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Fathers and Families Roll Call:

Estimated Number of Children Whose Access/Visitation To A "Non-custodial" Parent Was Interfered With By A "Custodial" Parent in New York State

In 1993 the Children's Rights Council estimated that there were 518,000 children denied access to a parent in New York State. Since then in New York 155,000 custody orders have been entered every year, over one million custody orders (meaning one million children) have been added to these numbers. How many children have to suffer before we act?

Albany....8312	Allegany....1439	Bronx33,992	Broome....5558
Cattaraugus....2404	Cayuga....2326	Chautauqua....3912	Chemung....2611
Chenango....1443	Clinton....2269	Columbia....1793	Cortland....1367
Delaware....1320	Duchess....7636	Erie....26,	Essex....1068
Franklin....1381	Fulton....1504	Genesee....1721	Greene....1376
Hamilton....328	Herkimer....1803	Jefferson....3129	
Kings (Brooklyn)....64,571		Lewis777	Livingston....1874
Madison....2025	Monroe....20,280	Montgomery....1434	
Nassau....37,151	New York (Manhattan)44,176	Niagara....6154	
Oneida....6539	Onondaga....12,987	Ontario....2841	Orange....9514
Orleans....1282	Oswego....3526	Otsego....1726	Putnam....2699
Queens....56,952	Rensselaer....4311	Richmond (Staten Island)....11,764	
Rockland....8085	St. Lawrence....3213	Saratoga....5686	Schenectady....4096
Schoharie....2025	Schuyler....547	Seneca....908	Steuben....2781
Suffolk....39,393	Sullivan....1974	Tioga....1486	Tompkins....2779
Ulster....4762	Warren....1749	Washington....1712	Wayne....2719
Westchester....25,778	Wyoming1258	Yates....699	

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS COUNCIL'S ROLL CALL:

In its "Roll Call", the CRC issued a tally of the number of children denied access per state. Leading the nation is California, with a staggering number of 700,000 (over 2/3 of a million) children who are denied access with their parents. **Holding second and third places are New York with 518,000 and Texas with 419,000.**

Upcoming Events-see inside

- LEAD Be There!!!!
- Legislative Education and Awareness Day, Albany, NY on Tuesday April 1, 2003.
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Washington Park, Albany

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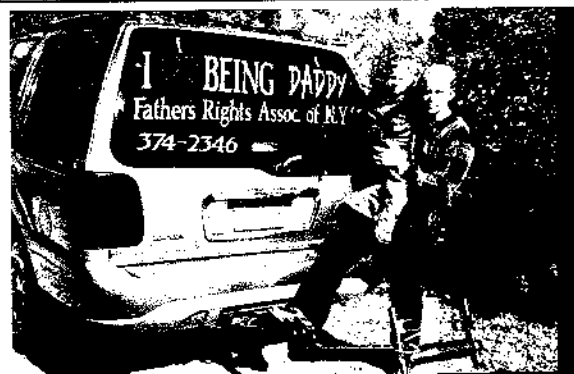
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At Left: Proud Dad Eric Miller and son Ryan display their "I Love Being Daddy" car. For those without an air brush we recommend an "I Love Being a Dad" bumper sticker.

See the ACFC Web site for ordering information! ACFC.org

From the Desk of Mr. James Hays, FaF President

I had sat down and begun to write the newsletter. It is a continuing process with submissions and material coming in and I start the next one when I finish the current one. I had also been elected Chief Sector Steward for the Environmental Conservation Police Sector (meaning I run the Union serving about 280 ECO's in NY as part of the New York State Correction Officers and Police benevolent Association, NYSCOPBA). While a big addition to my time commitments I thought I could balance it.

Then 9-11-01. World Trade Center, WTC.

I watched with horror, as did the rest of the Nation, as events unfolded down in NYC. My first thoughts were to the safety of our Officers who work in NYC. Immediately one third of our Officers were assigned either to NYC or to support duties. I found that we had two Officers at ground zero when the buildings fell both of which narrowly missed serious injury or death. 10 more Officers were at ground zero helping the injured. I was sent down to ground zero for a tour of duty in early October. The level of devastation is indescribable.

Chris Halbal, Manhattan FaF member was sitting in his office on a Tuesday in September. He worked in an office in a sublevel (underground). Alarms began to sound. Again he thought a bomb or fire?, as he collected his things and began to leave the building. He was outside the building and just down the street when the world literally crashed about him. The building that he was in collapsed. Many co-workers who worked in his

office didn't get out. A moments delay, gone.

Clayton Giles rode his bike over 3000 miles from Canada to Washington, DC. Petitions in hand for President Bush. Arriving in early September he found the President wasn't in. No one to hand petitions to.

On September 22 we had the State meeting in Schenectady. Chris Halbal attended. Clayton, undeterred, went back to Canada and met with the Prime Minister! FaF, in conjunction with CRC's Nationwide events, held our candlelight vigil on the steps of the Capital in Albany. Randy Dickinsons meetings with policy makers continued. Monthly meetings were held. I organized the Vigil and the State meeting. The newsletter (finally) gets written and distributed.

We mourn the loss of those who died in NYC and Washington. A nation mourns the loss of fathers and mothers. We feel for the children and the void in their lives. We donate money but know that is a weak substitute for a mom or dad. A hug. A story. A warm reassuring voice. Being there.

Those of us in the father and family advocacy field know that this loss is occurring daily. We mourn the loss of family for our children, and those who also suffer like us from family dissolution, just as we mourn the loss of family to those in New York and Washington. That's why we continue to fight the corrupt divorce industry. I expect to see you ALL at the upcoming FaF events. Jim Hays, FFA (Father and Family Advocate).

FaF Schedule of Upcoming Events

April 1, 2003 Tuesday 9:00AM to 4:00PM L.E.A.D. (See Page 7).
 Legislative Education and Awareness Day. Legislative Office Building,
 Albany, NY. Events all day. Coordinator Randy Dickinson (518) 899-3302.
 Call now to volunteer to help!

General Meeting Dates (open to the public and members)
TO BE SCHEDULED ESTIMATED FOR JANUARY, MARCH, MAY,
JULY, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER 2003. General Meetings are open to
 the public and free of charge. Topics TBA.

Tulip Festival Sat. and Sun. May 11 and 12 at Washington Park,
Albany, NY. Volunteers Needed.

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*working to keep fathers and their
 families together through education
 and father/family/child advocacy.*
 Our MISSION is to promote the
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 children and both parents regardless
 of the parents marital relationship.
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 important vocation there is and our
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 rights and responsibilities of men
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**Fritz says rent this space to help
 fathers and children stay together!**



(Not Visitors)

CHILDREN GROWING UP WITHOUT A FATHER FACE INCREASED RISKS TO HEALTH AND WELFARE

- ◇ 5 times more likely to commit suicide, 32 times more likely to run away, 20 times more likely to have behavioral disorders, 14 times more likely to commit rape, 9 times more likely to drop out of school, 10 times more likely to abuse alcohol or drugs, 20 times more likely to end up in prison.

FaF Meets with Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (Division of Child Support Enforcement)

In October of 2001 FaF representatives met with OTDA staff regarding issues that affect fathers, families and children. In correspondence to FaF, Deputy Commissioner Doar outlined the areas OTDA and FaF agreed to work as follows:

- FaF representatives would be included in the quadrennial review process of the Child Support Standards Act.
- OTDA will contact the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Advisory Council and recommend the inclusion of FaF representative(s) as part of the Council.
- OTDA will discuss with the Office of Court Administration the development of a Commission to determine how individuals (both male and female) are treated in matters handled by the Courts.
- OTDA will be developing policies, procedures and programs around the promotion of marriage and two-parent families.

The people at OTDA and FRA have agreed to continuing dialogue on the problems that face fathers and families in New York State. FaF is determined and committed to having our voice, the voice of fathers, heard regarding the make up of our families and the right to raise our children in the context of our individual heritage and culture.

Our Thanks to Dave!

At the February 14, 2002 General Meeting in Colonie, NY Dave Mysliwiec (as he does every year) held a presentation regarding taxes for this year and planning for next year. As a disenfranchised father, Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner Dave was able to explain finances and taxes and planning for the future in the context of our unique situation. Thanks again Dave and his firm:

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Tulip Festival News



The Tulip Festival, a two day event, held on Saturday May 11th and Sunday May 12th is in the planning stages. The coordinator for this event is Steve Campbell who can be reached at (518) 446-9180. As in years past we will be giving away helium filled balloons for free to the children in addition to providing informational materials to the public. We need help to fill balloons and tie strings in addition to handing out materials. If you would like to be a part of this fun filled day call Steve and volunteer.

At Left: Adam "Balloon Man" Groesbeck at Tulip Fest in 2001 making kids happy.

Where's My Newsletter!

I paid my dues, where's my newsletter! And FaF should be doing something about those people who.....

We hear it all the time. Somebody should be doing something to fix this or that. But Remember, FaF is an ALL volunteer organization which receives NO government funding or assistance. It is made up of VOLUNTEERS. If something needs to be done and isn't getting done then it is up to YOU to do it! By working together we can all lighten the load for everyone. So VOLUNTEER. Write a letter, make a phone call. COME TO A GENERAL MEETING. And maybe, just maybe 20 years from now, our children won't be writing articles asking PAPA and MAMA, why didn't you.....

WWW.Legalkids.com

Journey for Kids Report

On July 22, 2001 Clayton Giles, a 14 year old youth unhappy with the loss of his rights in the family court system, crossed into the United States on the Rainbow Bridge on his way to Washington, DC. Traveling by Bicycle, Clayton carried petitions in support of shared parenting to be delivered to President Bush. FaF, long a supporter of shared parenting for the benefit of children and a good host, encouraged its individual members to support this young man as he passed through their areas.

Clayton made it to Boston, New York City and Washington only to have the events of September 11 overshadow his great determination. Not to be denied Clayton went to Ottawa and met with the Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien. I am sure that Clayton and his family are trying to settle down and just enjoy home and family. Get on the web site and send Clayton an e-mail of thanks for his work for children in the United States, Canada and the world.



Above (from left to right):
Roger Gallaway, Member Parliament,
Clayton Giles, Legalkids and Prime
Minister of Canada Jean Chretien at the
Prime Ministers Office in Ottawa,
September 18, 2001
Photo by James Hodgins.

Remarks for Children's Rights Council National Candle Light Vigil
 By Assemblyman Robert G. Prentiss
 Tuesday September 25th, 2001
 On the Steps of the State Capital Albany, NY
 Sponsored by the Coalition of Fathers and Families NY, Inc.

I am pleased to join with you tonight in observing Equal Parents Week and especially to be part of this Candle Light Vigil honoring children who have lost a parent. As I look out at all your faces—Mother, Father, Son, Daughter,— I am reminded of just how precious love and life are. As we continue to recover from the horrific tragedies that struck our nation two weeks ago, we are still affected each and every day by the stories of the victims. We hear of parents who lost their children and children who lost their parents. There are now mothers and fathers who will never hug their child, or read them a bed time story each night and others who will never play catch with their dad again.

This is part of the reason we are here tonight—to honor children who have lost a parent and to “bring to light a child's need for both parents”. While we continue to mourn for the children who lost a parent in the disasters at the World Trade Center and at the Pentagon, we must not overlook the many children who continue to live with only one parent everyday because of divorce or separation.

No child wants to lose a parent. A child wants to be able to love each parent fully and benefit from the qualities that both parents have to offer. But, for this to happen, parents must have equal rights and responsibilities when it comes to their children. If we as a society are to do what is best for our children we must consider the best interests of the child. Is a child served by one parent with no visitation rights? By having no influence from the other parent? Or do we truly consider what is best for the child and attempt, even in cases of separation or divorce, a stable and loving two parent relationship for the child?

Obviously, those of us here want to provide a stable and loving relationship where possible. Our country professes to want equality among all races, genders and ethnic groups, but yet every day there is evidence of inequality in custody cases. Did you know that tonight more than 40% of the children in the United States will go to sleep in homes in which their fathers don't live? And, more than half of our children will likely spend a significant part of their childhood living apart from their fathers? Never before have so many children grown up without knowing what it means to have a father!

There is no question in my mind that fatherless ness is the most harmful demographic trend of this generation. It is the leading cause in the decline of the well-being of our children. From crime to adolescent pregnancy to domestic violence, fatherless ness is the engine driving most of our urgent social problems—and it certainly, I must add, is costly to the taxpayers of New York State. Society seems to be changing its mind about a mans role in family life. Men are increasingly viewed as superfluous to family life—either expendable or part of the problem. The question is: Does every child need a father? Increasingly our society's answer is “NO!”. Few idea shifts in this century are as consequential as this one. At stake is nothing less than what it means to be a man, who are children will be and what kind of society we will become.

So far New York State's attitude seems to be one of either indifference, intolerance—or downright ignorance! All New York State government can come up with is more child-support payment, more prisons—throw the deadbeat dads in jail! Governments response is that fathers have no roles in their children's lives other than as a “cash cow.” The bottom line is through Aid to Dependent Children programs as they are presently constructed, the taxpayers of New York Stated are really subsidizing a maternal preference. To the contrary I believe otherwise. The welfare system doesn't need reforming—it needs transforming. It needs a family focus with the father as the head. That's nothing against the mothers. But the mothers can't do it all.

I have had the opportunity to review the goals, objectives and public policy statements of the Fathers and Families NY, and for the most part, I agree with many of your thoughts. **I believe the best parent is both parents!**

Here is what we are trying to do in the Legislature:

First of all I support the Senate approved Senate Bill 3722 and a similar version in the Assembly . They both replace the term “visitation” with nothing more objectionable than the term “parenting time”. Surely, as James Hays, President of the FaF, pointed out in a letter to me, “If both chambers of the legislature can vote twice to approve a gender neutral face lift for the State Constitution and put the issue before the voter to decide, it can facilitate every bit as efficiently and as effectively the need for similar changes in the laws designed to deal with family-related issues that would more accurately reflect the true nature of the child/parent relationship!”

Secondly I am in favor of Assemblyman David Sidikman's Assembly Bill 3673 which would permit shared parenting time. Finally I am the co-sponsor of Assembly bill 2767 introduced by Assemblyman Jay Dinga that among its many important provisions:

- Establishes that “shared parenting” custody is in the best interests of the child.
- Eliminates “visitation” for non-prime custodial parent and substitutes “parenting time”.
- Mandates mediation and family counseling prior to appearance in Family Court in any divorce involving children.
- Provides that interference with a withholding of parenting time without cause results in immediate sanctions.
- Establishes that both parents have an equal duty to support their children and that child support is for care and maintenance of children.

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- Proposes that both household incomes be considered when assigning support amounts.
- Provides that child support should be based on net income, not gross income. (minus FICA, Federal and State Tax Liability)
- Allows every parent, except as prohibited by Federal and State Law, to have access to records and information pertaining to the health, education and welfare of the child, whether or not the child resides with the parent, unless that access is found by the Court to be not in the interests of the child.
- Requires that all Family Court proceedings be held in open courtrooms.

Family Court is an adversarial forum where one side defaults the other, allowing a "winner" and a "loser" to be declared. However, any child will tell you that he/she is not looking for either parent to be evaluated as a winner or loser. Children do not want to lose a parent. They want to be able to love the parent fully, be taken care of in the accustomed manner, and benefit from the qualities that both parents have to offer.

When one parent is assigned to sole custody or joint legal custody with primary residence, the other parent is reduced to a peripheral "visitor" status and "granted" four days a month as the "standard" visitation.

In effect, not only do parents get divorced, but children get divorced from one of their parents. We can't let this happen!

No matter what circumstances surround the separation of a child and parent, it is essential that our children receive the love they deserve. There is no substitute for love.

As we stand here tonight, candles in hand, to honor and remember those children who have lost a parent, let us never take for granted the significance of family, friends and love. Thank You. Assemblyman Robert G. "Bob" Prentiss

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WHY, PAPA? By Paul M. Clements

Papa, I just left the courthouse. The judge gave my daughter to her mother. Sole custody. I just got every other week-end visitation. Four days out of 30 isn't much, papa. I've never known such hurt. Why didn't you do something when this happened to you? You could have written letters to the editor. You could have gone to the state house to lobby for fairer laws. You could have fought back against the judge. Instead, you accepted what they did to you meekly. Did you think you were the only one being discriminated against? Did you not love me enough to fight for me? Did you think there was no chance of winning? Did you fail to see that, by not fighting back, you were dooming future generations to the same unjust treatment? Papa, I'm a member of that future generation, and your granddaughter is too. Why didn't you fight back, papa?

Papa, I just left the courthouse. They said I abused my daughter, and I won't be allowed to see her anymore. You know it's not true, papa. But they wouldn't let me question the supposed "expert" witnesses, or call Janey to the stand. The people who were supposed to have examined her wouldn't let me see the reports. The judge kept calling me "the perpetrator", in spite of the suspicious nature of the evidence against me. Papa, why didn't you protest when they did this to you? Why didn't you write to the papers? Why didn't you call the Governor? Why didn't you demand a real trial? Why didn't you work for the activists fighting false accusations? Papa, this is killing me inside, why did you let it happen? Papa, I just left the courthouse. They took away my parental rights and signed adoption papers for some other guy to take your granddaughter. Just like what happened to you, papa. I can't say I blame you for running away. That's how I feel right now, too. I know it wasn't your fault that we were separated. I know you didn't want the divorce in the first place. I know you loved me, and wanted to stay near me. I know now the bias that drove you away. I also know the pain and anguish you had to face. I know full well the frustration you must have felt. I'm sorry for feeling resentful, papa, but I can't help but feel let down. Why didn't you try to fight back so I wouldn't lose my daughter like you lost your son?

Why didn't you work to change the system, so your granddaughter could still have her dad? Why, Papa? Now it's too late.

Mama, I just left the cemetery. I had a long talk with Papa.

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"Children of single parents had a 77-percent greater risk of being harmed by physical abuse, an 87-percent greater risk of being harmed by physical neglect, and an 80-percent greater risk of suffering serious injury or harm from abuse or neglect than children living with both parents."

A Quote from the: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE THIRD NATIONAL INCIDENCE STUDY
OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Andrea J. Sedlak, Ph.D. & Diane D. Broadhurst, M.L.A.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Administration on Children, Youth and Families National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect September 1996

See the report at <http://www.calib.com/nccanch/pubs/statinfo/nis3.htm>

This report is over 150 pages and can be obtained by calling 1-800-FYI-3366 (FREE) or you can order on-line (and FREE): nccanch@calib.com.

Child Maltreatment 1998

Reports From the States to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System

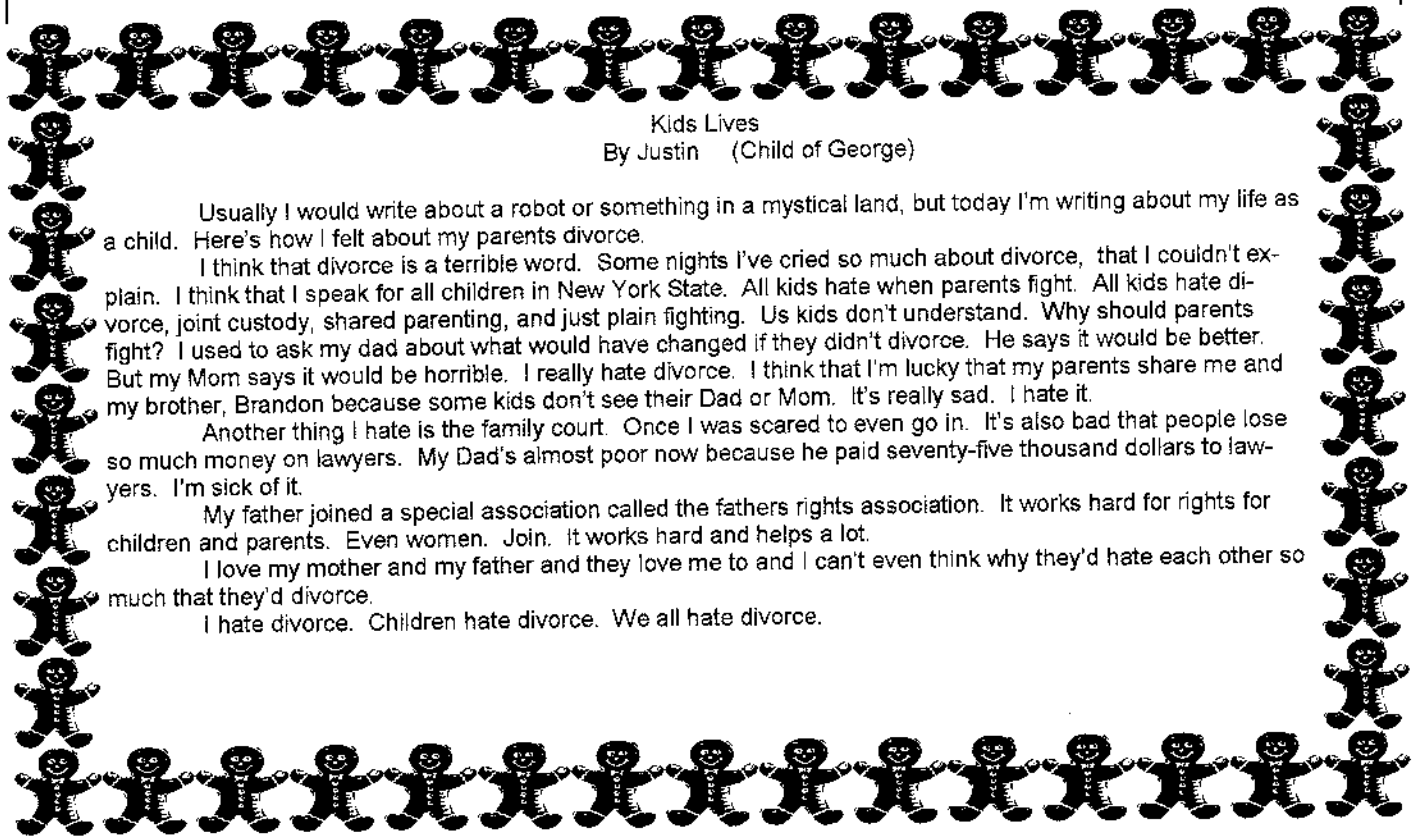
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See the Report At: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/publications/cm98/index.htm>

For Relationship of Perpetrators to Maltreatment Victim go to: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/publications/cm98/c6f3.gif>



Kids Lives
By Justin (Child of George)

Usually I would write about a robot or something in a mystical land, but today I'm writing about my life as a child. Here's how I felt about my parents divorce.

I think that divorce is a terrible word. Some nights I've cried so much about divorce, that I couldn't explain. I think that I speak for all children in New York State. All kids hate when parents fight. All kids hate divorce, joint custody, shared parenting, and just plain fighting. Us kids don't understand. Why should parents fight? I used to ask my dad about what would have changed if they didn't divorce. He says it would be better. But my Mom says it would be horrible. I really hate divorce. I think that I'm lucky that my parents share me and my brother, Brandon because some kids don't see their Dad or Mom. It's really sad. I hate it.

Another thing I hate is the family court. Once I was scared to even go in. It's also bad that people lose so much money on lawyers. My Dad's almost poor now because he paid seventy-five thousand dollars to lawyers. I'm sick of it.

My father joined a special association called the fathers rights association. It works hard for rights for children and parents. Even women. Join. It works hard and helps a lot.

I love my mother and my father and they love me to and I can't even think why they'd hate each other so much that they'd divorce.

I hate divorce. Children hate divorce. We all hate divorce.

ATTENTION FAMILY MEMBERS:

IF YOU ARE A CHILD, PARENT OR GRAND PARENT WHO HAS BEEN MISTREATED IN FAMILY OR SUPREME COURT REGARDING DIVORCE/SEPARATION/CUSTODY OR SUPPORT ... YOUR DAY HAS FINALLY COME:

**Let your voice be heard at this year's LEAD in Albany, NY.
(The event is free and open to the public)**

FaF, Taking the LEAD in Educating the NYS Legislature (Legislative Education and Awareness Day)

WHEN: Tuesday April 1, 2003 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

WHERE: Well of the Legislative Office Building (LOB), State St., Albany, NY. Rally TBA.

WHO: Past attendee's included FaF, Children's Rights Council (CRC), Family Policy Council, Office of Child Support Enforcement (information available), fathers, mothers, grandparents and children and other family advocates from across NY and the northeast.

PRESS CONFERENCE AT 11:00AM (LOB) with PRO FAMILY LEGISLATORS. Rally at Noon.
Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

FaF, together with other pro family individuals and organizations, will have displays and informational material available in the Well of the Legislative Office Building in Albany, NY speaking of the importance of terminology such as "**parenting time**", **pre-divorce parental education to lessen the impact on children, the value of BOTH parents (Shared Parenting) to children and the need for Family Court Reform and Court Restructuring.**

Attendees are free to meet with legislators throughout the day to hear and discuss pro-family issues and legislation.

Child and Family Advocacy Organizations wishing to participate should contact Mr. James Hays at (518) 383-8202 to register to be included in presentations or display materials.

The event is free and open to the public. Individuals wishing to attend need not pre-register.

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JOIN NOW. ***The only thing you have to lose by not joining is your children.***

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