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Medical Kidnapping Children in the United States: Minnesota

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Minnesota



**STOP CPS FROM LEGALLY
KIDNAPPING CHILDREN**

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Adult with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities Medically Kidnapped in Minnesota



Jennifer Bixley at age 33, after 9 years in Adult Protective Custody. She still cannot come home. Source: Bixley family.

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Someone has told every attorney that I have approached that

I am mentally ill/delusional and that my daughter does not have profound amnesia. All they have to do is talk to my daughter, or listen to my tapes, and they would know the truth. – Jean Bixley

How did we get to a point where a mother's concerns and advice for her own daughter are ignored? A mother trying to help doctors determine the path of care for her daughter is now labeled as mentally ill/delusional. Since doctors have been healers, they have always asked the parent what is going on with the child in order to gain some insight into the disorder. However, for Jean Bixley, her insight became unwanted, unused, and a means for Adult Protective Services (APS) to step in and take custody of her adult daughter, Jennifer.

Since she was taken in 2006, Jennifer has been in custody for over 9 years in Isanti County, Minnesota.

On August 26, 2006, my vulnerable adult daughter was medically kidnapped by Isanti County, Minnesota, social workers because they did not believe in the illness she was diagnosed with. This illness, known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity or MCS, has been recognized by numerous federal agencies as a disabling condition as far back as 1997.

The knowledge of and precedents for procedures for this disease actually go back further. In 1992, MCS and EI (Environmental Illness) were recognized by the [Department of Urban Housing and Development](#), General Counsel as disabilities.

True, this is in regard to housing, but it also includes

confirmation by state and federal guidelines covering disabilities, and the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). However, for Jean Bixley, this precedent holds no bearing in the medical field and in her struggle to have her daughter properly treated for her current condition which Jean believes was caused by the many medications given Jennifer based on her behavior—a behavior that Jean states was triggered by her MCS.

Unfortunately, many mainstream medical doctors also do not believe in the disorder, and that's how/why this tragedy occurred. It seems neither social workers nor doctors are bound by the ADA, and our courts do not have to enforce it.

According to the [Job Accommodation Network](#) (JAN), a division of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, MCS by definition:

is an immune-system disease which most typically affects the lungs, nervous system, digestive tract, and brain. It is caused by hypersensitivity to low-level exposures to chemicals and is precipitated by a single massive exposure or long-term low-level exposure to chemicals encountered in the workplace or at home. MCS can be substantiated by reliable and reproducible laboratory tests and there are M.D.'s in the field of environmental medicine who are trained to recognize and treat it. MCS is a disability recognized by the ADA and the Social Security Administration.

Many M.D.'s in the field of environmental medicine are trained to recognize and treat MCS. Many of them are

members of the [American Academy of Environmental Medicine](#), which regularly provides education on the illness to physicians.

Health Impact News has previously reported about the health risks of toxic chemicals and fragrances related to MCS. To learn more about this serious medical condition that is one of the most urgent public health issues of our generation, see:

[Is Your Health Being Destroyed by Other People's Toxic Fragrances?](#)

[Heavenly Scents or Toxic Fumes – Are your Fragrances Healing or Killing You?](#)

Adult Protective Services Did not Protect, but Caused Further Harm

Jean tells us that her daughter had been seeing and was being treated by trained doctors who provided a diagnosis and treatments for MCS. According to Jean, both she and her daughter Jennifer contracted MCS while unknowingly living in a mold infested home. They sought and found treatment for what they came to understand as mold toxicity. Jean also tells us that these prior diagnoses were ignored by Adult Protective Services, and that her daughter was treated with medications that not only stimulated her MCS reactions, but caused her a loss of memory for the past nine (9) years.

My daughter was always under the care of qualified, medical doctors who understood the disorder and worked to help her. Because of her inability to completely detox environmental chemicals, she was not able to take allopathic, solvent-based

medications. She would have severe reactions whenever we would try any to treat her seizures (caused by MCS) with medications. Instead, she was on a [ketogenic diet](#) which reduced, but did not totally control her seizures. What we really needed was help to get the mold out of our home. Social workers told me that help was available, but that help never materialized.

Social workers were adamant about my daughter being on a medication, even though her qualified medical doctors did not prescribe one and said that it was not a good idea. When a new social worker, Krystal Huntley-Egemo, came on the scene as the new head of the Adult Protection Unit, ... she removed my daughter from my care. This happened on August 26, 2006, when my daughter had an adverse reaction to cleaning chemicals used by a new physician we started seeing.

Dr. Thomas Sult is a functional medicine doctor who understood the health effects of living in a moldy environment, and he seemed to know about and accept MCS. I was encouraged when we went to him because he seemed knowledgeable about the protocol to treat mold exposure, and it gave me hope for my daughter. Unfortunately, he did not really have a grasp of the necessity to avoid chemicals when you have MCS, as his clinic used chemicals that caused both of us to have a reaction.

When she had the reaction, I called the doctor trying to talk to him about what was happening and his nurse refused to let me speak to him. She told me to call 911. I told her that I wanted to talk to the doctor and she kept telling me "no." I was afraid because I knew what would happen if I took her to the hospital ... the doctor would have the nurse call Isanti

County to report that I was refusing to take my daughter to the emergency room.

Daughter Medically Kidnapped after Calling 911

I did call 911 and, after talking to the dispatcher about what was happening, she told me that my daughter was OK, but she decided to send the ambulance anyway.

I know now I shouldn't have let them past my door.

My daughter was taken to the hospital where she was medically kidnapped by local police, doctors and social workers.



Jennifer Bixley at age 24, before she was taken from her family. Source: Bixley family.

Daughter Loses Entire Memory in APS Custody – Mother Not Allowed Input into Her Care

Jean tells us that Jennifer has been in that system for the past nine years with no recollection of her past life, and no

recognition of her home. Her visits are sparse and although Jean is allowed to visit with her daughter, she has not been able to bring her daughter home since 2014. This has been Jennifer's only visit since she was taken in 2006.

Jean may not discuss her amnesiac condition, or any health problems, unless Jennifer brings up the subject. This mother can not discuss her daughter's legal rights with her at all. If the legal subject is breached, the visit monitor changes the subject.

Jean is asking to be allowed to have some input into her daughter's care. Jean is asking that the hospital/APS perform the tests that were ordered by the courts, but never performed by what Jean says are any MCS qualified physicians in the APS system. Jean is asking to be allowed to be a part of her daughter's life making sure that she is being treated properly and according to her needs. These are basic familial rights. Who does she turn to when it is the system itself that is denying her contact with her daughter?

After a few days, she was transferred from Cambridge Medical Center to MINCEP for a 24 hour EEG. She had her legs and arms tied to her bed and she was struggling to reach her head to get the electrodes off....

I was told that if she wasn't "cooperative" that she would be returned to Cambridge Medical Center without doing the test. A while later my daughter was returned to CMC in a straitjacket. The doctor at CMC told me that she would be put on Risperdal for her behaviors ... behaviors she never had until she was given medications that are contraindicated for her sensitivities (which included the glue being used to place the electrodes).

As required by Minnesota statute, there was a hearing within 5 days of the hold.

The judge refused to look at the documents that I had brought with me that showed she had been diagnosed by 4 medical doctors, and that she had been accommodated in school for her sensitivities. Instead he advised me to give them to the GAL that would be appointed. I told him that my daughter needed to be accommodated, and that she could suffer a brain injury if she was not. He made no order for accommodation, and it appears she has suffered a brain injury that took the memory of her entire life. Contact with my daughter was severed at this time because, supposedly, a doctor suggested it was necessary until testing was complete.

I filed a complaint with the United States Department of Justice Office of Civil Rights. The OCR agent told me that if my daughter had an MCS diagnosis from a Minnesota physician, then she would have to be accommodated. That accommodation never happened.

Jean continued her fight for Jennifer, but only to find that after she filed complaint after complaint, the hospital accused and made a finding against her for maltreatment.

It was only after I filed this complaint and the OCR had spoken to the social workers that I received a letter (postdated to just prior to when I made the complaint) informing me that maltreatment had been substantiated. There wasn't an explanation of what had been substantiated, only one or two lines stating that it was. A longer, explanatory letter would arrive later. It was apparent that the maltreatment charges were in retaliation for my making a complaint, and they were fraudulent.

I was charged with not having her on a medication, and for keeping her life restricted. I cannot prescribe a medication and social workers were well aware that her doctors did not prescribe one. Their expert witness at trial, a neuropsychologist that my daughter had seen, told me in a letter that my daughter needed to be in the restrictive environment that I was providing because of her cognitive dysfunction.

Jean Bixley asserts that her daughter, Jennifer, was said to have had dementia in 2006. Jean insists that her daughter, prior to the mold toxicity, was labeled as ‘gifted’ by her school and that none of these conditions existed prior to the mold encounter.

Mother Pleads for Proper Diagnosis and Treatment

So, what is being done for Jennifer? There are current procedures that can be used to identify changes in the brain caused by mold toxicity. Jean believes that Jennifer has not been scanned for these identifiable factors.

This mother is only allegedly asking to be a part of the solution, not a problem for the APS system—a system that should be working for Jennifer’s recovery, but which instead is reportedly planning for her long term care. Shouldn’t everything possible be done for Jennifer before APS adds another body to their ever amassing pile of in-house revenue?

APS has an obligation to the Minnesota residents to aid them when they cannot help themselves, not absorb residents for revenue. Bring Jean some peace. Should they not be

attempting to identify the true issues behind Jennifer's illness and give her a chance at having her own life and contact with those she loves?

The following information was taken from [Recognizing Neurotoxicity](#), by R. Singer. 2006:

It is not unusual for patients suffering from neurotoxicity to be misdiagnosed as having psychological problems because of their depression and anxiety levels, the sheer number of their symptoms, and their belief that chemicals made them ill. To minimize this error, choose among the most qualified experts you can find: Psychologists, neuropsychologists, or psychiatrists who are familiar with chemical injury, neurotoxicity, and MCS...

Neuropsychological testing tends to be more sensitive to brain injury than CT and routine MRI scans, which provide only a static and relatively gross view of neural structure. In one study of six head-injury cases, CT and/or MRI scans yielded little or no evidence of neuropathology as detected by neuropsychological testing. Positron emission tomography (PET) scans, however, corroborated the impaired function.⁴ PET and SPECT (single photon emission computed tomography) scans offer a more dynamic look at brain structure, but both of these tests still need interpretation as to the cause of the abnormality (which could be benign).

Call to Action

Please contact Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton, and ask him to make APS return custody of Jennifer to her mother so she can get proper treatment she is not receiving.

Gov. Mark Dayton, Lt. Gov–Tina Smith

The Governor’s Office has moved to the Veterans Service Building for the duration of the [Minnesota State Capitol renovation](#).

Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor

116 Veterans Service Building

20 W 12th Street

St. Paul, MN 55155

[Directions](#)

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[Send your questions and comments to Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith.](#)

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2 Year Old Minnesota Native American Child Killed in White Foster Home - Biological Family Outraged



2 year old Kira Friedman. [Image source.](#)

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Local media in Minnesota is reporting that a 2 year old Native American child originally from the Fond du Lac Reservation was found dead in her foster home last month (June 2016). The Star Tribune reports:

A Bemidji man accused of killing his 2-year-old foster daughter has a criminal record that would have prevented him from being a care provider under a law signed this month by President Obama, records show.

Nathan Daniel Jackson, whose home had a foster license from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, has been charged with two counts of second-degree manslaughter. He's accused of leaving the girl, Kira Friedman, unattended in a shower with an 18-gallon plastic bin on June 5, according to the criminal complaint.

Jackson told police that he left the girl in the shower and when he returned found her in the bin, which was full of water. Police found Kira in the basement of a home with bruises to her head and body and blood draining out of her nose. A preliminary autopsy found that the girl drowned.

Both Jackson's girlfriend, Amanda White, and his sister told police they were concerned he was using methamphetamine or other drugs.

Based on court records and media reports, it appears that this home was not a safe environment to place a child.

So how did this happen?

Danielle Taylor, writing for [Northland News Center](#), reports:

'This didn't have to happen. This little girl didn't have to die. She should be right here with her parents at this time,' said Patti Larsen, a family spokesperson.

Larsen, who serves as the Sacred Hoop Coalition Director, was shepherding 2-year-old Kira Friedman's case through the St. Louis County Court system on behalf of the little girl's family, and believes her death was preventable.

'The maternal grandmother identified numerous people who would be potential placements for the child,' she said.

Larsen wanted to ensure Kira was placed in a Native American home. Therefore, she says the County let this child down when they removed her from a Native foster home, and placed her with a white foster family in Duluth.

'Kira was just a number, was shipped off to a place,' Larsen said.

Complicating matters further is the fact that the child was placed into an alleged dangerous white foster home, not by Minnesota DHS, but by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Part of the band's mission, it explains on its website, is to seek "extended family members or other Native Families to care for children who need to be placed out of the home."

It would appear that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe did not follow their own policy. Instead of placing the girl with family members who wanted her, they placed her into a white foster home with a man that had a past criminal record, and now a 2 year old Native American child is dead.

Other stories about Native American children being kidnapped by the State:

**South Dakota Commits Shocking Genocide
Against Native Americans by Abducting Their
Children**

**Native American Children in Maine Five Times as
Likely to be Placed in Foster Care as non-Native
Children**

**Corrupt North Carolina Officials Try to Silence
Whistleblower Using Child Protection Services**

Parents File Federal Civil Rights Lawsuit Against Minnesota Because CPS Kidnapped Their Children



Dwight D. Mitchell (center at podium) is the lead plaintiff in a federal lawsuit of parents suing the State of Minnesota for kidnapping their children via Child Protection Services. Image courtesy kaaltv.com.

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This past week (April 2018) a group of Minnesota parents filed a [federal civil rights lawsuit](#) accusing Dakota County and the State of Minnesota for kidnapping their children and placing them unnecessarily into foster care.

The lead plaintiff in the lawsuit is Dwight D. Mitchell, who founded an association of parents called [Stop Child Protection Services From Legally Kidnapping](#), which has about 250 members in Minnesota.

Mr. Mitchell and several parents held a press conference at the State Capital last week, and Mr. Mitchell was interviewed by several local media sources.

Mr. Mitchell explains how he had his three children removed from his home because a family babysitter reported him to CPS for a “bottom spanking” with one of his children. It took him almost 2 years to get his son back home.

According to the [Star Tribune](#):

“It was every parent’s worst nightmare,” said Mitchell, 57, a management consultant. “My children were legally kidnapped for a bottom spanking that was done out of love, because I want my children to grow up to be hardworking members of society.”

The child, Xander Mitchell, was kept in state custody for 22 months, during which time his father was refused all contact. Mitchell’s other child was removed for five months, according to the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis.

Mitchell said his involvement with child protection began on the night of Feb. 16, 2014, when he and his wife went to dinner and a movie and left their children in the care of their longtime babysitter. A day earlier, Xander had received a “bottom spanking” from his father for stealing and other acts of disobedience, including failing to do his homework and playing video games when he should have been sleeping.

When the babysitter called to report the alleged maltreatment of the child, police were dispatched to Mitchell's residence and his three children were taken to the police station for questioning, he said. Days later, Dakota County filed a court petition seeking protection for Mitchell's children, who were removed from his home and placed in foster care while the county investigated.

Mitchell said his son Xander, now 15, has never been the same since. The once-gregarious and athletic child, who loved soccer and skiing, has become increasingly introverted and now spends most of his time indoors, he said. "The abduction by child protection services ruined my son's life and changed it forever," Mitchell said. "Can you imagine if you thought that your father abandoned you?"

In Minnesota it is reportedly illegal to use corporal punishment with one's own children, but not in schools where it is allowed by teachers.

The lawsuit claims that Minnesota unfairly targets Black families and other minorities in removing children from homes. [TwinCities.com reports:](https://www.twincities.com/reports/)

"Every night, I went to sleep not knowing where he was," Mitchell said, describing the experience as traumatic and comparing it to a legal kidnapping.

"The abduction by (child-protective services) ruined my son's life and changed him forever," Mitchell said. "Without a doubt, this has been the most horrific experience of our life."

Mitchell's lawsuit claims Minnesota laws regarding corporal

punishment by parents, such as spanking, are unconstitutionally vague. Child protection can investigate parents for any action that causes pain or mental injury.

Mitchell says state and county officials enforce that and other child-protection laws inconsistently and black families are considerably more likely to end up in the system and lose custody of their children.

State data show black children are three times more likely to be involved in the child-protection system and be taken from their parents. Black parents also are more likely to lose their parental rights than their white neighbors.

The disparity is even higher for multi-racial and American Indian children and their families.

When children of color are removed from their homes, they are often placed in white homes for foster care that some parents feel is culturally inappropriate.

ABC affiliate KaalTV interviewed Dwight Mitchell about the federal civil rights lawsuit for kidnapping children:

Video no longer available.

Richard Wexler, the executive director of the [National Coalition for Child Protection Reform](#), wrote an [op-ed piece](#) for MINNPOST earlier this month on why Minnesota's approach to child protection makes children less safe.

Citing statistics that Minnesota takes children away from their families at the sixth highest rate in the country, a rate more than double the national average, Wexler points out

that this has been a long-standing problem in Minnesota that has nothing to do with abusive parents on drugs:

No, this is not because of opioids or any other drug plague. Minnesota has been an outlier since at least 1999 and probably far longer.

Everything was made worse by the state's bungled response to the death of Eric Dean in 2014. The governor promptly named the obligatory task force. Incredibly, the task force concluded that a state which for nearly two decades was among the most extreme in tearing apart families was not extreme enough. The result was predictable: a foster-care panic – a sharp, sudden spike in children torn from their homes.

Of course all of this was done in the name of making children safer. After all, New York City, with its much lower rate of removal, has had horrible cases of deaths of children known to the system so clearly – oh, wait. Minnesota is still seeing such tragedies as well, in spite of taking children at a rate more than six times higher.

In fact, foster-care panics actually make such tragedies more likely. (Source.)

Wexler points out that the main reason children are taken away from their families is not because of abuse, but because of poverty. He cites studies showing that children left in poor, troubled homes, fare far better than the ones taken out of those homes and put into foster care:

Far more common are cases in which family poverty is

confused with “neglect.” Other cases fall between the extremes. The problem is compounded by the sort of racial bias cited by the Minneapolis NAACP.

So it’s no wonder that two massive studies involving more than 15,000 typical cases found that children left in their own homes typically fared better even than comparably maltreated children placed in foster care. A University of Minnesota study, using a smaller sample and different methodology, reached the same conclusion. (Source.)

If one wants to find the main cause of child abuse in America today, look no further than foster care homes:

That harm occurs even when the foster home is a good one. The majority are. But the rate of abuse in foster care is far higher than generally realized and far higher than in the general population. Multiple studies have found abuse in one-quarter to one-third of foster homes. The rate of abuse in group homes and institutions is even worse.

But even that isn’t the worst of it. The more that workers are overwhelmed with false allegations, trivial cases and children who don’t need to be in foster care, the less time they have to find children in real danger. So they make even more mistakes in all directions. That’s almost always the real reason for the horror stories about children left in dangerous homes.

That’s why Minnesota’s longstanding embrace of a take-the-child-and-run approach to child welfare, an approach that’s only worsened in recent years, makes all children less safe. (Source.)

Here at *Health Impact News*, we have been covering this issue for several years now. See:

[The U.S. Foster Care System: Modern Day Slavery and Child Trafficking](#)

[Child Kidnapping and Trafficking: A Lucrative U.S. Business Funded by Taxpayers](#)

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[CPS from Legally Kidnapping Children.](#)



Amanda Weber with son Zayvion. Photo by [Randy Furst – Star Tribune.](#)

[Recently](#), the group, which is reported to now represent over 4000 parents in Minnesota, garnered more local media coverage when a judge return a 1-year-old boy to his mother who had been allegedly placed into foster care for 3 months based on “false allegations of medical neglect.”

“I am mad at the system for failing me and my son,” said Amanda Weber at a news conference in St. Paul.

Weber also stated that social service workers knew their claims were inaccurate and still proceeded to remove her son.

According to the [Star Tribune](#):

Morrison County Judge Leonard A. Weiler ruled in August that Morrison County Social Services “had failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the child is in need of protection and/or services” under the state statute.

He also said that there was no evidence that the boy’s mother had medically neglected the child as the county alleged.

Attorney Erick G. Kaardal, who is the [Chief Counsel for the Family Preservation Foundation](#), represented Ms. Weber. He is a graduate of Harvard College and the University of Chicago Law School.

The return of Amanda Weber’s child was seen as a victory for the Family Preservation Foundation:

The legal victory is symbolic for a coalition of parents and advocates seeking to change the state’s child protection system. The group has argued that Minnesota’s laws criminalize parents for what they consider to be routine parental discipline and have a disproportionate effect on black families. ([Source](#).)



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Minnesota appears to have one of the most organized family advocacy groups fighting against [legal government kidnapping and child trafficking](#) in the United States.