

GET INFORMED!

Every year in Ontario thousands of children are forcefully apprehended from their homes and loving families by children's aid agencies (CAS) in Ontario and placed into foster or group homes.

While some apprehensions are warranted, too often the apprehensions are done without proper investigations by incompetent and over-zealous CAS workers who are not even licensed as social workers in the province of Ontario.

In many cases, children end up being thrown into a child protection system which often does far greater damage to the children than if they had been left in care of their biological families.

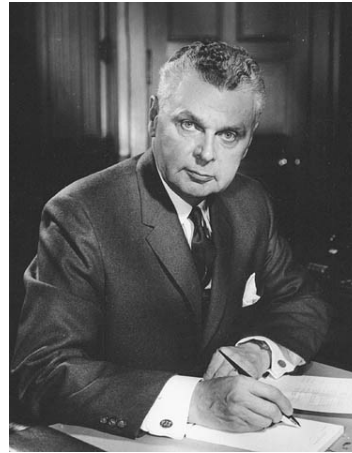
While in CAS care, children have reported being the victims of many forms of abuse such as:

- Being forced to take often dangerous mood-altering prescription drugs
- Physical and emotional abuse by CAS workers
- Personal possessions being stolen by CAS workers and group home residents.
- Sexual and physical assaults by other children in previous foster and group homes and by CAS workers themselves.
- Exposure to drugs and sex in CAS operated foster and group homes.
- Exposure to the influence of other children in care who are involved with various forms of Threats and coercion by CAS workers.

As a result of being in care, many foster children end up being emotionally damaged and angry at the system itself for the mistreatment that they have been subjected to while in care. This anger and frustration can carry into any foster or group home that the child may be placed, often with devastating consequences.

All families and parents must educate themselves about the realities of the Children's Aid Societies and be prepared to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves and their families.

Don't allow your rights to be ignored and trampled upon because of your fear of demanding them.



"We must vigilantly stand on guard within our own borders for human rights and fundamental freedoms which are our proud heritage.....we cannot take for granted the continuance and maintenance of those rights and freedoms"

John Diefenbaker 1895-1979
Canada's 13th Prime Minister 1957-1963

For further information about the issues about problems associated with CAS, contact the local organizations indicated below



www.CRPA.ca
www.FixCas.com
www.OntarioCFA.com
www.Ombudsman.on.ca
www.CanadaCourtWatch.com
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Important tips and information for families regarding

Children's Aid Societies In Ontario

Some helpful information that will help parents and families avoid costly mistakes while dealing with the Children's Aid Societies in Ontario

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Understanding the real intentions of the Child Protection Industry

To learn how to deal with a Child Protection Agency, you must first have an understanding about the reality of who they are and what their real intentions are.

The Children's Aid Societies in Ontario are private corporations that receive their funding from the government solely based on the number of children in their "care" and the number of files that they have open at one time. The problem is that because of their funding structure, the Children's Aid Societies in Ontario have an enormous incentive to keep files open and also to try their best to be able to remove children from their homes and place them in their "care". Unfortunately, because of the incentives that are generated because of this flawed funding structure, The Children's Aid Societies in Ontario have been known to engage in immoral and blatantly unlawful actions on a regular basis in an attempt to apprehend children from loving homes where there is absolutely no need of protection. This has also lead to the massive amounts of corruption of the family court system in Ontario and all across the country.

The Children's Aid Society is not there to help you or the children!

One of the biggest problems is the misconception that the Children's Aid Society is only looking out for the best interest of the children and that if you are a good parent, than you have nothing to worry about. This is simply untrue! Even if you are a great loving parent and believe that you have nothing to hide, the CAS is only there for one reason and one reason only, **TO BUILD A CASE AGAINST YOU!** When a CAS Worker shows up at your door, they are not there to investigate a protection concern. They are there to attempt to find anything that could possibly be used against you in court so that they will be able to apprehend your children. Parents that know this reality before hand are usually able to deal with CAS alot better because they are not oblivious to their immoral, unlawful and evil tactics.

Contact volunteer advocacy groups.

One of the first things that any family should do once they are involved or suspect that they will be involved with a child protection agency is to contact a volunteer advocacy group such as KQCA, Canada Court Watch, Ontario CFA, etc as they have extensive networks of devoted volunteers that will do their best to assist you to fight for you and your families rights and they will also be able to provide you with a wealth of knowledge, information and resources to help you in your fight against the Child Protection Industry.

Record Everything!

One thing that cannot be stressed enough while dealing with a child protection agency is to record everything. The reason for this is that Child Protection Workers, Councillors, Police, Lawyers and even Judges have been known to regularly go against the law and violate you and your families rights in order to be able to apprehend or keep your children if an apprehension has already taken place. One of the ways that they do this is by regularly twisting words and skewing evidence to make a case against you. Child Protection Workers have also been known to regularly lie in sworn affidavits to the court for the same reason. This is why it is so important to record every single conversation that you have with anyone regarding your case even if it does not seem like it would be important at the time. This includes discussions in person or over the phone with anyone from the Child Protection Agency, any Lawyers (Including your own), Police, School Officials, Councillors, Doctors or anyone else that is involved in your case.

It is your legal right to Record!

Parents are regularly told by Child Protection Workers and other agencies that you are not allowed to record the conversations that you have with them. This is a Lie! According to the Criminal Code of Canada section 183.1, (except in the courtroom) every person has the right to record any conversation that they are a party to with or without the consent or even knowledge that they are doing so. For this reason it is generally recommended to record your conversations secretly so that you do not get into any altercations and it is also allot easier to catch someone in an unlawful and immoral act if they are not aware that they are being recorded.

Recording in the courtroom

Judges and lawyers will often tell you that you are not allowed to record in the courtroom because they do not want any uncontrollable record of their own possible unlawful actions. There are even deceptive signs posted in most Ontario courthouses that say that it is illegal to record in the courtroom. This is also a lie! According to the Ontario Courts Of Justice Act section 136(2)(b), if you are a party in a court hearing then you or your lawyer have the RIGHT under the law to audio record your own court hearing. The difference between recording in the courtroom vs. outside of the courtroom is that in the courtroom you are required to inform all of the parties of your intent to record. This does not mean that the other parties need to consent, it just means that they have to be informed that you are going to record the hearing.

Keep all information organized

Make sure that you keep all of the paperwork, emails, recordings etc that you receive regarding your case organized in a chronological order so that it is easily accessible and you should always make sure to make copies of everything and preferably have the copies in a separate location, just in case.

Require that everything is in writing

This is something that the Children's Aid Societies do not like to do because it makes it easier to hold them accountable for their unlawful actions and it is also harder for them to create false promises and back out on them later. For this reason, you need to demand that everything be put in writing, no matter how insignificant an item seems, it is always important to make sure to get it in writing.

Never Sign Consents Willingly

The Children's Aid Societies will often attempt to force and/or coerce you to sign consents for multiple different things. Sometimes they will want you to sign consents for them to be able to talk with your children's school, doctors, coaches, etc. Typically a parent would think that this is fine as there is nothing to hide and it shows some compliance with the Society. The problem is that the Society is not interested in finding good things about you so they will only use these consents to try to find more problems and they will often blow things way out of proportion or they will even blatantly lie about what was said to them. This is why you should always try not to sign these types of consents. But if you are forced to sign then you should make sure to write and initial on the consent that the only form of communication that the society is allowed is in written form, you are not consenting to in person or phone conversations. This way, they are unable to lie about what was said to them.

Another type of consent is one where they attempt to force you to sign a consent to temporary supervision by the Society. Usually they tell the parents that if they do not sign this consent, they will either apprehend the children or if the children are already in their "Care" that it is the only way to get them back. The only reason that they want this type of consent is because in signing it, you are admitting that you have problems and that there is a need for the Societies involvement. So by signing this type of consent, it actually makes it easier for them to win against you in court!

Ask if your case worker is registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers

In Ontario, child protection workers who engage in the practice of social work must be registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers. Many CAS workers do not belong to the College to avoid scrutiny by the College's complaints committee and thus bypass the protection of legislation intended to protect children and families. The competency and ability of CAS workers who are not members of the Ontario College of Social Workers should be considered suspect. To find out if a worker is registered then contact the College of Social Workers in Toronto at toll free at 1-877-828-9380.