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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In Rem: Support Your Local Jurist, Part III

In the last issue of About FACE, I referenced the issue of "Pursuing Detente in Family Court." I am happy to report that the Honorable John J. Lindsay, J.S.C., of Family Court in Gloucester County, is going to do that. He will be the guest speaker at the May 9th general meeting of **FACE NJ** at the Cherry Hill library.

The Judge has requested that we not ask questions about a specific case or court policy, or ask him to comment on any other Judge's handling of a Family Court matter. I trust everyone who attends will bear this in mind. He is interested in an open discussion.

Many of our members have been in Judge Lindsay's courtroom in Woodbury, N.J. This is the first time a sitting Judge will be a speaker at a FACE meeting. Retired Judge Martin Haines (of Burlington county) was a speaker 2 years ago.

We are only aware of one other Judge (Fall of Ocean County) willing to reach out to groups such as ours. We have members in Ocean county, and receive very few complaints from them. No doubt this is due to that Judge's outreach, absence of bias and respect for Pro Se litigants. Bravo!

We welcome the opportunity for Detente and to open a new line of communication with the Court system. Carpe Diem!

Michael Edward Fox, President

Commission on Child and Family Welfare and Father Care

by Julian Garcia

The American family is under attack. The divorce rate is high, the rate of children born out of wedlock continues to skyrocket, and the welfare system continues to make a contribution in breaking up families.

It must be said that the welfare system serves a useful purpose in helping those who are truly in need of help. However, there is a dark side to the welfare system in that it supports a life style which, in many

cases, deprives children of one parent, typically the father. Although there are situations where one or both parents do not care about their children, there are cases where a parent cares but is not allowed to be a parent by the system.

The Commission on Child and Family Welfare was established by the U.S. Congress¹ to:

1. compile information and data on the issues

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Court Watching In New Jersey (or The Status Quo)

Commentary by Joe Perretta

While court watching during the holidays, I had the distinct honor of hearing a judge tell a female plaintiff that it was his duty to preserve the status quo. Upon hearing this, I wondered what exactly is meant by preserving the status quo. Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines the status quo simply as "the existing state of affairs."

After spending some time watching the judge, I soon found out that Webster's and the judge's definition of the status quo had only one thing in common ... the sound of the words.

As the trial moved on,


several issues were brought to light. The defendant, a male, owned his house several years before he married. Although there were children, none were his. The marriage had lasted between 4 to 6 years and the plaintiff did not work.

In keeping with the status quo, that is the existing state of affairs, guess who is living in the house? You got it, the female plaintiff. Although both parties had lived in the house before the divorce, now only the one does. Guess who has paid the mortgage and utilities on the house for the past 2 or 3 years. You got it, the defendant. Guess who will get the house that was never her's in the final equitable distribution. The plaintiff, Right On.

Since the defendant pays spousal support, the status quo is again preserved. The plaintiff is still living in the house and her children are not starving. Therefore, the spousal support must be considerable to support the spouse and her children. The judge replaced child support that was not defendant's obligation with spousal support.

After leaving the court room,

I realized that the only issue to be determined by the judge was whose status quo would be kept. You guessed it, the plaintiff is still not working and probably never will. All this in the day and age of women's equality.

If the New Jersey court system is truly interesting in preserving the status quo, then both the plaintiff and defendant should have equal access to their children and the ability to care for themselves as before the divorce. The fact that one parent, the female, is rewarded beyond her wildest dreams at the expense and degradation of the male does little to enhance the status quo of the family unit. 

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DYFS Support Group

A support group for families and individuals who have been involved with New Jersey's Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), the state's child protection agency, is now forming. FACE-NJ is aware of many instances of irresponsible or inept actions and abuses of authority by DYFS, and welcomes and lends it's support to the formation of this group. For information, phone Anne Marie Ackley at 201/822-2412.

WE ARE NOT LAWYERS. WE CAN NOT AND DO NOT REPRESENT ANYONE IN COURT. If you find a competent, capable lawyer who understands your and your children's rights, who is willing and able to tenaciously fight to secure those rights, who completely understands the facts in your case, and who you can afford to pay, you should hire that person. If you can not find or afford to pay such a lawyer, we urge you to seek out all available resources to aid yourself in securing these rights. 

JUDGE SEGAL TRANSFERRED TO ATLANTIC COUNTY

New Jersey Family Court Judge Vincent D. Segal was transferred from Camden County to Atlantic County effective January 2, 1995. As a public service to the people of Atlantic County, on Friday, January 6th, about thirty FACE members and supporters handed out about a thousand flyers on the steps of the Atlantic County Civil Courthouse. The flyer, under the headline "Warning: Judge Segal Is

Dangerous To Your Family Health", told of Judge Segal's prior track record and urged the people of Atlantic County to demand his removal from their court.

The Press of Atlantic City and WMGM-TV (the local NBC affiliate) reported on this demonstration. In both reports, Atlantic County Assignment Judge Richard J. Williams defended Segal, saying he "is a

jurist with considerable experience" and that FACE was "irresponsible" and "scurrilous" for raising our accusations. Segal made no comment of his own. Neither of them specifically addressed any of our accusations.

In response to his comments, the following open letter has been sent to Judge Williams, with copies to The Press of Atlantic City and WMGM-TV. We have not yet received a reply.

An open letter to
The Honorable Richard J. Williams
Assignment Judge
Superior Court of New Jersey
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Dear Judge Williams:

Comments attributed to you in the Press of Atlantic City and WMGM's televised news report following our demonstration at the Atlantic County Civil Courthouse on Friday, January 6th indicate that you may be unfamiliar with FACE, the performance of Atlantic County judges, or what goes on in Family Court every day.

First, you said that the transfers of Judges Segal and Hornstine was "an even trade" between Atlantic and Camden County courts "to ease commutes for both." Judge Segal used to commute ten miles from Cherry Hill to Camden. Now he will travel fifty miles to Atlantic City. Judge Hornstine used to travel twenty miles from Wildwood to Atlantic City. He will now be going seventy miles to Camden. Whose commute was eased?

FACE has never before made a statement in support of any judge. We never wanted to risk having a good, fair, unbiased judge reassigned or have him lose the favor of the judiciary establishment. That must change now.

This was not even close to being "an even trade." Atlantic County has lost one of the finest judges ever to serve in Family Court. FACE has observed Judge Hornstine in Gloucester, Cumberland and Atlantic counties. He is a kind, sensitive individual who always patiently listens to the issues. He has distinguished himself by, at some time during each case, interrupting the proceedings to make "Hornstine's speech." He reminds both parties that, even if they no longer like each other, they are still parents and they must find a way to cooperate with each other or risk destroying their children.

Not only is Atlantic county losing a fine judge, but Family Court is as well. We hear that Hornstine will be in criminal Court in Camden. We can understand this. Many judges get "burned out" by Family Court. There seems to be a limit to how many stories of broken families a judge can hear before he needs a change to preserve his sanity.

Judge Segal, on the other hand, loves Family Court. It's the only court he has ever been in. He refuses to leave. Only someone with a severe personality disorder would relish listening only to the sad and depressing stories of Family Court.

While doing this, Segal makes split-second decisions based upon unsubstantiated allegations. I referred to these as "off-the-wall decisions." These decisions often effect parent-child relationships for years. Often these decisions are wrong, but despite evidence that may be presented in subsequent hearings, Segal is never willing to admit that, like other human beings, he may have made a mistake. He never reverses himself. Instead, he picks and chooses among the evidence presented to find only that which will support his initial decision and prove himself right.

Segal probably will "make a significant contribution to the quality of justice in Atlantic County," but not a positive one. He is arrogant and disrespectful, especially to fathers who he treats like criminals. If there's a vacancy in Camden county criminal court, let Segal fill it. The criminals deserve his wrath, not the fathers.

Segal is known for shouting at lawyers

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and litigants and belittling them. At the conclusion of his reappointment hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee in March, 1993, after a dozen people testified against him, Senator Bill Gormley told him that litigants who come before him are people, not numbers, and should be treated with respect and dignity. He advised Segal that he needed to adjust his demeanor and be more humble, then asked him to respond. Segal didn't know what the word "humble" meant. After Gormley explained it to him, Segal said that, if reappointed, he would show more humility.

One of the witnesses who testified in favor of Segal was Camden county attorney Diane Cohen. Senator Leanna Brown asked if she thought she would receive any special favored treatment from Segal in exchange for her testimony. Cohen said that a jurist of Segal's high integrity would never do anything like that, and she expected no special treatment. The Judiciary Committee voted to reappoint him.

The next day was a motion day. A group of FACE members observed in his court that morning. We wanted to see the new, more humble Judge Segal. The courtroom was filled to capacity. The motion list was called. Diane Cohen was there for two cases. Can you guess whose two cases were heard first? Diane Cohen's. After that, Segal was just as arrogant and disrespectful as ever.

Two FACE members observed Segal in his Atlantic

City courtroom on January 6th. They report that, even in his first week in Atlantic City, he was shouting at litigants and being his usual arrogant, disrespectful self. Judge Williams, why don't you send in a confidential, independent observer?

You said that our accusations against Segal were inaccurate. Let me assure you that we are entirely accurate.

We said that Segal awarded custody of a teenage boy to a known pedophile who later sexually abused him. I enclose three Courier-Post newspaper articles about this. In 1990, Segal awarded custody of an unidentified 15-year-old to Edward Morra, who had pleaded guilty in New York in 1975 to sexual

abuse, endangering the welfare of a minor and selling drugs. The boy's parents had objected strongly, and told Segal of Morra's history of pedophilia and that he gave alcohol and illegal drugs to minors. Morra was charged in 1991 and convicted in March, 1994 of "sexually assaulting two teenage boys ... and endangering their welfare by encouraging their use of alcohol and drugs in his home." This can be confirmed with the boy's family's lawyer, J.P.G.* of Cherry



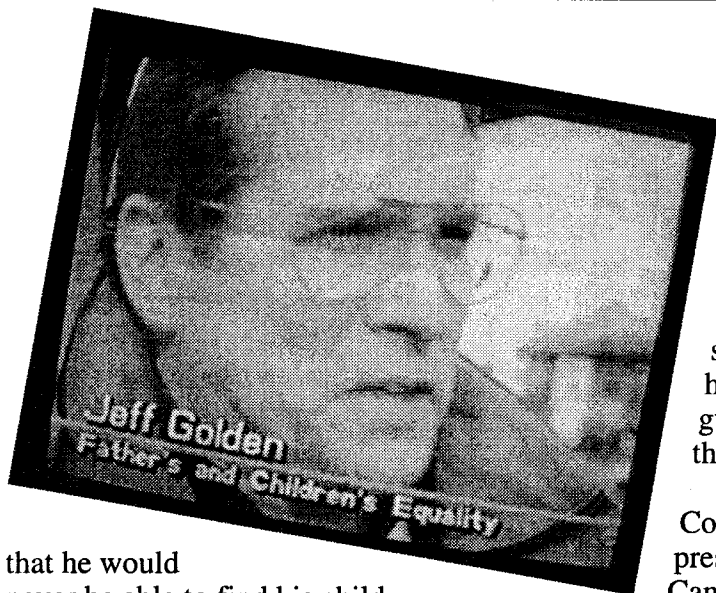
Hill. We said that Segal

made false charges against a father for making terroristic threats against a judge, interfered with him being released on bail, and committed him to a state institution for the criminally insane. The accused father is A.K.* of Bellmawr, New Jersey. This can be verified by the attorney who represented him in these criminal charges, R.N.A.* of Cherry Hill. The charges against Mr. K.* were so flimsy that he has not been prosecuted.

We told of a father who was granted custody of his children when they refused to continue living with their mother, but that Segal, on his own initiative, tripled the alimony he had to pay. The father was E.J.*, an attorney from *. By the way, guess who his ex-wife's attorney was? Diane Cohen.

We told of a father who lost contact with his daughter after his ex-wife, with Segal's blessing, moved to Florida, then moved again nine times in fifteen months. The father is T.E.* of Lindenwold. Segal gave Mr. E.* a custody order only because he thought enough time had gone by

didn't know what the word "humble" meant.



that he would never be able to find his child. Mr. E.* used that order to get information from probation about where his child support was being sent. It was going to Ohio. He went there with his order, but he found only an empty house. She had moved again. He came back to Camden to ask for more help from the court, and by coincidence found his ex-wife in the Camden county courthouse where she was answering to unrelated criminal charges. Mr. E.* rescued his daughter from the neglect she was receiving in her mother's custody, but then Segal gave physical custody of the child back to the mother.

We are not "attack[ing] the character and integrity of [a] judge who ruled against" our

members. None of these people are FACE members. Mr. E.* was a member for a year, but was never active. His membership expired over two years ago. Neither Mr. K.*, Mr. J.* nor the sexually abused boy's family have ever been members of FACE.

We said that Segal's social contacts with some lawyers has the appearance of impropriety. We observed many of them

appearance of impropriety

the event was celebrated with a gala ball at the New Jersey State Aquarium in Camden. Segal and his wife were honored guests and were listed in the program booklet as "patrons" of the event. As a result of complaints about their relationship, the Administrative Office of the Courts has barred Segal from hearing any of Cohen's cases. Some of his other lawyer buddies are William J. Thompson and Saverio Principato.

Segal also has close relationships with certain mental health professionals. He refers custody evaluation and therapy business to them. By our calculation,

Ronald Gruen's court referred business generates about a half million dollars a year for him, much of it referred by Segal. Jane Rittmeyer has already opened an Atlantic County office in preparation for Segal's arrival.

FACE does hold demonstrations in front of Segal's house once or twice a year. We make a point of being there on Halloween, a special, joyous holiday for children when their

attending the farewell party given for him last month at Lambertti's Restaurant in Cherry Hill. Diane Cohen stood next to him welcoming guests in front of the restaurant.

When Diane Cohen became the president of the Camden County Bar Association,

parents take them out trick-or-treating, and an especially important day for children to be with their non-custodial parent. The FACE members who demonstrate in front of Segal's house on Halloween have been prevented by Family Court from enjoying this day with their own children. We are not harassing Segal or his family; he is harassing us and our families by preventing us from enjoying this holiday together. Segal hasn't done anything to make himself more deserving of enjoying Halloween with his children than we are.

Last, the Press of Atlantic City article quoted Mr. Carman Martina of Haddon Heights who, when he heard of our demonstration, called the newspaper and said that Segal "was very fair and realistic with me." Today a FACE representative went to the Camden County Hall of Justice to find out what Judge Segal's "fair and realistic" decision was. We were told that his case was "disposed." There was no decision. The parties reached an agreement and dropped their action.

But what influenced Mr. Martina to call The Press? Did Segal phone his lawyer and ask to have the client call? I wouldn't be surprised to learn that he was represented by Diane Cohen.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jeffrey Golden,
director

cc: The Press of Atlantic City
WMGM-TV
Hon. Louis F. Hornstine

* Names and other identifying information in the original letter is omitted here to protect the individuals' privacy.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

New Jersey Bills A-1790 and S-1597: Removal of Legal Requirement to Provide a College Education

by *Everett Simpson*

Assemblyman Gary Stuhltrager (R) of Woodbury, New Jersey introduced bill A-1790 in the State Assembly. The Assembly passed it and forwarded it to the State Senate, where it is currently being considered by the Education Committee. A similar companion bill, S-1597, was introduced in the Senate by Raymond Zane (D), also of Woodbury.

This bill "amends N.J.S. 2A:34-23 to clarify that a parent's duty to provide for the education of a child does not include college or post graduate education. The bill is intended to overcome the New Jersey Supreme Court ruling in *Newburgh v. Arrigo*, 88 NJ 529 (1982). The court in that case held that, under appropriate circumstances, a parent's duty to assure an education for a child includes the duty to provide a college or post graduate education."

The significance of this bill cannot be overstated. Along with the duty to provide a college education comes the duty to continue paying basic support for that child under the child support guidelines.

FACE advocates joint legal and shared physical custody of children for every parent who wants it. We have also provided statistical proof that parents who have no contact with their

children have a 50% or less compliance rate with child support orders.

As it stands now, judges do not believe that they can order visitation for a child 18 years of age or older in the State of New Jersey. This then has become the breeding ground for endless conflict as the custodial spouse bashes the non-custodial spouse for whatever it is worth.

Think this is the exception rather than the norm? Talk to our member whose daughters are in their 4th year at Camden County College. Talk to our member whose ex-spouse actively defeated the awarding of a TAG Grant from the state to the child by refusing to submit their requested tax forms to the college just so they could force

a change in custody in order to get basic support and then proceeded to take student loans out and bury the child. And all the while this goes on, the non-custodial spouse has no contact with the over 18 child and can't convince the judge to order visitation.

You say that no judge would allow this to go on? Think again. Order counseling you say? And then when they don't go, does the

court dispense the same justice as it would have if support was not paid? That question need not be answered.

What this has done is to place the rights of the custodial spouse light years above the non-custodial spouse, and permit, if not encourage, the child to avoid any responsibility whatsoever for his/her own life.

On November 13, 1992, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court decided it had finally had enough and handed down the decision in *Blue v. Blue*, 616 Atlantic 2d., 628, in which it decided that "notwithstanding child reaching majority at age 18, parental duty of support is owed until child reaches 18 or graduates from high school, whichever event occurs later."

Given the plethora of grants and funding available regardless of the salary of the parents, and in consideration of the fact that ordering basic support and payment for tuition in the absence of an order of visitation or joint physical

*children can choose
whether they wish
to be children
or adults*

custody is only another area for spouses to abuse each other, we believe that Assemblyman Stuhltrager's bill is on point with *Blue* and that both are consistent with the rights of non-divorcing parents and therefore the appropriate standard for divorcing parents as well.

Remarking on *Blue v. Blue*, the *Pennsylvania Law Journal* reported on December 14, 1992 that "The *Blue* decision removes

what should be a very private matter out of the emotionally charged glare of the courtroom and back into the home, even broken homes, where it belongs." . . . Who knows? Blue may even force some parents to communicate directly with each other rather than through lawyers to solve their problems. It may even teach some children that although rights may be legislated, respect and maturity (and yes, even college tuition) must be earned.

In another article provided in the letters to the editor, *Pennsylvania Law Journal*, January 4, 1993, the writer notes that "the support arrangement and obligation thus far has given the child a legal right to choose, for a period of four or more years, whether they wish to be a child or an adult, and to make that decision on a daily basis. As long as they had not fouled up so badly that no college would keep them, they were entitled to have a free college education at the school of choice with no duty of satisfactory progress and often without consideration as to the cost of the various schools. It is pretty clear what is missing - parental rights. While it is often very difficult for divorced parents to agree on many matters, if there was some responsibility on a child to be performing satisfactorily so that his or her parents wanted to provide the education, the burden would be placed where it belongs, on the 18 year old adult with a child's mind. Children of the 90's have to grow up. Those children whose parents cannot afford college educations somehow

WRITE TO YOUR OWN STATE SENATOR AND:

Senator John Ewing, Chairman
Senate Education Committee
59-63 Mine Brook Rd.
Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924
908/766-7757

Indicate in your letter that you are familiar with Assemblyman Stuhltrager's bill, A-1790, and that it has been passed by the assembly and is now in his committee. Tell him that you support this bill because it brings the rights of divorcing parents back in line with those of non-divorced parents, and places responsibility to earn a college education back where it belongs - on the child.


make it and are no worse for the effort."

Despite all of the progress in Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Assembly reversed Blue with a number of parameters in place, thus bringing the issue back into the political arena.

This is where New Jersey is with the current legislation and this is why it is important that YOU be heard. The current New Jersey legislation (A-1790 and S-1597) MUST be moved out of the Senate Education Committee and onto the main floor of the Senate for a vote. Not all states require that parents provide a college education, so why should New Jersey?

To reinstate your legal rights, we urge you to write to your own state senator and Senator John

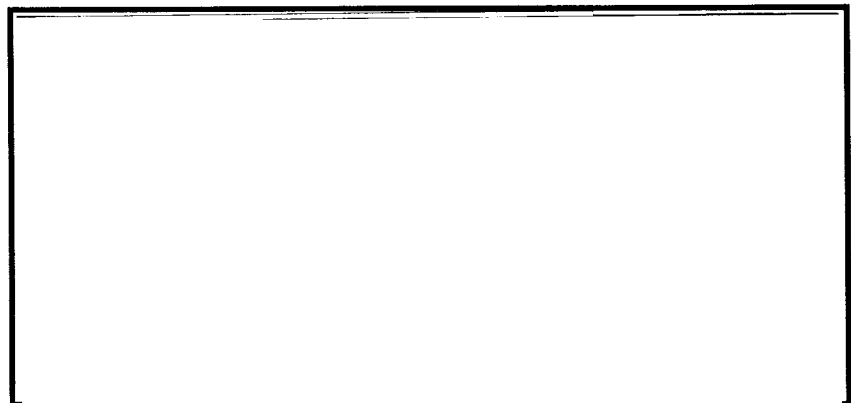
Ewing, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

One more thought: You may feel that your children are very young and this doesn't apply to you. Wrong! Within the next ten years your elementary school kids will be of college age. If this legislation doesn't pass now, you may have lost the only opportunity you will have for the next ten or more years to have rights equal to those of parents who are still married. Write to your senator and Senator Ewing TODAY! 

"The world we have created today has problems which cannot be solved by thinking the way we thought when we created them."

Albert Einstein

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Fathers' And Children's Equality, Inc. - NJ **Mission Statement**



Fathers' and Children's Equality is a non-profit children's advocacy organization, and a self-help and support group for non-custodial parents.

Our Mission is to:

- minimize the emotional upheaval experienced by children during and after parental separation,
- promote every child's Civil Right to equal access to both parents and extended families *regardless of the parents' marital status*, and
- end the adversarial process in divorce and custody matters.

Our Goals are to:

- promote equal parental responsibility for children's nurturing,
- promote equal parental responsibility for children's financial needs,
- encourage alternatives to divorce,
- promote the position that children are not property,
- end parental alienation,
- eliminate profit motivation in custody disputes,
- provide positive parenting role models for separating families,
- prevent the use of false child and/or spousal abuse allegations as leverage in custody disputes,
- establish mandatory penalties for false allegations of child and/or spousal abuse,
- promote equal treatment of Family Court litigants, and
- enforce existing laws providing gender equality in Family Court.

Adopted September 27, 1993 by the Board of Directors

Congress Holds Child Support Hearings

Child Support Is Now A Part of the "Contract With America"

by *Stuart Miller smiller@CapAccess.org*

According to the Congressional Record, one of the contract points in the "Contract With America" states that "We will crack down on dead-beat dads and protect our children."

At the child support hearings before the House Subcommittee on Human Resources for the Committee on Ways and Means, the issue was not IF there will be increased child support enforcement, but WHO will administer increased child support enforcement.

The enforcement train is at high speed and there is no stopping it. Most of the witnesses even dropped the pretense of differentiating between non-custodial parents and fathers. Many further dropped the pretense of stating that the money was for children and flat out stated that it is for women. "Women need food on the table and money in their

pockets," stated one witness. Another witness talked about how harmful it would be to the children if there was enforcement against mothers to ensure that they spent the father's child support on the children and even more harmful if there was enforcement to ensure that mothers contributed their fair share to the needs of the children.

There was much talk of new hire reporting (what about termination reporting?), drivers license revocation (how about for access interference, too?) IRS collection (sensitive bunch of people that protect constituent rights and care about us) Central Registries, Child Support Assurance (leave your husband and take the kids and the government will reward you with child support and then go after the father to reimburse the government) and Government work camps for unemployed

fathers (working for free, with the proceeds of your labor going to someone else... remind you of anything in the 13th Amendment regarding indentured servitude?).

Of course there is child support due retroactive to date of birth (for when mothers suddenly remember after 20 or 30 years of concealing a child, who the father is) and child support to age 23 (although a father's right to be a parent is to be terminated 30 days from the date of birth). Then there is the move to make only fathers financially liable for the criminal behavior of children who grow up without a father. (Sole-Custody parents are not responsible for negative financial implications but are the only people eligible for positive financial implications.)

We cannot stop this train, but we can get some positive amendments added to the language. Fathers from all over the country are converging on the Capitol on Monday March 6, 1995 in the 9th Floor Auditorium of the Hart Senate Office Building from 9 am - 12 Noon. Be there and make a difference.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

contd.

by *Jeff Golden*

Assembly bill A-218 establishing a Commission to Study the Child Support Guidelines passed the State Assembly unanimously. The Senate companion bill, S-1001 was yet to be voted upon. Let your state Senator know that you support this bill.

An intriguing Senate bill has recently come to our attention. S-1546, sponsored by Senator Andrew R. Ciesla (R) of Brick, Ocean County, would appropriate \$80,000 to establish a "Men in Crisis" telephone hotline in the Department of Human Services, which appears to be a source of information on services available to male victims of domestic abuse.



"a [once] married father who is separated or divorced from the mother and is no longer living with his child could not constitutionally be treated differently from a currently married father living with his child"

Quilloin v. Walcott 98 S.Ct.
549, 434 Y.S. 246 (1978)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 6, 1995, 9:00 AM:

“Welfare Reform Is For Fathers Too!!!” - A Congressional Symposium

9th floor, Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC

A national welfare reform conference to propose “Father-friendly” policy to the new Congressional leadership and staff. Demonstrate your personal support. Media coverage by C-Span and major TV networks. Contact: American Fathers’ Coalition, Box 5345, Tacoma, WA 98415, 206/272-2152, or National Congress for Men and Children, Suite 277, 2020 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20003, 202/FATHERS

FACE will send a delegation to this symposium. Group transportation will be arranged. To attend, members should phone the FACE hotline at 609/786-FACE.

Monday, March 6 through Friday, March 10, 1995:

A week of personal lobbying in Washington, DC

Fathers’ rights leaders are needed to walk the halls of Congress and the legislative office buildings, talk to the legislators and their staff, and generate interest in “Father-friendly” legislation.

Thursday, March 16, 1995, 7:00 PM:

Child Support Town Hall Meeting

Lindenwold Municipal Bldg., 2001 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold, NJ

This is a meeting specifically for “obligors” (people who pay child support). An opportunity to personally get your questions answered. Contact: Camden County Probation Department, 609/752-0023

Wednesday, March 29 through Sunday, April 2, 1995:

CRC’s Ninth Annual Conference

Holiday Inn, Bethesda, MD

Contact: Children’s Rights Council, Inc., Suite 239, 220 “I” St. NE, Washington, DC 20002-4362, 202/547-6227 or 800/787-KIDS

Tuesday, April 11, 1995:

FACE General Meeting

The Cherry Hill Free Public Library will be celebrating National Library Week from April 8th through 15th, 1995. The meeting room that we usually use will not be available. Phone the FACE hotline, 609/786-FACE, for meeting location this month.

Tuesday, May 9, 1995, 7:00 PM:

FACE General Meeting

Cherry Hill Free Public Library, Kings Highway, Cherry Hill, NJ
Lower level, meeting room “A”

Guest speaker: Gloucester County Family Court Judge John J. Lindsay
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that affect the best interests of children, including domestic issues such as abuse, family relations, services and agencies for children and families, family courts and juvenile courts;

2. compile a report that lists the strengths and weaknesses of the child welfare system as it relates to placement (including child custody and access [visitation]), summarizing State laws and regulations relating to access [visitation], and making recommendations for changing the system or developing a Federal role in strengthening the system;

3. study the strengths and weaknesses of the juvenile and family courts as they relate to access [visitation], custody, and child support enforcement, and suggestions and recommendations for changing these systems; and

4. study domestic issues that relate to the treatment and placement of children (such as child and spousal abuse) and make recommendations for any needed changes, including models for mediation and other programs.

The Commission will be holding hearings throughout the country and according to PL 102-521, “Parents, children, experts, religious leaders, and public and private agency officials shall be afforded the opportunity to give testimony at such hearings.”²

The commission is further mandated to provide a report to the President and the Congress with recommendations for such legislation and administrative

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actions as it considers appropriate.³

Also, there has been much talk in welfare reform regarding foster care, day care, and all sorts of care for children. Absent is any discussion on viable father care. Write to your Senators and Congressmen about this oversight which can save the government tons of dollars and, more importantly, provide a child with a real parent. Bill Harrington who is a member of the Commission on Child and Family Welfare provided testimony to the U. S. Congress on a proposal to make father care a viable option in welfare reform.


This is an opportunity for concerned parents to provide an input to the U.S. Congress and the President via the Commission.

Write to the Commission members and provide them with research results, data, personal accounts, etc., and also write to your Senators and Congressmen. Do you part to help the American family and American children in particular in their hour of need.

¹ PL 102-521, Section 5(h)(1)-(4)

² PL 102-521, Section 5(j)(2)

³ PL 102-521, Section 5(i)

Julian Garcia is the Chairman of the National Family Issues Committee of the Fathers' Rights Association of New York State, Inc. If you wish to get a list of the Commission on Child and Family Welfare members, their addresses and biographies, and a copy of Mr. Harrington's statement to the U. S. Congress, mail \$3 for postage and handling to the National Family Issues Committee, P0 Box 1379, Schenectady, NY 12301. 

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"Two parents: A child's civil right."

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"Judges: Children's worst enemies."

Green on white.

"Parental alienation is child abuse."

White on blue.

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"My Dad: More than just a paycheck."

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S&H for first shirt and \$1 S&H for each add'l

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MEETING SCHEDULE

*All meetings begin at 7:00 PM
Phone for information and directions*

General Membership Meeting:

Second Tuesday of each month *
Cherry Hill Library,
Kings Highway (next to Richman's)
Cherry Hill, NJ

Board of Directors Meeting:

open to all **FACE** members
Third Thursday of each month
(Subject to change. Please call)

* The Cherry Hill Free Public Library will be celebrating National Library Week from April 8th through 15th, 1995. The meeting room that we usually use will not be available. Phone the FACE hotline, 609/786-FACE, for meeting location this month.

Support Meetings:

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First Monday of each month
Charles Forberg
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609-584-1887

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Third Monday of each month
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