely playing a major role.’*

When the family arrived at the hospital on the morning of 4/21/14, they were NOT told of these traumatic events, but they noticed that Zadyne’s left eye was crossed. He did not have crossed-eyes before his arrival to Nashville.



“Before Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital, Zadyne never had crossed eyes. I believe this is from the oxygen poisoning.” – Ausia. Image provided by family.

The family now contends that the hospital was covering up Zadyne's medically induced trauma, and this explains to them why Vanderbilt – in an effort to prevent anyone from discovering their medical malpractice – shifted the focus off real medical concerns like vaccine reactions, meningitis, and blood disorders.

## Did Zadyne Have Vaccine-Induced Meningitis, Scurvy?

Although Vanderbilt ruled out meningitis due to lack of bacteria culture, the [Mayo Clinic](#) explains, “Meningitis can also result from noninfectious causes, such as chemical reactions, drug allergies, some types of cancer and inflammatory diseases such as sarcoidosis.” In a cruel twist of fate, are parents being charged with abusive head trauma or shaken baby syndrome (SBS) by a medical system that should hold themselves accountable for medical abuse due to vaccine injuries?

The article [Are Parents Going to Jail for Vaccine Injuries?](#), explains:

*When a medical professional suspects that a baby has been violently shaken, they will examine them for the “triad” of injuries associated with SBS. These are subdural haematomas (bleeds inside the brain), retinal haemorrhages (bleeds behind the eyes) and cerebral edema (swelling or inflammation inside the brain).*

*Whilst a large percentage of the medical establishment continues to embrace the SBS diagnosis, others have become critical and maintain that the violent shaking of a young child is not the only cause of the triad of injuries.*

*Mounting evidence suggests that these injuries can also occur after short falls, illnesses such as encephalitis and meningitis, birth trauma, vitamin deficiencies and genetic illnesses such as brittle bone syndrome.*

In the same [article](#), several doctors describe vaccines links to the “triad” of symptoms:

Dr. Viera Scheibner wrote:

*... in every single case, the symptoms appeared shortly after the baby's vaccinations.*

*... these babies were given one or more of the series of so-called routine shots – hepatitis B, DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus), polio and HiB (Haemophilus influenza type B) – shortly before they developed symptoms of illness resulting in serious brain damage or death.*

Dr. Harold Buttram argued that a child had been:

*... mistakenly diagnosed as shaken baby syndrome, the true cause of death in our opinions having been a vaccine-induced encephalitis.*

Dr. Mohammed Ali Al-Bayati testifying on behalf of parents charged with SBS, said:

*...vaccines and medications caused their deaths.*



*My findings clearly show that the shaken baby “syndrome” (SBS) theory is not supported by science. The SBS theory has been applied since the early 1970’s in cases of babies and toddlers who suffer from subdural and/or retinal bleeding when they do not exhibit signs of external injuries.*

Dr. Michael D Innis expounded:

*All the evidence points to the fact that children alleged to have suffered from the condition called shaken baby syndrome have evidence of liver dysfunction initiated by an autoimmune response to vaccines causing a deficiency of insulin manifested as Hyperglycaemia. The deficiency of insulin also results in failure of the transfer of vitamin C from the plasma into the cells thereby causing Tissue Scurvy. Intracellular vitamin C is necessary for efficient cellular function and without it a breakdown of tissues and haemorrhage are inevitable as in Tissue Scurvy.*

In the article [Dangerous Vaccines Found to Cause Symptoms of Shaken Baby Syndrome](#), we read:

*Professionals are recognizing that shaken baby syndrome is an unsafe diagnosis, due to the evidence being presented with the use of biomechanics. According to Holcomb, the study of biomechanics has proven that humans lack the physical strength needed to cause fatal brain injuries from manual shaking alone. He says that if a child were to be shaken as described in SBS cases, then this violence would result in a high incidence of spinal paralysis from neck injuries in infants, which has never been reported in association with SBS.*

## Family Court Judge Outraged that Family Sought Second Opinion on Abuse Diagnosis, Revoked Kinship Care

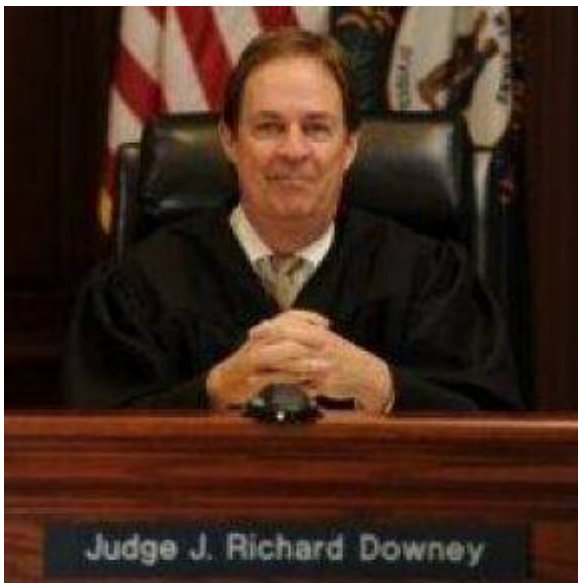
Juvenile Dependency, Neglect and Abuse Petitions were filed with the KY family court against all individuals living in the home with Zadyne: Ausia, Jarvis, and Jarvis's mother Melanie Evans. On 4/23/14, DCBS social worker Edin Smajlagic placed 8-month old Zadyne and his two-year old sister Amira in kinship care with their paternal great-grandmother, Gracie Evans, as approved by interim Judge Catherine Holderfield.

A new interim Judge Richard Downey denied appointment of counsel on 5/6/14, stating that the Plaintiffs were not deemed indigent. Preparing to represent themselves pro se, the family sought 2nd medical opinions to clear themselves of abuse at the next pre-trial conference on 5/12/14.

On 5/8/14, Gracie, Ausia, and Cassandra, the great-aunt, took Zadyne back to The Medical Center for a full skeletal survey. The results showed that there were "*no healing fractures.*" The family also scheduled an appointment with a neurologist at the Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY, however, this appointment was canceled after the children were removed from Gracie, the great-grandmother's home.

The pre-trial conference turned out to be the family's worst nightmare. Instead of the 2nd x-ray exonerating them, it outraged the judge. When the family tried to speak to defend themselves as pro se, Judge Downey allegedly ordered them to remain silent; tore up and trashed the new medical records, calling them "junk" and "tampering with evidence;" and he refused to call the family by name, instead demeaning them as "these people."

Not trusting the 2nd opinion from The Medical Center, Smajlagic requested that 3rd skeletal survey of Zadyne be done at Vanderbilt. (On 5/19/14, a 3rd skeletal survey was done which stated that “new bone formation may be related to remodeling or may be a normal variant.”)



Family Court Judge Downey. [Image source.](#)

Despite the fact that the original removal order did not prohibit Gracie from taking the children to the doctor, Judge Downey was allegedly in an uncontrollable rage, yelling at the great-grandmother:

*Who told you to take that child to a doctor? Do not ever take this child to another doctor. Do you understand me?*

The family says that Rebecca Gibson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, also refused to recognize the new x-ray as evidence and continued to say that there *was* a fracture, and that David Keen, Guardian ad litem (GAL), shouted abruptly:

*I would not leave the child alone not for one second in a room with these people.*

According to the family, Downey angrily demanded that Smajlagic get with State Troopers claiming that “these people need to be indicted,” and then made an ex-parte ruling to remove the children from Gracie’s custody, not because the children were in imminent danger, but because they sought a 2nd medical opinion. On the removal order, Downey stated:

*The former custodian cannot be trusted to protect the integrity of the pending investigation.*



Zadyne before being removed by DCBS. “He was so happy and taken care of.” -Ausia. Image provided by family.

The family says:

*We were in a state of shock and busted out with uncontrollable tears. Downey removed the children to ensure that we would not have an opportunity to gather medical evidence to prove our innocence.*

**Children Not Doing Well in Foster Care**



Zadyne with daddy, Jarvis at a visit. Image provided by family.

When the social worker Smajlagic met the family at the Bowling Green Police Department to remove the children from Gracie's home on 5/12/14, the family tearfully recalls:

*Amira, the two-year-old, was crying hysterically and clinching tightly to her mother's shoulders because she was very afraid and did not want to leave her family to go with complete strangers. The long term psychological impact on this child for this unnecessary trauma she experienced is unpredictable and unmeasurable.*



Zadyne with mommy, Ausia, at visit. Image provided by family.

They have supervised visitation every Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ausia painfully shares:

*My daughter cries the majority of the time when visitation is over because she wants to 'come home with mommy and daddy.' Holding back my tears, I said you will come home but not today. She then asked me why. How can I explain to a 3-year-old that her and her brother can't come home because the people that love them the most are being accused of hurting them? Think about if you were in my shoes.*



Amira at a visit. Image provided by family.

Ausia says of the children at visits:

*Zadyne has not been gaining weight well in foster care. The children show up to visitation with snotty noses, dried and filling their nostrils. Zadyne comes to visitation with full diapers. Amira often smells as if she hadn't had a bath in days. I believe the foster family has too many foster children to actually make sure that each of the child is getting the adequate care that they need.*





“Amira had to have her hair cut off in the back from not being combed daily. It was tangled and matted.” – Ausia. Image provided by family.

## **Hired Family Court Attorney Gagged and Prevented from Representing Family**

At the pre-trial hearing on 6/24/14, Judge Downey appointed three public defenders to represent the family, although the family had already hired Attorney James W. Harris.

According to the family:

*Downey openly asked Harris, ‘Why are you representing these people? You don’t know the whole story.’ Harris told the Judge that the family had hired him as their counsel and they wanted to sign a waiver so that all three could be represented by him. Downey would not allow [us] to sign the waiver, and forced the three public defenders upon [us].*

The family says that the court placed a gag order on their attorney, preventing him from speaking to the family pending a review from an Ethics Committee, to determine if all three family members could be represented by him. The family claims that public defenders pressured Melanie, the grandmother, to *not* sign the waiver, because they wanted her to testify *against* her children Jarvis and Ausia.

Allegedly Downey again demanded of the social worker Smajlagic why the family had not yet been indicted, and Keen, the GAL, volunteered to take paperwork to State Troopers since Smajlagic was “not getting the job done.”

## **Parents and Grandmother Jailed**

The next pre-trial conference was on 8/18/14, and Harris, the family’s attorney, had the waiver for the family to sign so that he could represent them. Just after signing the waiver, deputies approached Jarvis, Ausia and Melanie, presenting them with indictment papers, and then arrested them for First Degree Child Abuse. Melanie stated, “this is the first time I ever saw Judge Downey smile.”

The following day, Downey released the three public

defenders from their duties and sent a letter to the jail letting the family know that now they could be represented by Attorney Harris. Jarvis, Ausia and Melanie stayed in jail for a week before being granted a bond hearing. This was particularly difficult for Melanie, as the family explains:

*Melanie was put in complete isolation from the other jail inmates for about two to three days. She had no telephone or shower in her cell as was available for inmates in the general population. She was not allowed to participate with the other inmates in the outside breaks. The goal was to break her mentality and force a confession.*

*Melanie was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia in 2012. Her cancer went into remission in 2013 but returned as a result of the stress related to going through this experience and miscarriage of justice.*

*Had Melanie spent one more day in jail, she would have lost her job and health insurance. When she returned to work, posters were being distributed throughout her job with a picture of her as a jail inmate.*

## **Family Says Prosecutor Knowingly Allowed Perjured Testimony at Grand Jury**

The family says they were denied due process since no complaints or formal charges were filed, and no warrants or arrests were made prior to the indictments being issued, yet Kimberly Geoghegan, Assistant Criminal Prosecutor, convened a grand jury anyway.



Kimberly Geoghegan, Assistant Criminal Prosecutor. [Image source](#).

After listening to 12-minutes of grand jury tapes, the family claims that Detective Cardwell stated under oath, “at this point, I have not figured out what really happened to the child,” but knowingly give false testimony anyway:

*Stating that Zadyne had a ‘possible humeral fracture,’ when the family contends the question of a fracture was settled on May 8th by Bowling Green Medical Center and on May 19th by Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital – Zadyne did not have a humeral fracture.*

*Claiming that Zadyne had ‘eye surgery’ on 4/24/14, when Zadyne never had any eye surgery – he had a shunt placed for hydrocephalus.*

*Declaring that Zadyne had never been to the emergency room before 4/20/14, when medical records clearly indicated that Zadyne had been to the E.R. on 2 previous dates following vaccines.*

## **Family Accused of Guilt for Claiming 5th Amendment Rights**

The family states that when they invoked their 5th Amendment right to be silent and not “be a witness against themselves,” Geoghegan suggested to jurors that the lack of communication was an “admission of guilt.” According to the tapes, one of the jurors asked, “because they did not communicate, are we to indict them all with the same charge?,” to which Geoghegan and Detective Cardwell answered “yes.”

The family reasons:

*The timing of the indictment and a response from an ethics committee was correlated. The family does not believe that there was ever an ethics committee review. This was just an excuse to keep the family from having legal representation until indictments could be obtained. The family also suspects that money may have exchanged hands to buy indictments and convictions so that the truth of what happen the night of April 20th and early morning April 21st would never be uncovered. Our former lawyer once told us, ‘they run the town and they run things as they please.’*

## **Family Attorney Mysteriously Goes Missing**

At the 11/10/14 pre-trial conference, Harris filed a motion for

Reconsideration of Children's Potential Placement with Paternal Grandmother. The family says that when Harris attempted to speak on behalf of the family, Judge Downey interrupted him, asking, "who are you working for?," and when Harris asked Downey to allow his witnesses, Gracie Evans and Cassandra Watts, to testify, Downey said "he was not here to hear witness testimony," and that "the child had a broken bone and healing fracture," and then denied the motion to place the children with family.

In October of 2015, the family began studying Zadyne's blood lab reports, and found labs suggestive of [von Willebrand](#) disease. They asked Harris if he could arrange an appointment for Zadyne to see a hematologist. A couple of days later, they say Harris told them he would need to submit a motion to the judge for the doctor appointment, but Harris never filed the motion, and he stopped answering phone calls or responding to text messages, and he closed his office. The family claims Harris has *literally disappeared*.

## DCBS Threatens to Adopt Children

Initially, the family believed that DCBS would return their children, if they just worked the case plan, but later realized that wasn't so:

*When the children were first placed in foster care, we were told by the social worker, Lindsey Young, that she was there to help us get our kids back home and that there was a case plan that needed to be done. At the time, we didn't know all the facts about the case plan. We didn't know that we had a right to not sign the case plan. At the time, all we wanted to do was get our children back home as quickly as possible. We signed the case plan.*

*The case plan included going to all medical appointments, going to parenting/anger management classes, not physically disciplining our children, helping with buying things the children needed, and showing up for visitation. Our visitation supervisor has told us that we are great parents, we have great parenting skills, and if she had the authority, she would let our children come back home with us.*

*Later, we decided to not follow through with the case plan. We didn't want the case plan to be an admission of guilt. We believed that we shouldn't have to follow a case plan to get our children back when we did not do anything wrong.*

*[At] our last court date, DCBS recommended adoption to the court because we have not completed the case plan. Our [new] social worker, Jason Street, told us that we have completed everything on the case plan except the parenting classes and anger management classes. He said that if we get those done, then they will start the reunification process. We believe that as a lie.*

*They signed a case plan with us stating that they will notify us of our children's doctor appointments, but Jason fails to notify us of doctor appointments. There have been times that we have gone to doctor appointments hours away and when we get there, the appointment has been cancelled without notifying us. DCBS has broken their promise to follow the case plan, but they still want us to follow their case plan.*

## **Family Seeking Medical Expert Testimony to Exonerate Them**

The family is currently pro se in family court and criminal

court.

In the last few weeks, the family has been challenging the prosecutor on dismissing the case as a “defective indictment,” and has subpoenaed all the grand jury records. Since the records were not handed over by 4/29/16, the family has filed a Motion for Contempt of Court, scheduling it on the same day as the next pre-trial conference on 5/23/16.

The family has also contacted the District Attorney who has allegedly told them she will assign a “special prosecutor” to see if there has been any wrongdoing with the way the state handled the grand jury case.

Rather than have the case dismissed on a defective indictment, the family believes that the prosecutor would consider dropping the criminal charges if a medical expert could testify that Zadyne was not abused. The family is seeking a medical expert to testify.

The family says the newly elected family court Judge, Lanphear, is reasonable and respectful, and has allegedly told the family:

*If there is no criminal case, then there's no family court case.*

The family concludes:

*The things that we are going through are too big for us. We need the support of the public and individuals who share the same goals that we have, and that is to put an end to parents being falsely accused of abuse and stop the corruption within*



*family and criminal courts, and within child protective services. God knows what we are going through and I have confidence that God will deliver us from our enemies.*



The family has a Facebook page here: [Shaken Baby Syndrome escape for Oxygen Poisoning](#). Image from Facebook.

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# “We Don’t Need a Warrant” — Police Enter Home Through Window, Rip Infant From Mother’s Arms



Mother assaulted by police who came through the window and removed child from her arms.

by [Matt Agorist](#)  
[The Free Thought Project](#)

Excerpts:

Clark County, WA — In February, a family experienced a horrifying home invasion during which their children were taken from them, and they were assaulted. The father and husband, Ilya Petrenko caught the perpetrators on video —

they were police officers with the Vancouver Police Department.

According to Petrenko, a call was made from Kentucky claiming that there was a domestic dispute, so officers were dispatched to their house.

The caller stated that Stephanie's hands were broken. In the police dispatch during the standoff, officers acknowledged that there were no injuries to the wife's hands or elsewhere.

After more than an hour of asking the police to politely leave, Ilya began filming.



Mother with child running from police as they enter the home through the window.

Police had guns and tasers drawn as they swarmed the house to attack this innocent family.

The entire time, the couple is demanding to see a warrant and they are told by the police that they do not need one.

The police insisted something was wrong and used their authority to enter the house without a warrant believing that the welfare of the child or mother were in jeopardy. However, from the video and Stephanie's own words, everyone was fine. The only people posing a threat to the Petrenko family were the Vancouver cops.



Three police assault the mother and remove the baby from her arms.

As police began to breach the house, Stephanie was assaulted. The traumatic instance of their baby being yanked from her arms was captured on video. The family was but helpless victims to the dozen armed agents — ostensibly there to help them.

During the melee, police separated the couple and because Stephanie resisted the officers' attempt to steal her 11-

month-old baby, she was swarmed and attacked. While we cannot see what happened on the other side of the wall, the audio from the recording is clear.

There is a sound of a struggle, as Stephanie resists her assailants. She then goes silent. When we finally hear her again, she tell the officers, “you almost killed me,” describing how they had choked her unconscious.



Police carrying child out of the home.

According to Ilya, Stephanie was strangled until she lost consciousness and when she awoke, the assaulting officer was taking pictures and verbally conspiring with the other officers to imply Ilya had caused the injuries. However, video footage from before the police assault clearly shows that Stephanie’s neck and arms are free from bruises or marks.

Both Ilya and Stephanie were jailed following this incident, and despite the fact that an Aunt had arrived to care for the children, law enforcement insisted instead that the children be put in CPS custody.

Read the full story at [The Free Thought Project](#).

Watch the entire video:

Video no longer available.

The parents are still fighting to get their children back, and [have a website here](#).

# 1-Hour Old Newborn Baby Kidnapped at Kentucky Hospital because Parents Refused to Take Parenting Classes



Ausia and Jarvis' new baby girl, taken into Kentucky State custody at 1-hour old. Photo supplied by family.



## **UPDATE 7/19/16:**

The family is hopeful that a happy ending is in sight, after Monday's (7/18/16) hearing with Judge Lanphear.

Although their newborn daughter was not returned, Judge Lanphear allegedly told DCBS that "2 years has been too long for the children to be out of family care," and that DCBS needs to be working towards family reunification and begin increasing visitation immediately, and to consider family placement while working toward reunification.

The family has only had one 2-hour visit a week for last 2 years. DCBS has reportedly agreed to more visits and is currently working on approving family members for kinship placement, and Ausia and Jarvis have agreed to "satisfy the Cabinet's requirements of completing a case plan."



Ausia and her newborn daughter at a DCBS visit 7-19-16. Her daughter was removed from her custody shortly after birth on 7-15-16 by DCBS social workers. Photo supplied by family.

The parents were able to visit with their newborn daughter during their regular visit on Monday 7/18/16 before heading to family court, and Jarvis was finally able to hold his new daughter for the first time. Ausia was also able to visit her newborn for another hour on Tuesday 7/19/16.

Ausia informed Health Impact News:

*Auria was placed in temporary custody with the Cabinet.*

*I have prayed and prayed to God to help me understand. I still also believe that DCBS receives money from every case plan that is done, but at this point, if a case plan is all it takes for my children to be back home with me, then I will complete one. Especially the fact that my newborn needs to know that I am her mother and we need that bonding time.*

*While we are working on the case plan, the Cabinet has agreed to consider family placement. If my children are placed with a family member, I will be able to see my children anytime I want. I prayed so much for God to help me come out on top. Today, when I walked out of that court room, I finally felt like I had the power. I was in victory.*

Having a good attorney is making all the difference, according to the family. They say they have asked for family placement for over 2 years but their requests were denied or ignored by DCBS every time, until now. The family has renewed hope that the abuse charges will be dismissed in criminal court next month now that they have the expert medical testimony showing that Zadyne was not abused, but rather, had chronic medical conditions. Once the criminal case is dropped, they hope that family court will follow suit, and that this nightmare will soon be over.

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Ausia and Jarvis had their 1-hour old newborn breastfed baby removed by Kentucky Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) on Friday 7/15/16 from the Medical Center of Bowling Green. The family has been fighting for the return of their other 2 children which have been in foster care for over 2 years, based on what they believe are false Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) allegations. The parents claim they are innocent, and refuse to take parenting classes which they believe would be an admission of guilt.

**Read the original story here:**

### **[Kentucky Family Falsely Accused of Child Abuse - Children Medically Kidnapped to Cover Corruption](#)**

Ausia explains,

*I was able to breastfeed my child after she was born for 30 minutes & I was able to hold her for an hour after she was born. They took her to the on-call pediatrician and sent me to a postpartum room after delivery. I was on medications that had made me sleepy so I kept her in the nursery until I could get an hour of sleep to be able to be up with her. Jarvis came and called the nursery to bring her to our room, an hour passed and still my baby hadn't been brought back. I called and asked for my child, 30 minutes passed and they still hadn't brought my baby to me.*

*I paged the nurse and asked her to call the nursery. 20 minutes passed and 3 officers came in along with SSW and her 2 supervisors. The SSW, Kaitlyn, said there was an*

*emergency removal order for my baby girl. I was devastated and honestly sick to my stomach.*

Now the state is threatening to place the newborn in foster care, and telling the new mom she will not even get visits with her new baby girl. She has not been allowed to even pump breastmilk to be bottle-fed to her daughter. The complete prevention of bonding and immediate separation of the child from the parents leaves the family wondering if a quick adoption is the goal of DCBS for their newborn daughter.

## **Mother Denied Further Breastfeeding, Father Never Got a Chance to Hold His Baby**

Ausia only got to breastfeed her baby for 30 minutes. Jarvis never got to even hold his daughter, because he was allowing his wife those first few precious moments to bond, and he planned to hold his daughter when he returned later that morning. They only got a few precious photos of their baby girl, never imagining that once she left the room that morning, she was not coming back.



Ausia bonding with her newborn baby girl before KY DCBS took her into custody. She only got to hold her for 1 hour. Photo submitted by family.

There is no reason that this mother should be denied the ability to breastfeed her baby or at least pump breastmilk for her. Both requests were emphatically denied by the DCBS social worker, as told by Ausia:

*I somehow managed to ask the SSW through my hysterical cries if I could still be with my baby and continue to breastfeed her while in the hospital. She flat out told me no.*

*Kaitlyn proceeded to tell me that she had an emergency removal order signed from Judge Catherine Holderfield. I cried hysterically. I asked her could I see my child at least while we were still in the hospital because I was breastfeeding her. She told me no and nothing else.*

*She got up and left along with her supervisors and officers. She never did show me the order that the judge signed for the removal of Auria. Jarvis said Kaitlyn had a guilty expression on her face and couldn't even look at me while I cried for my child. Kaitlyn feels guilty for taking a newborn away from its mother because she knows what she did was evil and cruel.*

*Over the weekend, I was not able to see my child. I was not able to feed my child the nutrients that she needs from my breast milk. Jarvis has not even held his newborn baby girl. He has not been able to take any pictures with her because they took her from us just that quick.*

## **Punishment for Not Taking “Parenting Classes”**

DCBS says they had an Emergency Order to remove the newborn based on the fact that the other 2 children are in foster care and that the parents did not complete their parenting classes.

Ausia and Jarvis maintain that they refused to take parenting classes “offered” by DCBS because they still have not gone to trial and they have been denied “due process” and say that being ordered to take parenting classes for a crime (child abuse) they did not commit is likened to being “guilty until proven innocent.” Their case has still not gone to trial, and they have only had pre-trial hearings up to this point.

Also, they believe that the children were illegally and wrongfully placed into foster care. **Originally**, the children were placed into kinship care with their paternal great-grandmother Gracie Evans by family court Judge Catherine Holderfield, when Ausia and Jarvis were accused of “abusive head trauma” by Nashville Vanderbilt’s “child abuse specialist” when they took their son Zadyne to the hospital for meningitis in 2014. At their first pre-trial hearing, the family brought in a 2nd medical opinion, believing it would prove their innocence and explain Zadyne’s medical conditions. But instead of having their children returned home as they had hoped, the new family court Judge Downey became outraged that the family had gotten a 2nd opinion and immediately ordered that the children be removed from the great-grandmother’s custody and placed into foster care for “tampering with evidence.”

The family was stunned and says that there was no reason for the children to have been removed from kinship care and placed into foster care, especially since the original order did not prohibit Gracie from taking the children to see a doctor. For DCBS to now use the reasoning that *because* the first 2 children are in foster care, that the new baby should also be in foster care, makes no sense to this already traumatized family.

## **Expert Medical Testimony Concludes Zadyne Was Not Abused**

After the [original story](#) published on MedicalKidnap.com in May 2016, the family was able to obtain expert medical testimony which they feel will exonerate them and prove that Zadyne suffered from a medical condition that caused increased intra-cranial pressure and retinal hemorrhages and hematomas, and that these were chronic, not acute,



indicating that this was *not* abuse.

Since the publishing of the first story, Ausia has been researching vaccines and was considering not vaccinating her new child, after seeing the correlations between Zadyne's illness and hospital visits and his routine vaccines. Now her right to make medical decisions for her newborn, and any of her children, is being threatened by DCBS. (For discussions on how vaccine damages can cause these types of medical injuries, see the [original story](#).)

## **Childhood Friend Reads Story, Urges Attorney Father to Assist Evans Family**

A high-school friend of Ausia's read the original story and showed it to her father, who is a lawyer, and implored him to help Ausia and Jarvis. With a new criminal attorney and the expert medical opinion, the family had high hopes that their criminal case would be dismissed at the next hearing, and with it, the family court case would be dismissed as well.

With this new development, the attorney has agreed to also represent the family in family court on Monday. Ausia writes:

*He said that what has happened is just terrible and he is not going to allow them to take my newborn from me without a fight. They had no reason to take her from me. Their only reason to take her is because my other two children are in foster care and we have not completed a case plan for my other two children. We do not have a case plan for my newborn child. The case plan for my other two children has NOTHING to do with Auria.*



Ausia and Jarvis' new baby girl, taken into Kentucky State custody at 1-hour old. Photo supplied by family.

## **Kentucky Doesn't Consider Kinship Care a Priority**

On Saturday 7/16/16, Cassandra Watts, Jarvis' aunt, attended the "[Take Back Kentucky](#)" meeting in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, because Glenna Bevin's Chief of Staff, Sarah Durand, would be speaking on CPS Reform, and Cassandra wanted to share her family's CPS story.

Cassandra explained how children should not be in foster care when a child has family members who are willing and wanting to step in and help their own kin and take them in, and how her own mother was denied the right to kinship care because she sought a 2nd medical opinion to prove her grandson's innocence.

Allegedly, Durand openly admitted that Kentucky does not consider kinship care a priority, and that is one thing they are working on changing. While the [2013 moratorium on funding kinship care in Kentucky](#) adversely affects many

elderly family members on fixed incomes from being able to take on the financial burden of caring for grandchildren, families like Cassandra's who never asked for financial assistance are also being denied the right to care for their own family members. This just isn't right.

## Threatened With Adoption for Being Non-Compliant

Cassandra firmly believes that there are financial incentives for all CPS' partnered service providers (such as therapists, counselors, doctors, etc.) when families are coerced into "case plans and services" once their children are placed into foster care, and that there is no financial benefit to these same providers or to the state coffers when kinship care is chosen over foster care. Often parents are threatened with forced adoption of their children and are told they are non-compliant if they do not participate in the CPS case plan and services. Ausia and Jarvis have been "threatened" by social workers that their children will be adopted if they do not comply with services and do the parenting classes. Cassandra explains:

*'Since the passage of the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act (P.L. 96-272) in 1980, Federal law requires the development of a written case plan for any child receiving foster care maintenance payments under title IV-E (42 U.S.C. 671(16)).<sup>1</sup> (Source.)*

*The question is should Ausia and Jarvis be forced to participate in a case plan when their two children should have never been in foster care in the first place? The Cabinet has to get Ausia and Jarvis to do this plan to satisfy Federal requirements. That explains why during the annual*

*Permanency Hearing filed on March 23, 2016, the Cabinet threatened to place the children up for adoption because they had not completed a case plan. That also explains why they refuse to allow Ausia to bond with the newborn while in the hospital. They are using harsh retaliation to force Ausia and Jarvis to do a case plan if they want to ever see their newborn.*

*The Cabinet did not pressure Ausia and Jarvis to sign a case plan while the two children were in the care of their great grandmother, Gracie Evans. The great grandmother did not apply to receive these funds from the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act. Therefore, a case plan was not necessary as there was no funds being spent to care for these children.*

*When the children were placed in foster care on May 12, 2014, four days later, on May 16, 2014, the Cabinet had Ausia and Jarvis at their office to trick them into signing a case plan.*

*Had the children stayed in the care of Gracie, and as long as Gracie was not receiving any of these funds, there would be no issue regarding a case plan. They removed the kids from Gracie against the family's wills and placed them in Foster Care. Gracie did not put the children in harm way for them to be removed. Gracie did not violate any orders of the Judge. This removal was solely to prevent the family from finding out the truth of Zadyne's illness. When the family started investigating and getting second opinions, they felt that removal was the only way to protect a cover-up. And now they want the parents to pay for this cover-up by attending the classes and doing a case plan.*

*The children did not have to go into foster care. They owe the federal government a successful case plan to continue their*

*funding and they will do anything necessary to get that case plan completed at the expense of the children and family. It is not about making sure families stay together. It is about meeting the requirements of the federal government to continue receiving the federal grant dollars.*

*Should Ausia and Jarvis have to do this case plan when their children should have never been put in foster care? The family did no wrong. Gracie Evans, the temporary caregiver did no wrong.*

## **The Government Does Not Trust Families**

Cassandra reported that Durand expressed how Kentucky is trying to keep children in their homes and out of foster care, but also said that Kentucky needs more foster care families and better trained social workers. When Cassandra questioned Durand about why children are removed based on allegations without any real investigation into the allegation's truthfulness, she says that Durand expressed that it is very expensive to train social workers to investigate properly due to the high turnover rate.

Cassandra also reported that Durand allegedly stated in the meeting that they have requested information from DCBS regarding caseloads and adoption numbers, but so far the "organization built on a foundation of transparency in action and with accountability for results," as DCBS touts on its [website](#), has not complied with releasing all of this information to Durand's office.

Can an agency like CPS be reformed and should it be? Many families whose children are now in foster care may wonder how serious can Glenna Bevin's office be about reforming

CPS and keeping children in their homes when she just launched a new adoption site, to make the whole process of becoming a foster or adoptive parent even easier! ([Source.](#))

To Cassandra and some other families present, CPS does not need reforming, it needs to be dismantled. To Cassandra, the actions of DCBS show her that the government does not trust families.

## Retaliation for Helping Family

Cassandra believes that because she's been helping her nephew and his wife fight DCBS, she is receiving retaliation, but this won't deter her from continuing to fight for her family. She says:

*Because I spoke up for my family, the city [of Bowling Green] has sent a letter on every property I own every month stating that I am in violation of something every month and threatening me with fines such as:*

*'Your tenant is working on his car in the yard, and if he doesn't stop, you will be fined \$200.00'*

*'There is a can in the yard, and if it is not removed, you will be fined \$200.00'*

*'Your property needs a new roof, and you cannot sell it or rent it until you replace the roof.'*

## Family Needs Community Support and Prayer Now More Than Ever

The Evans family is a strong family and their faith is inspiring. They are beaten but not destroyed. The family needs the community's support and prayers, as they head to

court on Monday 7/18/16 to plead to keep custody of their newborn, or at least for her to be placed in kinship care and for Ausia and Jarvis to have supervised visitation so Ausia can breastfeed.

Precious bonding time has already been lost, and the family is praying that Judge Catherine Holderfield will see that it is in the best interest of the baby to be with her parents and family and return her home tomorrow. Judge Holderfield can be contacted here:

1001 Center St.  
Bowling Green, KY 42101-2192

Phone: 270-746-7144 or Phone: 270-746-7190 or Fax:  
270-746-7147



Image of Judge Holderfield from [LinkedIn](#).

Ausia concludes:

*We have court July 18th for a custody hearing at the Warren*

County Justice Center. The address is 1001 Center St Bowling Green KY 42101. We pray and pray that the judge will see that me and my newborn needs to be together at this time. Please pray for our family. Thank you everyone.

Unless someone has been in my shoes, nobody can ever truly understand how it feels to have your child ripped from your life for a second time. It brought back so many memories on the day that the officers and former social worker, Edin, came to my grandmother's house and took Amira and Zadyne from me.

I just pray that on Monday, Judge Holderfield will have some sympathy and mercy for me. I pray that she can connect to me as a mother and understand that a mother and her newborn NEEDS to be together at this time. This is the time for us to bond and for my child to know who I am. She will not be able to know who I am if she is being kept from me for no reason at all. I pray that when I walk out of that courtroom tomorrow, I will be walking out in victory and with my newborn in my custody.

This has made me want to fight even harder for the return of my children. Just when I think that I am fighting as hard as I can, God shows me that I can fight a little harder.

I am going to stay positive and keep going. DCBS wants to break me in any way that they can. They will not break me. They will not come out on top. I am claiming it.





The family has a Facebook page here: [Shaken Baby Syndrome escape for Oxygen Poisoning](#). Image from Facebook.

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# Investigative Report in Kentucky Reveals Corruption Still Exists in Foster Care as Children Die or Go Missing



4-year-old Hunter Payton died in foster care from a fractured skull. The foster parent was later charged with murder. [Image source from Wave 3 News video.](#)

by Health Impact News/Medicalkidnap.com staff

The corruption in Kentucky Child Protection Services and Foster Care has been reported on extensively here at *Health Impact News* since 2015. See:

### **[Child Trafficking Reported in Kentucky as “One of the Most Corrupt States in the Country”](#)**

A new report aired on [Wave 3 News](#) by investigative journalist John Boel reveals that corruption in the *Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services* is apparently ongoing, as one child was allegedly murdered by his foster parent after being taken away from his family, and another foster parent is blowing the whistle on the abuses of Kentucky foster care where children go missing due to lack of oversight.

The current investigation began in 2017, when 4-year-old Hunter Payton died in foster care, and his biological parents questioned the story put forward as to the cause of his death, which was [reported to be an accident](#).

*“They told us it was an ‘unlikely’ injury,” Hunter’s mother April Payton said. “It doesn’t happen. Something hit him hard.”*

He had only been in foster care for 3 months. During that time, the parents allegedly complained to the state about bruising on their son, and they were apparently told several different stories about how he died in an accidental fall.

As [John Boel reports](#):

*Months after our report, Billy Embry-Martin, 33, was charged with murder.*

*The lawsuit accuses him and his husband, Travis Embry-Martin, of “violent punishment, physical abuse and denial of food.”*

*Billy Embry-Martin is free on bond awaiting a December trial on the murder charge.*

## **Further Investigation Reveals Kentucky Foster Care System is “Corrupt and Incompetent”**



The Payton family before Hunter’s death. [Image source courtesy of Wave 3 News.](#)

In [another report by John Boel](#) published in September, 2018, attorney Ron Hines spoke out against *Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services*:

*“The Cabinet for families and children, the setup, is corrupt and incompetent,” attorney Ron Hines said. “It’s no longer helping children, and just getting them a better jump start in*

*life, nothing like that anymore. It's a for-profit scheme."*

Attorney Hines stated that the problem stems from the State of Kentucky paying a private company to place children in foster homes:

*When Hines looked into it and filed a wrongful death lawsuit, he found the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services paying a private company to place children in foster homes. Private companies place about half of the children in state care into foster homes.*

*"Simply for finding people who want to be foster parents, these private firms are making so many dollars per head per kid, so it's a vicious cycle," Hines said. "The more kids, the more money. That's why it's run rampant. That's why the courts are swamped."*

## **Foster Parent Blows Whistle**



Foster Parent Kim Campbell. [Image courtesy Wave 3.](#)

Next in [John Boel's investigation](#), he interviewed Kim Campbell, a Kentucky foster parent who is enraged over the practices of the system that is killing and harming children:

*“When these things happen, kids get lost, and they get hurt, they get killed, everybody scratches their head and says we don’t know how it happened,” foster parent Kim Campbell said. “It starts like this.”*

*An outraged Campbell said she now understands how tragedies happen in Kentucky’s foster care system. Her situation has nothing to do with privatization. She’s been dealing with the same state government agency that’s been placing foster children for decades. She brought us a pile of documentation to show what happened after she took emergency placement of a foster child on Feb. 16.*

*“The problem is, they had never met us,” Campbell said. “They never laid eyes on us. And I know they’re supposed to come meet us to make sure we’re an approved home.”*

*Two weeks after Campbell and her husband had taken in a foster child, a state worker wrote: “I don’t even have you listed as having a placement.”*

*Five weeks and multiple emails after taking the teen the Campbells complained, “she has yet to be placed with us from an official standpoint. We have no info on her. We have no medical card.”*

*“We could have been anybody,” Campbell said. “We could’ve been very bad people. We could’ve done harm to her. We could have claimed she ran away, they wouldn’t have known, they didn’t lay eyes on her.”*

*At the 6 week mark Campbell complained, “If we were showing as unapproved in the system from the get go, why were we not contacted immediately?”*

*At the 2 month mark she wrote the state, “I have still never received any information on the child from the worker or her supervisor.”*

*“We had moved,” Campbell said. “They didn’t know where we were. We told them we were moving and gave our address but they told my husband when they called him that we weren’t even in the system as being an approved home. So if we’re not in an approved home, why do we have your child for two months that you have not even come out to see?” ([Source.](#))*





Reporter John Boel has been reporting on the corruption in Kentucky CPS and Foster Care for over 10 years, and yet nothing seems to have changed. Here are some of his past investigations:

**[Whistleblowers Reveal CPS Child Kidnappings in Kentucky Adoption Business](#)**

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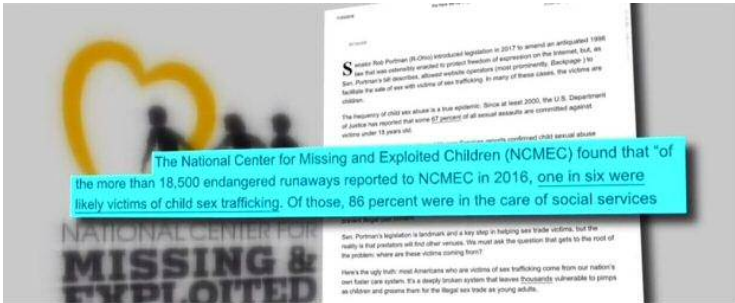
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# Kentucky's Missing Children Problem: Last in Nation with Percentage of Kids in Foster Care who are Placed with Relatives



SELECTIONS

Year(s)  
2016

PlacementType  
Foster family home - non-relative



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WAVE 3 News Investigation: Missing children in Kentucky's foster care system

Home is where the heart is, for missing foster kids, too

by [John Boel](#)  
[Wave 3 News](#)

Excerpts:

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) – There are more than 9,000 Kentucky children in state care right now spending an average of 22 months moving between three different home placements.

Those are stats. This is reality: “A lot of these kids come from pretty horrific backgrounds,” Home of the Innocents treatment director Eric Gross said. “Lot of abuse, neglect issues, so when they’re taken out of their home and put into care, they’re desperate.”

How desperate are they?

According to data compiled by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, there were 121 foster children statewide listed as AWOL, Absent Without Leave in November.

Forty-nine of them, almost half the statewide total, were listed as AWOL in just one county: Jefferson.

“Been in out of home placement for years and years,” Gross said. “They go from foster home to residential care to hospitals and a lot of time they just lose hope, like why ever bother trying.”

“Our fence, it’s easy to just jump the fence and go,” Home of the Innocents program manager Rick Isaiah said. “So it happens quite a bit. I think they want to go home.”

The fence at Home of the Innocents may be easy to jump, but the problem goes far beyond this place. And it’s not about a fence. Many believe it is about home. Or at least family. Or

relatives.

And further investigation reveals that's not a priority here when it comes to foster child placement. In fact, Kentucky ranks 50th, last in the nation in the percentage of kids in foster care who are placed with relatives.

Seventy-five percent are placed in homes with non-relatives. And the percentages of child placements with relatives in Kentucky has been dropping steadily for years.

What's at stake in all this? The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children found that of the 18,500 runaways reported, 1 in 6 were likely victims of child sex trafficking, and of those, 86 percent were in the care of social services.

"We've had situations where a kid has AWOL'd and come back a day or two later and they've been molested or raped or used for drugs, sex, things like that," Isaiah said.

And those are stories for another day on the news, in which you seldom hear details about what was going on in the victim's life at the time.

Read the Full Story at [Wave 3 News](#).

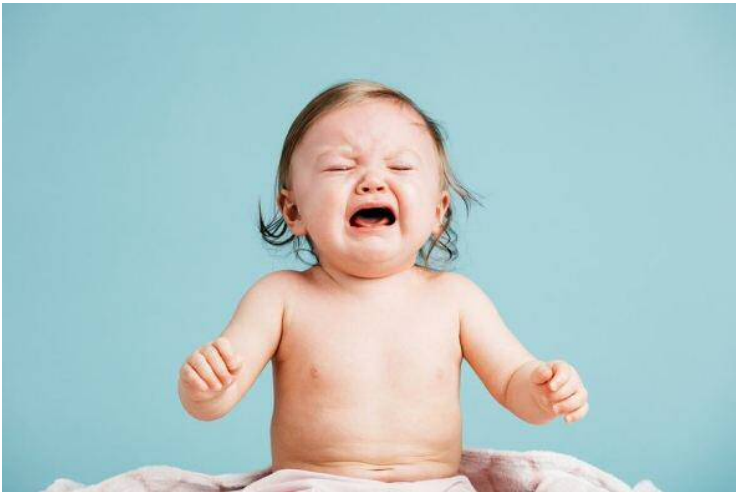
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# Kentucky CPS, Sheriff Enter Home without Warrant and Strip Search Young Children Because Mom Left them in Car for Few Minutes to Buy Muffins



by **Brian Shilhavy**  
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Lenore Skenazy and Diane Redleaf recently wrote an [article published in the Washington Post](#) showing what lengths Child Protection Services (CPS), along with local law enforcement, will go to harass and humiliate families all in the name of “child protection.”

Josiah and Holly Curry and their six children have [filed a](#)



lawsuit in Kentucky District Court against Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Vickie Yates Brown Glisson, the Secretary of Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, two other individuals, and Sheriff John Ward.

Homeschool Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) is representing the family.

The lawsuit claims that while Holly left her six children in the family van for a few minutes while she purchased muffins on the way to her 5-year-old's morning karate practice, that police detained her and reported her to CPS.

The next day, a social worker appeared at the family's house demanding to enter the home and inspect it, and also check on the children.

Holly, well versed in her Constitutional rights and understanding that she did not have to let the social workers in without a court order signed by a judge, offered to bring all the children to the door so the social worker could see them, but refused to let the social worker enter their home.

The social worker threatened her, and stated she would return with the police if Holly did not let her in.

Holly stood her ground, and later the social worker returned with a sheriff deputy, but no warrant. Threatening to take all the children away by force if she did not let them in, she finally complied.

Skenazy and Redleaf describe what happened next:

*The investigator found nothing amiss in the home. She insisted on questioning the oldest child, all of 5 years old,*

*alone behind closed doors in his bedroom without Curry's consent.*

*When the investigator reappeared, she questioned Curry about her home life.*

*Curry answered fully, the lawsuit said, worried that any refusal would add to her peril.*

*The investigator insisted on taking the youngest child from Curry's lap and, without permission, began to undress her. In the presence of the male deputy, the investigator proceeded to undress each child, male and female, down to the genitals (removing the diapers of the two youngest).*

*Curry tried to object, but she knew she was powerless to stop the investigator from doing full-body inspections.*

*The last to be undressed was her 4-year-old son, taught by his pediatrician that he should never let a stranger take his clothes off without his mom's okay.*

*But when the boy tried to make eye contact with Curry, the investigator stood directly in his line of sight, leaving him helpless.*

*Then the investigator pointed to the deputy and said, "Show that cop your muscles!"*

*The little boy removed his shirt and flexed his biceps as ordered. The investigator and deputy began laughing while the investigator started to pull down his pants.*

*When the little boy finally was able to look back at his mother, she was holding back tears. The little boy's face*

*registered shame and fear.*

*These systematic nude examinations by nonmedical personnel, all without Curry's consent, yielded nothing in the way of evidence — no scrapes or bruises.*

*But, Curry told us, “the experience left an indelible mark on our whole family. We all felt violated.”*

A few weeks later, the investigator closed the case as “unfounded.”

But it wasn't closed for Josiah and Holly Curry and their six children, and now they are suing.

[Read the full article.](#)

# "They Took My Daughter Away From Me Alive and Gave Her Back Dead" 6-Year-Old Medically Kidnapped Girl in Kentucky Dies in Foster Care



Charity Lewis with Daughter Demiyah (now dead). [Image source](#).

by **Health Impact News**

Charity Lewis took to social media earlier this month (July, 2019) to tell her story about how Kentucky CPS medically kidnapped her special needs daughter because they did not think she was capable enough to take care of her, and now she is dead. She died while in the custody of the State of

Kentucky and her foster home.

Charity's video on Facebook has been viewed almost 1 million times at the time of publication of this story. It has resulted in a flood of traffic to MedicalKidnap.com to read our previous stories about the abuses of [Kentucky CPS](#).

[https://www.facebook.com/NoNeed4CableFollowKeyzz/videos/2503766886321729/?ref=embed\\_video&t=20](https://www.facebook.com/NoNeed4CableFollowKeyzz/videos/2503766886321729/?ref=embed_video&t=20)

Charity has put up a [GoFundMe Page](#) where she has also told her story:

*This is my story my 6yr old special needs daughter Demiyah was taken to the pediatrician September 21, 2018 because she wasn't looking too well.*

*The pediatrician examined Demiyah and said she was ok but I know my child I knew she wasn't ok.*

*On September 22, 2018 I personally rushed Demiyah to the E.R. Test were done on Demiyah and the results came back showing Demiyah was having heart failure.*

*Child Protective Services we're called when Demiyah was being discharged from the hospital. I didn't understand why.*

*When a caseworker arrived I was told they were called because they feel Like I was neglecting Demiyah. Lord knows that was not the case.*

*The caseworker told me she didn't feel no need to take Demiyah she just wanted to do a home visit every now and then.*

*I was ok with that due to the fact I know I take care of all my children and make sure I give Demiyah her medication everyday.*

*The next day I received a call from a new caseworker. She asked me can she stop by to take a look at my home to see where Demiyah sleeps.*

*I had no problem with letting her come by because my home was nice and clean like always. The caseworker walked through my home and seen nothing wrong. After she walked through my home and found nothing wrong she then stepped out on my front porch and made a phone call.*

*She was whispering I found that very suspicious. She walked back into my home and said she was temporarily taking my children I started to cry and ask her why!*

*She told me she felt like Demiyah was being neglected. The caseworker and the state of Kentucky accused me of my daughter being born with special needs. This broke my heart completely.*

*Demiyah was born with cleft lip and pallet, growth deficiency, coloboma in both eyes, hypopituitarism she also had an heart murmur and was on multiple medications she had to take for the rest of her life to help keep her alive.*

*I never drunk alcohol or did drugs while being pregnant with Demiyah. I made sure I gave Demiyah her medication everyday.*

*Demiyah was never suppose to been taken off of her medications. On her visits I was told Demiyah no longer needed to see a cardiologist and she was doing 100% better*

*and was taken off of her heart medicine but every time I seen Demiyah she looked worse than I have ever seen her.*

*Damiyah's lips were very chapped and blistered, her cheeks were extremely red due to dehydration, her hair was matted to her head, her eyes were runny and full of crust, she also had strep throat I smelled it on her breathe.*

*Demiyah face was covered with scratches and she had bruises on her arm. Demiyah never had a coat on in the winter and her clothes were never up to part.*

*My baby was being neglected by her Foster mom. I gave Demiyah a cup of water and she drunk it within a split second. I complained about my daughters condition and it was documented I have all the documents for every visit I had with Demiyah.*

*I brought Demiyah shoes and clothes to take with her that I never seen her wear. Every time I seen Demiyah she was looking worse than before her breathing was also heavy and she was always limped.*

*I knew something was going on in the home Demiyah was placed in. I was never told the woman's name that was caring for my daughter they wouldn't tell me for some reason I found that very frightening I was scared for my daughters life.*

*Demiyah was taken from me in September. I only seen Demiyah 7 times. I was suppose to visit with her every two weeks. It then changed to once a month.*

*The Foster mother kept pushing the days back and I kept asking why is she doing this I called Child Protective Services*

*for help they wouldn't help me.*

*My child was in danger I felt it.*

*The last day I seen Demiyah was May 15, 2019 a day after my birthday. I made promises to my baby they she was going to come home and every is going to be ok.*

*July 1, 2019 I received the news that my baby had passed away. She was gone.*

*The state of Kentucky took my baby away from me. They let these people abuse my baby and did nothing. The state of Kentucky stole my baby from me.*

*In the middle of this all I learned that their were no paperwork filed and my daughter was kidnapped!! She illegally was taken away from me. They claim they didn't know where Demiyah was placed.*

*The caseworker who was responsible for this was fired. They fired her but couldn't give me back Demiyah. They seen my baby as a check!! These people sold my baby! They told me she was perfectly fine two days before she passed away! They lied!!*

*I also gave them an option before all of this happened to send Demiyah to her grandmother that lived in Illinois they agreed that they were going to fly her out. They also told Demiyah's grandmother that I will be getting Demiyah back on my next court date which was July 17, 2019.*

*My daughter's birthday is July 30 th she was suppose to be turning 7 years old.*



*The state of Kentucky won't let me view my daughter's body.  
They are trying to hide what they have done to my baby.*

*I knew something wasn't right that's why her visiting days  
were pushed back.*

*My heart is broken I can't sleep I want Justice for my baby  
she didn't deserve this.*

*Demiyah mommy got you!! I'm going to make sure you rest  
peacefully as long as I live.*

***#JusticeforDemiyah I am trying to raise funds for  
funeral expenses and legal expenses for an attorney.**  
([Source.](#))*

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# Justice in Kentucky! Courts Deny "Qualified Immunity" for Social Workers Medically Kidnapping Children



Kentucky mother Nikkie Holliday and her daughter. [Image source.](#)

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It's nice to know the U.S. Judicial System still works sometimes. Two recent cases out of Kentucky ruled against social workers who misused their positions to illegally

remove children from their families, denying the principle of “qualified immunity” for social workers.

Judy Clabes, writing for the [Northern Kentucky Tribune](#), reported on June 23, 2020, that Senior Judge William Bertlesman of the U.S. District Court in Covington ruled that social workers are not entitled to qualified immunity in their case with Maureen ‘Nikkie’ Holliday versus the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

*As “qualified immunity” for police and other public employees comes to the forefront nationally, the practice as it applies to state social workers has been dealt another blow in the U.S. District Court in Covington by Senior Judge William Bertlesman.*

*The judge has ruled in the case of Maureen ‘Nikkie’ Holliday versus the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services social workers who imposed a restrictive “Prevention Plan” the single mom was coerced into signing. It required her to have strictly supervised contact with her four-year-old daughter. The threatened penalty was foster care for her child.*

*Bertleman has ruled that Holliday’s due process claims and her emotional distress claims are legitimate and that the social workers are not entitled to qualified immunity.*

*Holliday is a single mother and an army combat veteran. She worked two jobs and was going to school at the time of her unfortunate experience with CHFS, so her daughter was enrolled in a Florence daycare center. She has since graduated from the University of Cincinnati (in social work) and is working with a homeless veterans’ group.*

*Her daughter had a bruise on her buttocks that she said she got when another child at the daycare bit her. When the daycare was alerted to the bite, they involved the Cabinet and social worker Alecia Leigh took charge and threatened to take the daughter into custody on the spot if Holliday did not sign the Prevention Plan agreement. She signed under duress.*

*As required, Holliday took her daughter to Children's Hospital to be examined and the discharge instructions read:*

*"AH (the child) was seen and evaluated by the emergency department. She explained that she was 'bitten on the butt' by her friend Lola. My exam was consistent with bite marks on both butt cheeks. The marks were simply minor bruises and no puncture marks. There were no other injuries noted. AH otherwise appears to be a healthy and happy child. Images were taken for her medical record."*

*Despite this report, Holliday endured several months under the "Prevention Plan's" restrictions while the Cabinet proceeded to question Holliday's friends, family and associates and questioned two young cousins at school. Holliday and her daughter lived in three homes over that period, were denied their normal family support system — and Holliday feared losing her jobs and falling behind in school.*

*On December 27, 2016, Leigh and her supervisor Danielle Sneed decided to close the case as "unsubstantiated" though Holliday was not notified until January 13, 2017. ([Source.](#))*

Ms. Holliday then sued CHFS and the social workers.

Holliday's attorney Paul Hill filed suit against Alecia Leigh, Danielle Sneed and 'Jane Does(s),' supervisors and others in the CHFS.

Bertlesman writes in his opinion that "there was no compelling purpose to impose restrictions on Holliday," that Leigh misrepresented her legal authority, and that Sneed acquiesced to the alleged deprivation of Holliday's constitutional rights.

"Qualified official immunity applies to the negligent performance by a public officer or employee of (1) discretionary acts or functions, i.e., those involving the exercise of discretion and judgment, or personal deliberation, decision, and judgment; (2) in good faith; and (3) within the scope of the employee's authority. . .

"Given that. . the defendant's actions violated a clearly established constitutional right, defendants are not entitled to state-law qualified immunity. . ."

Bertlesman denied the social workers' claims related to Holliday's "substantive and procedural due process claims," as well as her IIED (intentional infliction of emotional distress) claim.

The decision means that the lawsuit can proceed to a jury trial. ([Source](#).)



Holly and David Schulkers. [Image source](#).

This is the second time that Judge Bertlesman has ruled against qualified immunity of social workers abusing parental rights and illegally removing children from their home.

The other case involved Holly and David Schulkers, in *Schulkers v. Kammer*, and his judgment in that case denying qualified immunity to social workers was upheld by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in April this year, setting forth important legal precedence.

Judy Clabes of the [Northern Kentucky Tribune](#) reported on that story as well.

*A Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruling was cause for celebration at the Fort Thomas home of Holly and David Schulkers and five of their children, as the court ruled in their*

*favor in a lawsuit against individual social workers for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.*

*The lawsuit involves the social workers' mishandling of the drug test of a new mom's urine sample – a “false positive” for opiates – that extended into threats of sending their children into foster care and onerous rules saying Holly could not be with her children alone in her own home.*

*Federal District Judge William Bertlesman in February 2019 denied “qualified immunity” for the social workers at a hearing in Covington on one count in the couple's lawsuit and upheld it on another count. The Cabinet and the social workers, Elizabeth Kammer and Alison Campbell, appealed.*

*But the Sixth Circuit judges – Martha Craig Daughtrey, Eric Clay, and Richard Griffin – unanimously said the social workers should not have qualified immunity on either count which can send the Schulkers' case to a jury trial for damages.*

*In a nutshell, with a lot of twists and turns:*

*Holly Schulkers is a busy mom and stepmom to six young children, including the baby born in February 2017 and five others, aged 9-14. At St. Elizabeth Hospital for the birth of the baby, she unknowingly had a urine test that was “presumptive positive” for opiates (perhaps her doctor noted on her chart because she consumed a snack with poppy seeds on it and “poppy seeds are among the products that can cause a false positive on a drug screen”).*

*She was breastfeeding her healthy baby. Meanwhile, the baby's umbilical cord was sent for testing. Without waiting for the results of that test or a second urine test and a follow-*



*up hair follicle test, all of which were later negative for drugs, the hospital social worker entered “Substance Use Disorder” on Holly’s chart and reported the “positive drug screen” electronically to the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services.*

*Enter social workers – and Holly’s nightmare. Kammer and Campbell told the Schulkers they could not take the baby home unless they signed a “Prevention Plan” that required that Holly not be left alone with any of the children at any time.*

*Meantime, in full knowledge of the new test results, Kammer and another CHFS employee went to the children’s schools and had the Schulkers’ children – without the parents’ permission – brought into a private room one by one – with no school personnel present – and asked them about “mommy’s drug use.” The children were understandably upset.*

*Despite repeated requests, the conditions of the “Prevention Plan” were not lifted until two months after the Schulkers left the hospital, at which time the case was marked “unsubstantiated.” ([Full story here.](#))*

This may represent a trend in the federal courts of “piercing through the veil” of “qualified immunity” for social workers who behave badly and take advantage of their government positions to kidnap children and participate in child trafficking with no legal consequences.

We reported on a case back in 2018 in the U.S. 9th Circuit with a family in Arizona who had their children removed without a warrant, simply because they had taken photos of

their 3 children after a bath when they were laying on a towel naked. They went to develop the photos at a Walmart, and an employee reported them to the police. See:

**9th Circuit Court Upholds Parents' Constitutional Rights: Rules Against Arizona Social Workers Removing Children without a Warrant**