

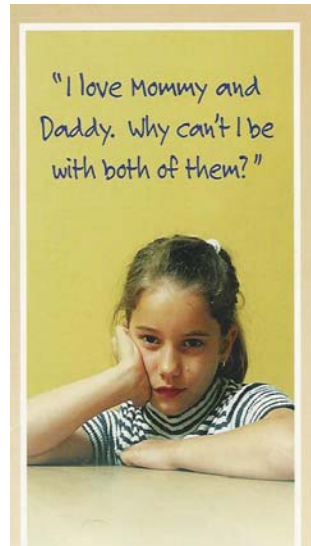
“Working to Keep Fathers and Families Together”

To: _____

Dear _____

Children are separated from their fathers every three and a half minutes in New York State, and, according to the Children’s Rights Council, it ranks as the number two State in the nation for the greatest number of children denied any access at all to one of their Parents, with an estimated 518,000 children denied a parent. On a broader scale, with approximately 50 percent of all marriages in the United States today ending in divorce and a one-third out-of-wedlock birth rate, the National Fatherhood Initiatives estimates that there are 24.7 million children (36.3 percent) living in the U.S. today absent their biological fathers.

From a child’s perspective, post separation/divorce of their parents they lose one parent, and that parent’s family, in 100% of cases in New York States Courts.



The Coalition of Fathers and Families NY, Inc. (FaFNY) advocates for shared parenting (**A330 Weisenberg, S291 Johnson**), mediation, alternative dispute resolution, parenting time terminology changes (**S468 Saland**) and court restructure and reform (**A6670 Kolb**) and the defeat of unilateral no fault divorce without statutory protections such as those above. We ask you to join us in this.

While we are debating what to do this week another 2980 children in NY will be separated from a mother or father and their family. Given the volume of the crisis the 2.5 million “non custodial” parents in New York State want to know:

What do you plan to do about this?

When do you plan to do it?

Sincerely,
Mr. James Hays, FaFNY President

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