

## **Health Impact News**

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

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# Ohio



# 10 Year Old Amish Girl Taken Away from Parents for Refusing Chemotherapy by Ohio Hospital



Health Impact News Editor Comments

In the United States of America, only FDA approved drugs

are allowed to treat cancer. Cancer is the most lucrative product the medical industry has. Empowered by the government, the pharmaceutical companies have developed a monopoly on cures in the United States, particularly cancer cures. If you dare to stand in their way, they will do anything they can to crush you. If you think that I am exaggerating, just ask Dr. Burzynski in Texas, who has fought possibly the most convoluted and intriguing legal battle against the Food & Drug Administration in American history, as they tried to shut him down. Here is an opening scene from the documentary film regarding his alternative cancer treatment, and how one family lost their daughter to chemotherapy before they could benefit from Dr. Burzynski's treatment which could have saved her life:

<https://youtu.be/oOqAzsoTF6A>

Children all across America are being ripped away from their parents for opposing Big Pharma and their monopoly on "cures," which are almost 100% patented toxic drugs that often do not cure at all. Here is one more story of how an Ohio hospital has won a court decision to take legal custody of a 10-year-old Amish girl because their parents chose to stop using toxic drugs that were destroying her. Medical tyranny is a reality today in the United States of America.

## **Court: Ohio Hospital Can force Chemo on Amish Girl**

[digtriad.com](http://digtriad.com)

Excerpts:

An appeals court has sided again with an Ohio hospital that wants to force a 10-year-old Amish girl to resume

chemotherapy after her parents decided to stop the treatments. The court ruled that an attorney who's also a registered nurse should be granted limited guardianship over the girl, Sarah Hershberger, and the power to make medical decisions for her.

Andy Hershberger, the girl's father, has said the family agreed to begin two years of treatments for Sarah last spring but stopped a second round of chemotherapy in June because it was making her extremely sick. Sarah begged her parents to stop the chemotherapy and they agreed after a great deal of prayer, Hershberger said. They live on a farm and operate a produce stand near the village of Spencer in Medina County, about 35 miles southwest of Cleveland.

Doctors at Akron Children's Hospital believe Sarah's leukemia is treatable but says she will die without chemotherapy. The hospital went to court after the family decided to stop chemotherapy and treat Sarah with natural medicines, such as herbs and vitamins.

The appeals court ruling, issued last week, overturns a judge's decision that said that keeping the parents from making medical decisions for their daughter would take away their rights.

"While we respect the wishes of the parents and believe them to be honest and sincere, we are unwilling to adhere to the wishes of the parents," the appeals court judges wrote.

Full Article here:  
<http://www.digtriad.com/news/article/301465/175/Court-Hospital-Can-Force-Chemo-On-Amish-Child>

# Ohio Amish Girl Escapes with Parents from Forced Chemotherapy, Father Claims She was on Experimental Drugs Without Consent



Health Impact News Editor Comments

Earlier this month, we published the story of 10-year old

Sarah Hershberger, an Amish girl in Ohio, and how her parents took her off of toxic chemo therapy. The courts in Ohio overturned a previous judge's ruling on her case and awarded custody of the girl to the hospital's attorney, who is also a nurse. The hospital was claiming that Sarah's life was in danger if she did not continue with the chemo therapy, but her parents were claiming that Sarah was doing better, and that the chemo therapy was actually killing her. Read the original story here: [10 Year Old Amish Girl Taken Away from Parents for Refusing Chemotherapy by Ohio Hospital](#)

Now, David Michael of [The Journal of Natural Food and Health](#) is reporting that the Amish girl was part of an experiment of new drugs, and that the hospital's motivation for getting custody of the girl and having her continue her therapy was because the hospital stood to lose substantial funding for ending the drug trial too soon. When you consider the potential billions of dollars a pharmaceutical company can potentially make from a new cancer drug, it is easy to understand the hospital's motivation to try and get custody of this child and have her continue the treatment, whether she needed it or not.

Michael has interviewed the parents, who reportedly left the country with their daughter shortly before the court decision in early October, and where their daughter received alternative cancer treatment which is approved in Europe and other places, but banned in the U.S. As a result, their daughter Sarah has now been declared "cancer-free," verified through laboratory tests. I have been in contact with one of the family members as well, who has confirmed that the information Michael is reporting is "100% accurate." Akron Children's Hospital has testified in court that Sarah would have died without chemo therapy, but now she has been given a clean bill of health outside the U.S.



The Hershbergers would now like to return to the U.S. and be rejoined with their other 6 children, but they believe there is a warrant out for their arrest and that they will lose their daughter. They are raising funds to mount a legal challenge.

As we reported earlier this month, cancer treatment is a huge business in the United States, and only FDA approved drugs are allowed to be used in cancer treatment. If you defy them and choose alternative treatments not approved by the government, they have the authority to take your children away from you, and this is happening throughout America.

Dr. Burzynski in Texas fought one of the longest battles in U.S. history against the FDA for his alternative cancer treatment. Here is an opening scene from the documentary film regarding his alternative cancer treatment, and how one family lost their daughter to chemotherapy before they could benefit from Dr. Burzynski's treatment which could have saved her life:

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## **Amish Girl Being Forced into Experimental Chemotherapy Taken Out of US and Recovers with Natural Treatment**

By [David Michael](#)  
[Journal of Natural Food and Health](#)

Excerpts:

Sarah Hershberger, a 10-year old Ohio Amish girl with leukemia (now recovered), is being forced into a two-year unproven experimental chemotherapy study by Akron Children's Hospital (ACH).

It was just learned that the parents, Andy and Anna Hershberger, took their significantly recovered daughter out of the United States *before* the court ruled that a *hospital-affiliated, attorney-nurse, [Maria Schimer](#)*, was made the medical guardian to make sure Sarah will get her treatments.

Schimer is General Counsel (chief legal advisor) for Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), a close affiliate and business partner of the hospital.

According to Andy, Ms. Schimer has *never met* Sarah or him and his wife and they were never told their child was being used in a research study—among other things.

The parents reported this week that their child is fully recovered through natural treatments. Sarah is *completely recovered*, as of October 23, according to Andy. The (Ohio) hospital told them and the news media that Sarah would die in a few months without the (chemotherapy) treatment they recommend. Three doctors that have treated her with a natural, biochemical protocol using nutrition, supplements and plant extracts have declared Sarah cancer free based on cat scans and blood tests—confirmed three times.

Of the 100s of stories and broadcasts, the local and national media failed to investigate the story behind the story—the side of parents Andy and Anna Hershberger and the grandfather, Isaac Keim, a bishop in the Amish church. Andy told us “after the news media took only a part of my statements and twisted them, I wasn’t going to talk anymore.” He and his family were happy and thankful that the Journal took the time to hear their side—never told before.



Amish people gather throughout Ohio and elsewhere to hear about Akron Children's Hospital and the story of the Hershbergers.

The Hershberger family says they never were told the chemotherapy was *part of a research project using experimental chemicals*. They said Sarah's confidential medical information was given to the news media violating federal privacy laws. After a significant improvement in killing the cancer, they saw that the chemo was starting to kill Sarah and decided to stop the treatment and employ a better option to stop the cancer altogether. *This is when the hospital took legal action to keep Sarah in the treatment study.*

During the four-month ordeal, besides the anguish and financial losses Andy suffered a serious traumatic stress condition disabling him for three weeks. Family and friends helped with the kids and the vegetable harvest and sales at their produce stand and the nearby auction. Now the Hershbergers want to return to the United States, come home to their six other children in Medina County Ohio and

put their lives back together after what they describe as gross mistreatment by the hospital. They want to come home without the fear of arrest for contempt of court. Andy told us “he will not comply with the court order.”

The hospital told the family and the news media Sarah would die in a few months without their treatments. Isaac Keim, the Amish bishop, said Akron General Hospital told him the same thing a year ago when he had cancer. He refused chemotherapy and took a more natural approach and he feels just fine. He knows other Amish people still living healthy several years after they were told they would be dead in a few months if they did not accept the cancer treatments being recommended.

ACH will lose as much as \$1,000,000 or more by not treating Sarah the full 110 weeks in this study, according to our sources close to the case. For this investigative report, the Journal had to delve a little deeper into ACH and NEOMED concerning the business of cancer treatment and research. National Cancer Institute (NCI) [lists 39 different and ongoing cancer trials](#) at ACH each with a number children. ACH has revenues of \$700,000,000 per year, 60% of which are Medicaid billings and other government agencies, according to their annual report. They are currently building a bond-funded \$250,000,000 expansion for additional rooms and treatment facilities.

The ACH doctor over Sarah’s case practices part-time at ACH and four other Ohio hospitals. He is the [Professor of Pediatrics](#) at NEOMED.

At issue in this case is whether parents have the sole authority for medical decisions about their children and the power of corporations like ACH forcing unproven experimental treatments. In Ohio, the law allows a court-

ordered limited medical guardianship “when it is the best interests of the child.” This is the principle on which ACH attorneys based their appeal. This brings up many important questions:

- How is it that a hospital whose primary interests are the profits from expensive procedures be an objective opinion or argument on what is in the “best interests” of the girl?
- How is it the court would give medical decisions over to a hospital affiliate business partner?
- What does the court decision mean for any person bringing a family member into a hospital who does not agree with the treatment decided on by their panels of experts? Do they risk legal actions for having a different opinion even if based on another medical opinion? Do they risk losing custody of their child?

It is most likely that legal proceedings will continue in reversing the second appellate court’s decision based on constitutional grounds. Last week, the Journal was told that a powerful legal association specializing in constitutional law and individual rights may getting ready to defend the Hershbergers and reverse the decision.

Now that Sarah has recovered, the Hershbergers want to return to the United States. [Give generously](#) to the Hershberger fundraiser set up by a family member.

Link no longer available.

Read [the full report here](#).

# Family of Amish Girl Who Fled the Country to Avoid Forced Experimental Chemo Tells Their Side of the Story



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Sarah Hershberger is the 10 year old Amish girl that escaped from the U.S. in Sept. 2013 to avoid hospital demands and court orders to undergo 2 years of experimental chemotherapy against her and her parents wishes and advice

from other health experts. (See: [Ohio Amish Girl Escapes with Parents from Forced Chemotherapy, Father Claims She was on Experimental Drugs Without Consent.](#)) Sarah had received natural treatments at home and left the U.S. for further treatments and is now 100% free from leukemia, according to the parents. They want to return home without fear of being arrested and Sarah being taken away.

[Donations](#) are being used for natural foods, nutritional supplements, natural medicines and treatments so that the leukemia does not return. Also, Sarah and the parents need food, clothing, and housing while they are outside the country, and travel expenses to come back home when it is safe.

80% of the funds generated will go directly to the Hershberger's and 20% will be donated to the Foundations for Health Education to help pay expenses related to supporting this case.

<https://youtu.be/vzSUnSem1tI>

In this interview (unedited interview above) by Chris Wark, Isaac Keim, the grandfather of Sarah Hershberger, explains why the family fled the United States to avoid having their daughter continue with what they report was a drug trial of experimental chemo therapy drugs. A court in Ohio has already awarded custody of 10-year old Sarah to the Akron Childrens Hospital's attorney (See: [Ohio Amish Girl Escapes with Parents from Forced Chemotherapy, Father Claims She was on Experimental Drugs Without Consent](#))

Mr. Keim explains that when the second round of chemotherapy was to begin, a nurse sent Sarah home with the drugs, but warned the parents that none of their other

children should get a hold of the drugs, as they “could cause cancer.” Sarah was so sick, she could not even get out of bed, and she refused to go through any more chemotherapy. The parents and grandparents felt that the drugs were killing Sarah.

Mr. Keim then explains that as the family went to the hospital for their next appointment, they explained that they wanted to discontinue treatment. The family was escorted into a conference room where they were berated by medical staff, particularly the doctor, and threatened that if Sarah did not continue treatment, she would die within a couple of months. But Sarah was already responding positively without the drugs, and the family even offered to bring her in to the hospital for regular checkups so that they could monitor her condition. The doctor and hospital refused. Mr. Kleim reportedly told the doctor that he too had refused cancer treatment in the past, as was warned that he would only live for 6 months, but he remains alive and cancer free until today. The doctor reportedly told Mr. Kleim to “Shut up,” because his case was not related to Sarah’s.

When it was clear the parents would not give in to their threats, the doctor threatened to take them to court for child abuse, according to Mr. Kleim. The hospital did allow the parents to take Sarah home, after they signed statements that a medical doctor would be employed to look after Sarah, which the family complied with.

Then, according to Mr. Keim, the hospital tried to turn their case over to Child Protection Services (CPS), but CPS refused to take the case. So they filed a case against the parents in “probate court” instead, according to Mr. Keim. After three days of court testimonies from both sides, the judge ruled that the parents were looking out for the best interest of their daughter, and that the hospital had no jurisdiction to



remove the child from her family, and turn her over to someone in the hospital who did not even know the child.

The hospital then apparently tried to get CPS to take up the case again, but they refused a second time. Not giving up, the hospital then appealed the judge's decision to the 5th district court of appeals. A multi-judge panel still refused to grant custody of Sarah to the hospital, so the hospital appealed again, to the 9th district court of appeals, which threw the case back to the original judge in probate court. Once again, however, Judge John Lohn refused to award custody to a nurse, who is also the attorney representing the hospital. "They live a simple life, but this does not mean they are simple-minded," Judge Lohn wrote in the ruling, according to [ABC News](#).

According to Mr. Keim, the hospital then appealed a second time to the 5th district court, but they refused to re-hear the case. So the case was appealed once again to the 9th district court of appeals, and they finally ruled in favor of the hospital, to take custody of 10-year old Sarah. The parents were apparently forewarned by their attorney that they were finally going to lose the case, because the hospital reportedly found a different judge in probate court that would side with the hospital, in fear of losing his job, according to Mr. Keim.

So, according to Mr. Keim, the parents and Sarah "just disappeared." The family is now outside of the U.S., and there was apparently a subpoena issued for Sarah to appear in court on November 6th. CPS is now coming around every week looking for the family, according to Mr. Keim.

Mr. Keim also reported that Sarah has been tested as cancer-free at this point, and that when they asked the doctor at the hospital what he would do if she tested completely free of cancer, he reportedly replied that he would still put her back

on chemotherapy for “preventive” purposes. Mr. Keim reported that Sarah has been tested multiple times and is completely healthy at this point, since ceasing the chemotherapy. She can reportedly get the treadmill going up to 10 mph for 15 minutes at a time.

It was also stated in the video that the Hershbergers’ have accumulated huge legal bills, and that the parents want to return to their home and be reunited with their other 6 children. Sarah’s father, Andy, suffered a nervous breakdown over the whole ordeal, and has not been able to work to support the family.

Mr. Keim related how the mainstream media refused to interview them, supposedly because they the Amish refuse to be photographed or filmed.

## Is Akron Children’s Hospital Backing Out of This Case?

by [David Michael](#)  
[Journal of Natural Food and Health](#)

Akron Children’s Hospital (ACH) wants to back out of their involvement with the Sarah Hershberger forced-chemo case according to two reports received by the Journal from family friends at the courthouse. This was the result of yesterday’s conference with Maria Schimer (the hospital attorney/nurse that the courts have awarded custody of Sarah) and Hershberger’s attorney with the probate judge who was quoted as saying *ACH wants to back out*. It is not surprising the hospital may be wanting out. There has been such an uproar and backlash created by alternative media outlets in Northeast Ohio and throughout the world, and talk amongst the Amish communities—not to mention all the phone calls,

letters and emails to ACH.

Sarah's parents explained how they were mistreated by Akron Children's Hospital. They were not told that Sarah's treatment was an experimental research study, they were not given proper warnings of the side effects, and they did not give written permission for the second phase and after the final tests. ACH may have exaggerated the extent of Sarah's cancer. They said the hospital managers said they *would not* monitor and test Sarah periodically if they stopped the chemo and the Hershbergers wanted to work together with the hospital but they refused this medical assistance with the only test equipment in the area.

Read the [Full Article Here](#).

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# Ohio Amish Girl Who Refused Forced Chemo Now Reported Cancer-free

UPDATE:

[Amish Girl Who Refused Chemo Coming Home: Hospital Gives Up Guardianship](#)

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[AOL.com](#)

A relative says an Ohio Amish girl diagnosed with leukemia continues natural treatments while hiding with her parents amid a legal case over whether she'll be forced to resume chemotherapy.

Doctors fought the family's decision to end chemotherapy, saying Sarah Hershberger would die without it.

Her grandfather tells the [Akron Beacon Journal](#) that Sarah recently celebrated her 11th birthday and seems vibrant and healthy. Isaac Keim says blood and imaging tests showed the cancer is gone.

The family's attorney says it fled home in northeast Ohio's Medina (meh-DEYE'-nuh) County, leaving the country at one point to avoid having to resume chemotherapy treatments. A state appeals court has appointed a guardian to take over Sarah's medical decisions.

Keim says the family returned to the U.S. but remains in hiding.

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# Amish Girl Who Refused Chemo Coming Home: Hospital Gives Up Guardianship



[Journal of Natural Food and Health](#)

Press Release from 1851 Center for Constitutional Law

**Victory for Parental Rights: State Agrees to End Stand-Off  
with Amish Family over Forced Health Care**

**Official who had sought to take family's daughter from home and force chemotherapy on her, despite parent's earnest objections and Health Care Freedom Amendment, resigns as guardian**

**Family will continue to pursue alternative treatment**

**Columbus, OH** – The 1851 Center for Constitutional Law today accepted the Resignation as Limited Guardian of a state official attempting to, on behalf of the State and Akron Children's Hospital, force chemotherapy on ten-year-old Sarah Hershberger.

While the resignation still requires the signature of Probate Judge Kevin Dunn, Judge Dunn is expected to approve the resignation sometime next week, effectively ending the two-month stand-off with Sarah's parents, Andy and Anna Hershberger, who, concerned that the chemotherapy was killing their daughter, sought the right to first try a less invasive alternative treatment that the hospital did not provide.

Andy and Anna, after the Court's order, left the country to pursue an alternative treatment and prevent Sarah from being taken from them. The family reports that Sarah has responded well to the alternative treatment, the cancer is receding, and she is in excellent physical condition.

"We made it clear to our opponents that they were in for a protracted battle over fundamental principles and constitutional rights; and that on each, they were on the wrong side," said Maurice Thompson, Executive Director of the 1851 Center.

"The Judge's approval of this Resignation will pave the way



for the family's return home, which will allow Sarah to receive the family's preferred treatment under the best possible conditions," continued Thompson. "We hope that this Resignation also seals one of the darkest moments for parental rights and health care freedom in the State's history: a court ordering a little girl to be ripped away from her loving and competent parents, and forced to submit to procedures that could kill or sterilize her, simply because her parents sought to first pursue a less invasive treatment option -- one the hospital disagreed with because it did not itself provide it."

On November 19, the 1851 Center announced its representation of the Hershbergers, maintaining:

- Section 21, Article I of the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Healthcare Freedom Amendment passed by 67 percent of Ohio voters in 2011 prohibits the compulsion of any person "to participate in a health care system."

- Even before Section 21, the Ohio Supreme Court held that the Ohio Constitution ensures "personal security, bodily integrity, and autonomy," and therefore "[t]he right to refuse medical treatment" is amongst the "rights inherent in every individual."

- The U.S Supreme Court has repeatedly confirmed the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution clearly provides protection to parents in the "care, custody, and control" of their children, including the right "to direct the upbringing . . . of children under their control."

- The U.S. Supreme Court has also ruled that the "primary role of the parents in the upbringing of their children is now established beyond debate as an enduring American

tradition,” and “[t]he statist notion that governmental power should supersede parental authority in all cases because some parents abuse and neglect children is repugnant to American tradition.”

The litigation began when the Hershbergers removed their daughter from Akron Children’s Hospital in July, in favor of a less invasive alternative treatment, after it appeared as though chemotherapy itself was a greater threat to her than her mild form of cancer. The Hospital then moved in court to take Sarah from the Hershbergers and force treatment in July.

The hospital’s move came only after county social services officials found the Hershbergers to be quality parents, and, and despite hospital demands, refused to take Sarah from the family. The Medina County probate court found that the Hershbergers were model parents, explaining “there is no evidence the parents are unfit or unstable,” and “there is not a scintilla of evidence showing the parents are unfit.”

However, the Appellate Court used an obscure Ohio statute intended to address child abuse and neglect to order Sara to be taken from the home and forced to undergo chemotherapy.

The Court made this ruling even though Sarah’s mild form of cancer is a type that can and is being treated without chemotherapy, and despite conceding that chemotherapy may well cause loss of hair, infections, infertility, cardiovascular disease, damage to internal organs, an increased risk of contracting other cancers, and even death.

The case remains pending on a jurisdictional motion before the Ohio Supreme Court and on appeal to the Ninth District;

however those appeals are likely to be mooted by the Judge's approval of the Resignation.

[Source.](#)

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# Woman Confined by Force to Psychiatric Ward for Praying and Fasting



## Health Impact News Editor Comments

The use of psychiatry to “diagnose” people with “mental” illnesses and restrain them against their will in psychiatric wards is not new.

Psychiatry is not a medical science based on biology. There are no laboratory tests that can detect “mental disease.” All mental illnesses are defined by psychiatrists according to behaviors and then voted on to be included in their “Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders” (DSM). The latest version, version 5 (DSM5) is very controversial, labeling what many see as common behaviors as new “disorders.” New “disorders” are added with each revision, making it legal to prescribe dangerous and addictive drugs for these published mental diseases. (See: [Everyone Opposed to Creation of New Psychiatric Disorders Except Those Who Stand to Profit from Them](#))

The [Courthouse News Service](#) has published a news release regarding a case filed in court where a 56-year-old woman was forcibly confined to a psychiatric ward against her will for praying and fasting.

Medical tyranny is alive and widely practiced in the U.S. today. And there are signs that the [role of psychiatrists will increase under Obamacare](#).

## **It's Prayer, not Psychosis, Woman Says**

by [KEVIN KOENINGER](#)  
[Courthouse News Service](#)

CLEVELAND (CN) – A self-published spiritual author sued a doctor and hospital, claiming she was involuntarily admitted to a psychiatric ward after becoming “confused and disoriented” on the 15th day of a “biblical fast,” and that hospital staff misinterpreted her prayers as psychotic tendencies.

Jane Doe sued St. Vincent Charity Medical Center and Dr.

Saraj Brar, in Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

Doe, 56, describes herself in the complaint as “a Pentecostal Christian and a self-published author of books about God and spirituality.” The lawsuit continues:

“As part of her religious devotion, she periodically observes a biblical fast during which she abstains from all foods and consumes only water. In the early morning hours of July 10, 2013, Doe was on the 15th day of such a fast. While at a BP gas station in the city of Cleveland, Doe became confused and disoriented, and she contacted her mother for assistance.”

Doe says she was taken to the emergency room at St. Vincent’s and then involuntarily admitted to the hospital’s psychiatric ward. “Blood tests taken at the time of Doe’s admission revealed low sodium, potassium and electrolyte levels, indicative of water intoxication and hyponatremia,” the complaint states.

“Notwithstanding the results of Doe’s blood tests, Dr. Brar diagnosed Doe on admission as suffering from bipolar disorder with psychotic features.” Doe claims that while she was at the hospital, “Dr. Brar and other St. Vincent’s staff characterized Doe’s religious devotion as evidence of mental instability, making repeated references to her ‘religious preoccupation’ and noting Doe’s Bible reading and audible praying as evidence [of] mental illness.”

She claims that “when Doe refused to take anti-psychotic medications prescribed by Dr. Brar, defendants sought continued involuntary commitment through the Cuyahoga County Probate Court.”

Doe says Brar refused to let her leave the hospital after nearly five days of observation, and “instituted an action in the Cuyahoga County Probate Court seeking Doe’s continued involuntary detention.” She claims that “Dr. Brar’s affidavit was incomplete and misrepresented to the Probate Court that defendants had complied with their obligations under Ohio Rev. Code 5122.”

The Probate Court scheduled an initial hearing for July 25, but Doe says the hospital refused to provide copies of her medical records until the day before the final hearing, scheduled for Aug. 9. She claims that “based on the evidence presented, the Probate Court granted Doe’s oral motion to dismiss the proceedings and ordered Doe’s immediate discharge.”

She seeks punitive damages for false imprisonment and violations of patient rights. She is represented by Angela Lavin, with Wegman, Hessler, and Vandenburg.

Read the [Full Report Here](#).

# Ohio CPS Destroys Family of 5 Children - Parents Acquitted of Any Wrong Doing



Butner family together for a visit, before the children were adopted out. Source: Butner family.

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

Living in a small Ohio town, Chris and Kathy Butner felt their lives were complete. They hadn't had an easy road, but always tried to do their best for their family of 5 children, from their oldest son having asthma to their 10 year old, who was diagnosed with ADHD and seizures. If that wasn't difficult enough, their 7 year old daughter had seizures as a baby. In 2007, after various tests, doctors gave her a blood transfusion and inserted a feeding tube. Their youngest



daughter had a cyst on her head.

According to the Butners, all of the children were being followed by their doctors. Never did they question the doctors' recommendations, and they always complied with what was asked, which would explain why the Butners report that they were later cleared of any medical neglect that they were accused of by Child Protection Services (CPS).

## **Troubled Teenager Enters Counseling, and CPS Enters Their Lives**

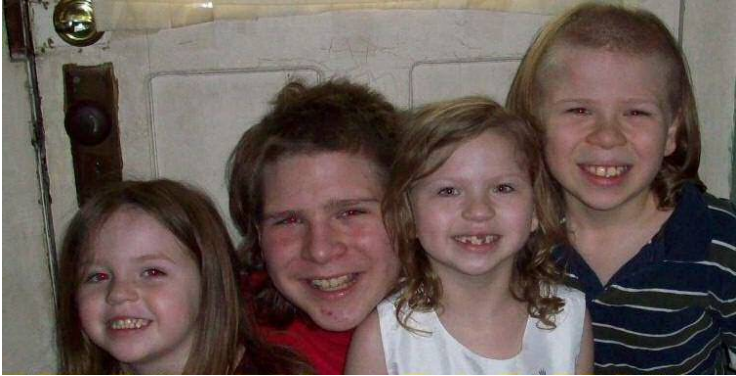
In 2011 their oldest son had become a teenager. He was having problems with one of his grandparents. He was getting depressed and angry and felt upset due to this broken relationship.

While family disputes often happen, it was clear to Chris and Kathy Butner that their son needed help and they wanted to get him treatment. Once family counseling was started and their son was being treated, they were led to believe that CPS was being contacted in order to find a closer location to their home for counseling. They were driving an hour for the appointments, so they believed them. Because they never had any issues with CPS, they didn't doubt their judgement.

## **Social Worker Demands the Children Go to Public School**

In March 2012 they were assigned a social worker that would visit the home 1 to 2 times a week. The Butner family listened to their requests. In fact, they went as far as trying to enroll their homeschooled children in public school, because the social worker insisted that they do so, even though the children were happy with their online schooling.

It was a shock to Kathy when her and her oldest son entered the public school to enroll and were told they had been reported, and that it was “too late.” Kathy did not understand this because she had done as she was directed, and took them out of online schooling to start public school. As her oldest son cried and pleaded with the school officials, they were told to leave the school property.



The 4 older Butner children in happier times, before CPS took them away. Source: Butner family.

## **CPS Takes Kids, Tells Them They Are Going On Vacation**

Bewildered, Kathy went home and phoned their social worker. She never got a call back, so she called again, but nothing. A few short days later, April 4th, 2012, there was a knock at their door. CPS stood at their door with 2 police officers, and they were told their children were being taken away.

Kathy and Chris asked for an explanation, because they had been told repeatedly that everything was fine. As they said

their goodbyes to their children, Kathy heard the CPS workers tell the children they were going on vacation and not to worry.

While shocked this could happen, the Butners started the fight of their life. They tried to get to the bottom of why their children were being taken. They had visitation once a week and often it was an hour. If they were fortunate, it was a little more, but many times it was less. According to Kathy, they were trying to get a grip on how this could be happening.

### **“Don’t Ask Questions – Just Comply”**

They were often told that, in order to visit with their children, they would need to bring shoes or new clothes and school supplies. They again complied what they were told, because they realized if they didn’t, there would be no visitation.

Their children would try on their new shoes or check out their gifts during those treasured short visits, but it was never long before the tears would start to flow. Kathy remembers her children begging them,

*Don’t stop fighting for us!*

They gave their children their word, and kept reassuring them that they would be back home.

As weekly visits continued, they were told by the social worker not to ask questions, and that reunification was the goal. If anyone showed any emotion, the visits were cut short

and the children were quickly taken out of the visit and told it was time to go back to their foster home. Once again the Butner family thought that if they listened to their social worker and followed their instructions, they would one day be a family again.

## **Children Told They Are Going to Be Adopted**

As their children continued to beg to come home at their weekly visitation meetings, it became clearer to Kathy and Chris that either their children were getting confused, or that Kathy and her husband were being lied to by CPS. The children were telling them that they were being adopted. Confused and thinking “how can this be,” they once again asked their social worker. Again they were reminded not to ask questions.

As the children grew more anxious every visit, so did their parents fear. As the time passed, they continued to fight and tell their children they would not give up.



Source: Butner family.

## Problems with Foster Care

At the very first visit, the children told them that their foster family had burned their Bibles that they brought from home. Their oldest son was taken off his asthma medication and had allegedly collapsed on the football field, while one of their daughters came to one of their visits with a black eye. The other children said she was hit with a 2 x 4.

Kathy's worst fears were coming true. Being a mother of 5, she had never wanted her children to endure what she had gone through at their age. She had been in foster care and was abused and had a hard childhood. She had vowed never to let that happen to her children. Never in her worst nightmare would she think that this could be possible, stating:

*"CPS didn't help then and they are not helping now."*

Her oldest son was not encouraged to continue his counseling and was allegedly told by CPS that it was not needed anymore. Despite this, within days following Chris and Kathy's final visit with their children on June 27, 2013, they got a call to come to the hospital, where Chris Jr. had been taken after CPS discovered that he was cutting.

The disturbing behavior had never happened while he was in his parents' care. Kathy reports that the social worker told her that he would probably kill himself before he turned 18. His parents want to know why, when the state was so concerned for him before he was taken from his parents, would the counseling not be continued for his best interest?



Kathy hugs her son goodbye at their final visit. Source: Butner family.

## Still Asking “Why?”

The Butners state that the court said there were no abuse findings, and no medical neglect. Kathy was originally accused of [Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy](#), but she was later cleared of that allegation.

So, what grounds did CPS have to take all 5 children out of their home and never give them back? Chris and Kathy still ask themselves that question daily as they cry for their loss. In fact, the Butners later learned that allegedly the first foster home wanted to adopt their 3 youngest children from the very beginning, a goal which they have accomplished. That leads Kathy and Chris to ask the question that many parents would in their shoes: was it set up?

Even though they lost their rights to their children in June of 2013, they still have not received their court transcripts. They were told by their second social worker if they would turn their rights over to their children, they would get the transcripts. After they refused, they were told that CPS could take them without their signature. They continued to fight, and as their funds got small, so did the hope in their hearts that their children would ever come home.

## Children Adopted, But Parents Will Never Give Up

The 3 youngest were adopted last year by the first foster home, while the older two children went to a few different fosters before being adopted. Chris and Kathy have been told there is nothing that can be done for them now that they have been adopted, and that they should just move on.

They ask, “How? Could you just move on?”

Kathy still hears her oldest son saying, “I thought you made me a promise?” Those words don’t go away for Kathy and her husband. There is no closure for them. Not a day goes by in that home that was once filled with their children’s laughter where the silence continues to take over their minds. Their children have now been led to believe that they have stopped fighting. They want their children to know they have not stopped fighting, and they will not give up.



Source: Butner family.

Kathy reports that they talked to many lawyers who believe there were no grounds for this to happen. She states that they came to the same conclusion as Kathy and Chris did, that their children were never given a chance to be brought back to their home, especially when they listened to their social workers and followed through on the demands that were asked of them.



Kathy rewinds these horrific events in her mind. She can't help but to cry when she remembers her children asking, "Why didn't you want to see us last week?" From the very beginning, she says her children were being told lies by their foster families. They are left wondering how that can be allowed, while they are holding on to memories and their last bit of hope.

Not a birthday goes by where they do not wish they were celebrating the occasion with their children. Holidays with their children are a distant memory as they wonder about their lives now. They know this continues to be the drive that they need to continue to fight and believe that they will see their children again at home where they belong.

## How You Can Help

After having no success with a court-appointed lawyer, Chris and Kathy still hope to have a lawyer help them with their case. They hope to be able to get the court transcripts. This is a parent's worst nightmare. With all this family has endured, they still need answers.

Supporters who would like to help this family believe that justice can be served may encourage the family and follow their story on their new Facebook page, called [CPS Bring Our 5 Stolen Butner Children Home](#).



Child Protective Services in Ohio is administered under the County Department of Job and Family Services. The Tuscarawas County JFS may be contacted at (330) 339-7791, and they may be reached [here](#).

Supporters are asked to call the office of Ohio Governor John Kasich at (614) 466-3555. He may be contacted [here](#).

Representative Al Landis represents Tuscarawas county, and he may be reached at (614) 466-8035 or contacted [here](#).

# Two Sisters of Homeschool Family in Ohio Removed from Parents During Hospital Visit



Sisters Taylor and Deseree Straightiff. Images supplied by family.

## UPDATE 8/8/2015

Approximately 24 hours following our story on August 7, 2015, Hildy Straightiff received a text from her lawyer stating that her visitation rights were being taken away.

Hildy was able to get a copy of the text sent to her lawyer from the Assistant Prosecutor for Clinton County, Chad Randolph. The correspondence allegedly states:

*We are cancelling Hildys visit today. Please advise her. We have serious safety concerns. Following her diatribe, we received legitimate concern that Hildy has purchased a gun*

*and has practiced at a range. Please get back with me that you've contacted her.*

According to Hildy, she has not purchased a gun in over a year, and she has not been to a shooting range in over 20 years. Gus Straightiff was also contacted by his lawyer stating that Hildy's visitation on August 7, 2015 is cancelled and he was to pick up the children at the Clinton County Sheriff's Department.

Hildy says:

*After the story was released by Medicalkidnap.com I again contacted the Ohio Governor's Office of John R. Kasich and requested his help. Again, I received the same response that I should contact the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.*

Hildy feels that because Governor Kasich appointed the Director for Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), Cynthia C. Dungey, he could help and make her accountable for the actions of the department. Hildy has contacted Cynthia C. Dungey but continues to be ignored.

Hildy Straightiff is being punished for coming to Health Impact News and publishing her story on MedicalKidnap.com. Contact information for State workers and elected officials that can step in and do something about this case are listed below.

Original Story:

# Two Sisters of Homeschool Family in Ohio Removed from Parents During Hospital Visit

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

On January 5, 2015 at 12:00 pm at Dayton Children's Hospital, Clinton County Child Protective Unit Investigator, Hayli Cingle, allegedly told Hildy Straightiff,

*"There is an emergency custody hearing for your children at 1:30 pm today if you would like to be present."*

Hildy responded from her daughters' hospital room,

*"Of course I want to show up, these are my kids, can I at least have the address?"*

An hour and a half later, rather than sitting at the bedside of her two sick girls in the hospital, Hildy was sitting in a court room listening to Judge G. Allen Gano order her children into the temporary custody of Clinton County Children Services in the State of Ohio.

## **Judge Orders Painful and Abrupt Separation – Placing III Sisters into the Care of Strangers**

Taylor (age 13) and Deseree (age 12) had not been away from

their parents for longer than a few days at a time, and suddenly their lives were going to change dramatically.



Taylor, and Deseree Straightiff. Image supplied by family.

Hildy pleaded with Children Services to at least let her

mother and father, Doug and Mary Ryan, remain at the hospital with her children until the designated foster parents were able to pick them up. Doug and Mary Ryan were allowed to remain with the Straightiff children until January 7, 2015, when foster parents that the girls had never met, picked them up from the hospital and took them to a strange new home.

Hildy and her husband Gus were never allowed to go back to the hospital where their children were being treated. Hildy was extremely upset because,

*“They didn’t even let me take the girls’ winter coats to them in the middle of winter.”*

Hildy Straightiff began homeschooling her children in 2010 due to extended school absences because of the children’s health problems. Hildy homeschooled her children until they were removed from her care in January 2015. Hildy is very proud that both girls’ grades are above a 3.5 in their current school.

## **Medical Retaliation for Simply Seeking Second Opinion for her Daughters Care?**

It all began on December 30, 2014, when Gus and Hildy Straightiff took their two girls, Taylor and Deseree to Dayton Children’s Hospital, in Dayton, Ohio, due to ketones. The hospital admitted both girls because they were Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA).

Gus Straightiff, Taylor and Deseree, all have Type 1 diabetes. In addition to diabetes, in 2004, Gus Straightiff suffered

from a stroke and became disabled.



Taylor, Gus and Deseree Straightiff, enjoying father-daughter time. Image supplied by family.

Taylor and Deseree were both diagnosed with diabetes before they were five years old. Type 1 diabetes is an auto-immune condition in which the body destroys the Beta cells in the pancreas that produce insulin. The insulin must be replaced with subcutaneous injections.

Taylor and Deseree depend on insulin delivery by an insulin



pump. Insulin is a life sustaining hormone and without it the children will have elevated blood glucose (BG), and produce ketones which can progress into extreme electrolyte imbalances and result in Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA). DKA can result in a coma or even death. Ketones have to be monitored when a child with type 1 diabetes has a virus or infection, or if blood glucose is elevated.

In 2011, the oldest Straighttiff daughter, Taylor, began having intestinal problems. According to Hildy, Dayton Children's Hospital referred Taylor to Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Nationwide, a leading pediatric facility, has a gastrointestinal motility center for children. According to their website,

*“Our specialists are considered among the best in the world in diagnosing and treating pediatric gastrointestinal motility disorders.”*

Dr. Jaya Punati, Pediatric Motility Specialist with Nationwide, diagnosed Taylor with Gastroparesis and gluten intolerance. Dr. Punati placed Taylor on a feeding tube from June to July 2011. Dr. Punati transferred from Nationwide to Los Angeles Children's Hospital and according to Hildy, the family began having problems with the care their daughter was receiving following the transfer of Dr. Punati.

## **Mental Health Diagnosis Not Made by Psychiatrist**

The emergency removal paperwork stated that Hildy Straighttiff, who has cared for her daughters since birth, was suddenly considered to be a threat to their health. The order

dated January 5, 2015 stated the following reasons Children Services was contacted:

*“...it is not appropriate for the children to be released to their mother. The mother’s mental health issues and lack of supervision and involvement in the children’s diabetic care.”*

**This was not a diagnosis made by a psychiatrist**, but a statement made by Clinton County Children Protective Unit Investigator, Hayli Cingle and a pediatric diabetes and endocrinology doctor from Dayton Children’s Hospital, Yelena Nicholson, D.O.

Further, the court order dated January 5, 2015, finds *“that the children would be at imminent risk of harm if permitted to remain in their mother’s custody and their removal is necessary to prevent such harm.”*

When the children became sick, Hildy and Gus took them to the hospital, which is why Hildy does not understand how the children are considered *“at imminent risk of harm.”*

According to Hildy,

*“Dr. Nicholson is upset because I was moving the care of my daughters to Cincinnati Children’s Hospital.”*

Additionally,

*“She (Dr. Nicholson) admitted that I did everything right, when you have kids with diabetes and they start throwing up*

*and are running ketones all you can do is take them to the hospital, parents don't have I.V. fluids, but it's my fault. She (Dr. Nicholson) started making allegations about my mental health."*

## **Ohio CPS Claims "Strengthening Families" But Orders Mother to Leave Home**



Sisters: Taylor and Deseree during happier times. Image supplied by family.

In Ohio, Child Protective Services is under the government organization Department of Job and Family Services. Clinton County Child Protection Unit advertises on their website that

they,

*“...lead the community in the prevention of and response to the problem of abuse and neglect by protecting children and strengthening families.” (Source.)*

The key wording in this statement is *strengthening families*. The court ordered Gus and Hildy Straightiff, a couple who have been married for fourteen years, to separate to allow Gus to have unsupervised visitation with his daughters.

According to a hearing order dated March 2, 2015,

*“The State indicated that discovery is not yet complete. The court orders that the father COMPLETE a parents’ diabetes education course. The mother is to move out of the home where she currently resides with the father.”*

Clinton County Children Services, in the matter of three months, demanded that the Straightiff parents live separately and removed their two children and placed them in the Ohio foster care system, to strengthen their family?

Hildy stated that she is now living in a motel. Additionally, Hildy Straightiff’s visitation with her own daughters is up to the discretion of Children Services, according to the order, and currently Hildy is only allowed two supervised visits a week.

Gus Straightiff is disabled and according to Hildy, he pays \$1,240.00 of his disability to the State of Ohio monthly for the care of his daughters.

## Are Ohio State Laws Being Followed?

According to the court documents, on January 29, 2015 in a pre-trial hearing,

*“The court addressed the issue of discovery which the parties agreed was extensive and not yet complete. The Court ORDERS the matter set for further pretrial on March 2, 2015.”*

On March 2, 2015 in the pre-trial hearing,

*“The State indicated that discovery is not yet complete. The matter shall return for status hearing on March 26, 2015.”*

On March 26, 2015, the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, Clinton County, Ohio had a status hearing in which,

*“The state informed the Court that given the stances of the parties the matter cannot be tried in the time available on the Court’s calendar. The State moved to dismiss the complaints without prejudice. The Court FINDS the State’s motion to be well taken and hereby ORDERS that the above complaints be dismissed without prejudice.”*

On the same date, in a status hearing, the court re-filed and the record states,

*“Based upon the reports provided, the court FINDS that reasonable efforts have been made to prevent the removal of the children from their home, but that it is in their best interest to be placed in the temporary custody of Clinton County Children Services. It is so ORDERED.”*

Based on the records the investigation was taking longer than allowed by law, and the orders were dismissed and then re-filed. The original complaint was filed and children removed on January 5, 2015. According to the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5101:02,

*“The Public Children Services Agency (PCSA), shall record the JFS 01401 ‘Comprehensive Assessment Planning Model – I.S., Safety Assessment’ in the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) within seven working days from the date the report was screened as child abuse, neglect or dependency report.”*

In addition,

*“The PCSA shall complete the report disposition and arrive at a final case decision by completing the JFS 01400 no later than forty-five days from the date the PCSA screened in the referral as a child abuse and/or neglect report. The PCSA may extend the time frame by a maximum of fifteen days if information needed to determine the report disposition and final case decision cannot be obtained within forty-five days and the reasons are documented pursuant to rule 5101:2-36-11 of the Administrative Code.”*

Hildy and Gus were both appointed court lawyers and Hildy claims that both attorney's did not represent them properly in court. Hildy also states that there is no safety plan for the family. Hildy believes that based on the documents and the state laws cited, the rules set forth by the State of Ohio were not followed in this case.

Clinton County Children Services ordered Hildy to get a psychologist's evaluation by one of the doctors specified. At this time, Hildy inquired about an independent evaluation and she was told specifically that she could not hire a psychiatrist, but had to use a psychologist. Hildy decided to get an independent psychologist evaluation for court and was seen by Dr. Dennis Schneider from Springdale, Ohio.

According to Hildy,

*“Everything came back from the evaluation and tests that there is nothing wrong with me mentally.”*



Hildy Straightiff, enjoying the beach with her daughters. Image supplied by family.

When Hildy told Clinton County Children Services about the evaluation, she was told that her doctor will have to be approved before the evaluation can be used in court, this is still in process.

Hildy Straightiff has continued to be diligent in attempting to get help for her family; she has written the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights, and even made phone calls to the Governor of Ohio, pleading for someone to listen to her case.

**“Mommy, I hope that someone will help so we can be together again.”**

Gus and Hildy continue to fight for their family to be back



together. According to Hildy, the Clinton County Children's Services states that they are trying to reunify the Straighttiff family, it has now been eight months.

Hildy had a visit with her daughters on August 3, 2015 and said that her oldest daughter Taylor was in tears when she said,

*"Mommy, I hope that someone will help so we can be together again."*



Deseree, Taylor and Hildy share a close family bond. Image supplied by family.

## How You Can Help

Governor John Kasich may be reached at 614-466-3555. Contact him by email [here](#), and on [Twitter](#).

The Director of ODJFS, Cynthia Dungey can be reached at (614) 466-6283. The [ODJFS Facebook Page is here](#).

Clinton County, Ohio, 15th District Representative Steve Stivers may be reached at his Washington office: 202-225-2015, or here: Central Ohio District Office at 614-771-4968. Contact him by email [here](#), on [Facebook](#), and on [Twitter](#).

Contact Clinton County Children's Services [here](#).

# Ohio Parents Disagree with School Over ADHD Diagnosis - Lose 7 Year Old Son to CPS



Camden Maple – a creative boy whose family loves him and wants him back home. Source: Maple family.

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

His parents say that he is just a normal, imaginative little boy; his school says that he needs mental health help. After Christian Maple was called to pick up his 7 year old son Camden from school following an incident, Christian and his wife Katie had a long talk with their son to find out what

exactly was going on. As parents, they know their son better than anyone, and they addressed the situation at home. They thought the matter was settled.

It should have been over.

But it wasn't. It got much worse.

The next morning, staff at Bowman Primary School in Lebanon, Ohio, demanded to know the content of the Maples' conversation with their son. Christian did not believe that was their business to know the details, and he and Katie chose to reject the primary school's opinion that they needed to have Camden evaluated and treated by psychologists.

The school reported the Maples to Child Protective Services. Eight police officers later surrounded the family's house and took 7 year old Camden away from his home and his family.

Instead of the state respecting the Maples' fundamental right to parent their child and make medical decisions for him, CPS has seized custody of Camden and accused his parents of neglecting his mental health. The Maples are still reeling in shock, and are now fighting to get him back home.

## **Typical American Boy Next Door**

Camden likes Star Wars and Pokemon. He likes to play football with his brothers, and to play with Legos. He enjoys video games like Mario and Sonic. He creates stories and draws his own comic strips. He has tested a full grade level above his grade level. Katie describes her stepson:

*Camden is very imaginative and creative. He's a typical kid.*



Camden with his dad, who loves his son's imagination.  
Source: Maple family.

He grew up as the only child of his father until Christian met Katie, mother of 4. Much like the Brady Bunch, two families blended into one. Camden went overnight from being an only child to having 2 older and 2 younger siblings. Since the arrival of his baby sister, he is now one of 6 children – 3 boys and 3 girls. According to their parents, the children have all adjusted “very well,” but it has still been an adjustment.

They are a pretty typical family, complete with mini-van, living in a nice house in a nice neighborhood. They try to eat healthy, but not necessarily organic. They vaccinate their children, but prefer to space out the vaccines instead of giving many at once. Katie says:

*There's really nothing out of the ordinary about us.*



All American family. Camden is seated on the left. Source: Maple family.

The exception to that might be that they exercise their right to make medical decisions for their children and don't always do what the school recommends. According to Christian and Katie:



*The school thinks he is ADHD, we as parents disagree. We believe that it stems mostly from boredom and not being challenged in the classroom. The school has tried on several occasions to get us to have him diagnosed, so that he can be medicated.*

*We as parents do not have the problems the school claims to have with him, at home. We know how to deal with a rambunctious 7 year old, but the school is content with making him believe that he is a bad child, we disagree.*

He often finishes his school work before most of his classmates, so he doodles to fill the time. His parents report that he has gotten into trouble for that. They say that he gets bored at school, and that they have made suggestions to his teacher about how to handle him, but the school has ignored all of their suggestions.

*They just want him diagnosed and medicated.*

## **Camden Sent to the Office at School**

One day in late February, Camden got sent to the office for being disruptive in his class. He had to sit down with the school counselor. He told the counselor that he was “upset because he felt that he was bad and wanted to erase himself from the earth.”

Where many counselors would focus the questioning at that point on trying to learn why he thought he was bad and who told him that he was bad, the counselor at Bowman Primary School reportedly instead asked how he would accomplish



erasing himself from the earth. Faced with that kind of question, the little boy who makes up stories for his own comic strips came up with the idea that he would stab himself in the eye with a knife. This response prompted a call to his parents.

Christian immediately drove to the school and picked up his son. He and Katie had “a long conversation” with him to find out what was going on.

*Camden said that he did not want to hurt himself and just said that because he was upset and wanted to see what the counselor would say. The school thought we should have taken him to the hospital emergency room for a mental health evaluation, but upon assessing the situation and speaking to him at home, it was clear to us that he posed no threat to himself and just said it to get a rise out of the counselor. He has never said anything about harming himself prior to this incident or after. This was one time, one day...most likely repeating something he heard somewhere.*



Camden as a little guy with imagination, not mental illness.  
Source: Maple family.

Both parents told *Health Impact News* that, if they had thought that he was truly suicidal, they certainly would have taken action:

*If we really believed that he would have really hurt himself, then we would have taken him to be assessed. They've blown this way out of proportion.*

There were no other signs of depression or of any intention to hurt himself, or anyone else. This was a one time thing. They want to know if this is really about the school wanting to get the funding for having him diagnosed as a special needs child.

## School Calls CPS When Parents Don't Do What They Demand

The school phoned them the next morning to ask if they had taken him to the hospital. When they explained that they had had a long conversation with him and “addressed the situation,” the school demanded to know how they addressed it and what the content of their conversation was. When the parents told them that the details of the conversation was a private family matter, the school officials bristled and called CPS, claiming “neglect.”

Social workers called the Maples to investigate. They wanted to come into the home and talk with the children. Christian explained the situation and told them that Camden is fine. He also told them that an investigation would impose on their right to privacy and their “fundamental right of child rearing and medical decision making on behalf of [their] child, all of which have already been written into case law.” He also cited the 4th Amendment right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures, and told them that they would need a warrant before they would be allowed to enter his home or talk to the other children.



Katie (2nd from left) with the children, Camden on the right.  
Source: Maple family.

Christian told *Health Impact News* that he never actually said that they were not providing services for Camden, as the school and social workers accuse, but he simply said it was none of their business.

Two weeks after all this, on March 3, Christian received a phone call that there was an “Emergency Shelter Care” hearing later that day. At court, the Maples learned for the first time that the school had called CPS on 4 other occasions during the past year. Katie says that all of the allegations were false and “obviously completely made up.”

*CPS never contacted us about these phone calls because they themselves admit that the calls were unsubstantiated.*

Yet, social worker Katie Pyle reportedly presented those phone calls to Magistrate Jennifer Coatney as evidence that Camden was in need of CPS care. According to the court report:

*...this child is at risk by virtue of multiple reports to Warren County Children Services and Father preventing the agency from investigating the situation [by exercising his 4th Amendment right to demand a court order or warrant before allowing CPS into his home]. The minor child has made threats of suicide and Father has not provided the children with proper mental health treatment.*

The school counselor and social worker have apparently made a diagnosis of a mental health disorder, although the law says that only a doctor can diagnose such. The family asserts that there is “zero proof of any such condition and zero proof of any parental wrongdoing, but yet the court ordered him removed.”



Magistrate Jennifer Coatney in Warren County Juvenile Court. [Image source courtesy Dayton Daily News.](#)

Magistrate Jennifer Coatney reportedly told Katie in court:

*You see what happens? This is what will happen to your other children if you do not cooperate.*

Later that day, social workers showed up at the Maple home with 8 armed police officers and every intention of taking Camden into state custody. The Maples felt that they had no

choice but to comply. CPS seized Camden and placed him with a relative.

*“How can this be?” Katie asks. “How can CPS get away with ripping children from loving homes without just cause? ... CPS should not have this much unchecked power!”*

The court has ordered that Christian and Katie complete a psychological evaluation and a drug and alcohol evaluation. They are also to be randomly drug tested. Neither has any history, or so much as an allegation, of any drug or alcohol abuse or mental health issue. They have completed the evaluations, which all came back clean. They said that their psychological evaluator was “thoroughly confused” as to why they were even there.

Camden has also been subjected to both a physical and a mental health evaluation. From what the family has gathered, there are no concerns with the results, and no services have been ordered for Camden based on the results. However, social worker Katie Pyle reportedly stated to the Maples that she would like to see Camden do counseling at the school “just to make sure that he doesn’t have thoughts of harming himself.”

Their son is still not home. His siblings miss him and want to know when he is coming home.



CPS has separated Camden from all his siblings, including his new baby sister. Source: Maple family.

## **“Why Doesn’t CPS Focus on Real Abuse?”**

The Maples say that they haven’t done anything wrong. They could understand all this if they had abused their son, but they haven’t. Christian told *Health Impact News*:

*If someone is abusing their child, that is a crime. We have police in place for people who commit crimes. That is what the police department is for – to arrest people committing crimes. CPS is a duplicate police agency. If no crime is being committed, why do we need a government agency to come in to investigate families and remove children?*

Katie Maple made a statement that almost every family that

has ever contacted *Medical Kidnap* has said to us:

*They [CPS] harass people who take care of their kids when they could be using their time more wisely and going after the people who actually DO abuse their children.*

Christian Maple is a big believer in the Constitution and individual rights, but says that when he asserted them, “they took them away.”

## How You Can Help

Former Presidential candidate John Kasich is the governor of Ohio. He may be reached at (614) 466-3555 or contacted [here](#).

Senator Steve Wilson serves the Maples’ district. He may be reached at (614) 466-9737, or contacted [here](#).

Representative Paul Zeltwanger is the House Representative for their district. He may be reached at (614) 644-6027, or contacted [here](#).

The family has a pre-trial hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 23, and an adjudication hearing on April 20. They have hired an attorney who has filed motions to have Camden returned home.

*There is nothing to stop this from happening to anyone.*

See story of another Ohio family torn apart by CPS. This family has still not been reunited:



**Ohio CPS Destroys Family of 5 Children – Parents  
Acquitted of Any Wrong Doing**

# Doctor Destroys Ohio Family with Shaken Baby Syndrome Accusation



Virginia Mount and sons – photo taken the last time she saw them. Photo provided by Linda Mount.

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

Virginia Mount was a stay-at-home mom to two beautiful boys. She lived a normal and happy life with her boyfriend and two sons, Jace, 15 months old, and Colten, three years old. In their recreation time they enjoyed fishing, sailing, picnicking, and simply relaxing and playing together.

On November 11, 2015, Jace stood up on top of the sofa. As he came tumbling down onto the floor, his arm broke and the whole world he lived in with his family, shattered to pieces.

After the fall, as she waited in the Nationwide Children's Hospital waiting room in Columbus, Ohio, Virginia felt as if time had frozen.

Initially, she didn't think the fall was very serious. After all, it was just a tumble. But when he was transferred from their local hospital to this one, Virginia felt a knot form in her stomach.

At that point, though, her greatest fear was merely that Jace would have to endure the *physical* pain of an injury.

She had no idea that her entire family was about to be destroyed, that both her sons would suffer the devastating trauma of losing their families, possibly forever, and that she would be incarcerated for a crime she did not commit.



Colton and Jace Mount – happy before CPS. Photo provided by Linda Mount.

## Doctor Diagnoses Abuse Based on X-rays

Child Protective Services, or CPS, arrived on scene with the Athens County Sheriff's Department because, after examining the x-rays, Children's Hospital had determined the child's injury was the result of child abuse. Dr. Michael Stoner, a pediatric expert, was the attending provider that diagnosed Jace as a victim of child abuse.

Jace had suffered a spiral break and doctors at Children's Hospital alleged that x-rays showed that he had previously suffered untreated leg fractures. CPS also claimed that Jace had previously been the victim of Shaken baby syndrome.



Jace was a happy little boy before CPS entered his life. Photo provided by Linda Mount.

Except, the eye condition cited as evidence of Shaken baby

syndrome was a prior diagnosis of cataracts, and Shaken baby syndrome had already been ruled out. Infantile rickets was not considered as a possibility, even though there were a number of symptoms present, including cataracts.

See:

### **Child Abuse Pediatricians: An “Ethically Bankrupt” Profession that Destroys Families**

Also, court documents show that another doctor at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Dr. Jill Pluciniczak, recommended further genetic testing to:

*rule in or out osteogenesis imperfecta.*

Osteogenesis imperfecta is a hereditary brittle bone disease that causes bones to break easily and Dr. Pluciniczak is a clinical pediatrics professor in the Division of Molecular and Human Genetics department at Ohio State University.

Virginia’s attorney also sent the x-rays for a second opinion to Dr. Marvin Miller, a Yale-educated pediatrician and metabolic bone specialist affiliated with Children’s Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. Court documents show that Dr. Miller was willing to testify that:

*the cause of the breaks in this case were not the result of neglect or abuse but an unknown medical condition at the time.*

However, the court granted the state’s In Limine Motion to

exclude Dr. Miller's testimony based on a technicality.

See how some attorneys are learning to fight back in Shaken baby syndrome cases, as judges across the country are demanding that parents convicted on the testimony of doctors' interpretation of x-rays should be retried if other scientific evidence that could explain the injuries was not presented during the trial:

**[Attorneys Being Trained to Fight Bogus Child Abuse Charges used in Medical Kidnappings](#)**

**[University of Michigan Law School Awarded \\$250K to Learn How to Defend Shaken Baby Syndrome Cases](#)**

**[Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts Opens the Legal Door to Retry All Shaken Baby Syndrome Convictions](#)**

**Family Loses Everything Based on Doctor's Testimony**

Consider what this family lost: the children lost their families, their homes, literally everything. The mother, Virginia, lost her children and her freedom. Under these circumstances, many are wondering how the possibility that child abuse had been a misdiagnosis not be explored?

Virginia's mother also reported that Virginia took Tums "all the time" during her pregnancy for heartburn.

As we have noted at *Health Impact News*, a significant percentage of the stories involving brittle bones conditions

also involve mothers who consumed high quantities of antacids such as Tums during pregnancy. See [Marty's story](#), [Tai's story](#), the [Timmons' family story](#), and the [Walls' family story](#) – all of which involve babies with brittle bones whose mothers consumed high amounts of Tums when pregnant.

Medical expert and radiologist Dr. [David Ayoub](#) has this to say about Tums and other antacid tablets:

*While generally considered safe, calcium carbonate was actually the active ingredient given to rats during research studies in the 1920s-1950s to produce rickets in the mice! Crazy but true—TUMS' active ingredient (calcium carbonate) is a rickets-causing chemical due to its phosphate-binding properties (calcium carbonate is even used in dialysis patients to bind phosphate).*



Jace and Colton after CPS. Photo provided by Linda Mount.

## **Family History of Brittle Bones Conditions**

Further emphasizing Dr. Miller's testimony that child abuse had been a misdiagnosis, there is the documented family history of brittle bone disorder, which has a genetic component to it.

As a child, Virginia experienced a broken wrist, two broken fingers, a cracked tailbone, and suffered from scoliosis.

Virginia's mother, Linda Mount, dislocated her shoulder



twice, broke an arm, a foot, fractured a collar bone, and suffers from arthritis as an adult.

Finally, Virginia's adult sister has a diagnosed bone deficiency and has taken calcium tablets and vitamin drops for years. The sister had two broken arms (one of which was a deformity break) and a broken ankle as a child. She also recently suffered a spiral fracture after bumping into a door.

Jace, who was fully vaccinated according to the recommended schedule, was branded as a victim of child abuse for the very same injury – a spiral fracture.

## **Vaccine Induced Scurvy and Shaken Baby Syndrome**

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

Although spiral fractures are common indicators of child abuse, child abuse is not the only possible cause for such an injury. Experts have said that diagnosing child abuse from x-rays alone is illogical, irrational, and downright dangerous.

## **Mother Falsely Jailed for Abuse Allegation?**

After the contested diagnosis of child abuse, CPS and law enforcement went in hard against Virginia and the boys' father.

They threatened them with six years jail time, each.

After Dr. Miller's testimony was thrown out, after CPS successfully bypassed genetic testing to rule out brittle bone disease, after the lie detector tests were clearly not going to

be administered, after months of turmoil resulting from the extreme stress the couple had gone through after losing their children and, essentially, fighting for their lives, Virginia claims her boyfriend, an ex-felon, reportedly made false allegations against her in a successful effort to avoid serious criminal charges himself.

To date, Virginia has done five months of a one year sentence. Further impacting the alleged injustice, she has been mandated to complete a one year inpatient treatment program for the alcohol problem she developed after CPS swept in and destroyed her life. She writes from prison about her struggles:

*I am so depressed and alone I cry all the time... Because I miss my boys I can't sleep, I can't concentrate, I can't get through the day without breaking down and crying because I miss my boys so much.*

*When I think of my boys, I think of everyday and all the good times we had. I was the main key to their life and happiness and I would never let harm come to my children.*

*I just want my boys back but all I get is accused of this horrible and heinous crime.*

*All I can do is hold my pillow tight, close my eyes and think about holding my boys.*

Linda Mount, Virginia's mother, and Jace and Colten's grandmother, continues to make serious efforts to have the boys placed with her. She passed the criminal background check and the home assessment.

CPS reportedly refused to place the children with her because they claim that she was present during the alleged abuse.



Colton and Jace with their grandmother Linda. Photo provided by Linda Mount.

However, grandparents and blood relatives are supposed to be given preferential treatment in placement decisions of children. No evidence was presented to substantiate the allegations that are keeping the children from living in a loving home with their grandmother.

See:

### **Report Exposes Why Corrupt CPS Agencies Seldom Place Foster Children with Family Members**

Moreover, foster care is a dangerous and unforgiving place for children. Countless former foster youth have shared tragic stories of abuse, neglect, and rape that occurred in foster care. Studies show that children left even in troubled homes fare better than children ripped away from their parents and put into foster care.

See:

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

During her correspondence with *Medical Kidnap* staff, Linda demonstrated extreme dedication, passion, and unconditional love for her daughter and grandchildren. Initially, Linda had none of the documentation that sentenced her grandchildren to a life without blood relatives and led to the arrest and incarceration of her daughter.

Like many involved with the system, she was unaware that they are entitled to a copy of their case files. She learned that she needed to go to the clerk's office at the courthouse with her ID (a case number is helpful but not mandatory).

It is extremely important to know what is in the case file, because when cases go to appeals, the appellate court only reviews what is already in the case record.

For Linda Mount, the case file told a story she had not yet heard. It was there that she first learned of Dr. Miller's alternate diagnosis and that CPS was successful in concealing this vital testimony.

Now Linda has hope that her family may one day be reunited.

In the meantime, Virginia serves hard time while her children suffer in foster care, at risk for adoption.

## Who to Contact:

Governor John Kasich may be reached at (614)466-3555, or contacted [here](#). Linda Mount would like for the governor to insist that the medical evidence be considered in her daughter's case, and that her grandsons be returned to their family.

Senator Frank Hoagland represents the Mount family's district. He may be reached at (614) 466-6508, or contacted [here](#).

Representative Jay Edwards represents their district. He may be reached at (614) 466-2158, or contacted [here](#).