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Can someone answer a question about PC DFACS

TMMG

Posted 12 March 2014 - 02:08 PM

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The Texture

Posted 12 March 2014 - 02:49 PM

Yes, actually. As a government agency the family has to give consent for them to enter the home.

GeorgiaTornado

Posted 12 March 2014 - 03:06 PM

Yes, I'm a CASA volunteer... and just because one person thinks you're a bad parent don't make you one. I've seen where parents do all they can to provide a roof over the kids head and barely food on the table...but it's still home to them. Just because someone doesn't live like the Jones don't make them bad parents. I had lesson in this...I had to eat humble pie.

Not saying you are wrong or right... but DFAC's isn't in the service of just removing kids just because... Are they in danger? What types of life threatening positions are they in?

Just thinkin' hard

Posted 12 March 2014 - 05:34 PM

I have a friend that has a quite a few adopted children from the foster care system. And, as those children have grown up and become adults, she's finding herself considering the idea that even a bad home with bad parents is better for the LONG TERM psyche of kids than moving them to new adoptive homes. You can read her blog at BigMommaHollars. She talked about this specific issue about two weeks ago.

Lady Raider

Posted 12 March 2014 - 06:15 PM

<http://paulding.com/forum/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=3891703> TMMG, on 12 March 2014 - 02:08 PM, said:

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are the kids being abused?

SPORTS SOURCE

Posted 12 March 2014 - 08:51 PM

With 18 years as a child abuse/neglect investigator in 2 states I can count on one hand the number of times I called a parent to let them know I was doing a home visit/welfare check. They were ALL unannounced. And, I WAS allowed to go in the home without the parent's permission as long as a sheriff's deputy or detective was with me.

It is not as easy as one thinks to remove children from the home. By law a child "MUST be in immediate and imminent danger" to be removed from the home. With an open case the parents agree to a case plan and as long as they are complying with the demands of the case plan a worker cannot remove the children. There were MANY times that I was able to get a court order to remove children ONLY to have the Judge return them to the home at the 72 hour hearing. It is law this hearing be held within 72 hours of the children being removed and it is at the discretion of the Judge if they remain in Protective Custody or return home.

As GeorgiaTornado stated a situation isn't always as it appears.

Mr.Dis

Posted 12 March 2014 - 10:52 PM

SS

I'm not going to say you are wrong but there may be a difference between what you did and saw versus standards for regular folks. By That I simply mean DFACS WITH A deputy at your side or not you still have to get a search warrant or at the very least a court order that establishes your right to enter as an investigator. Without that NO ONE has to let you in uninited. Generally they have no need because they access the kids at school. But if I have been to court and have custody only so long as I abide by the rule that you get to come in then I must comply or face contempt charges and risk losing custody.



stradial

Posted 12 March 2014 - 11:08 PM

It always helps to let someone know you are stopping by.
 Otherwise, you wouldn't have time to hide the dope, clean up the bong and get ride of the needles.
 Get the home "cleaned", some food in the fridge and some clothes washed for the kids.
 After all DEFACS is only involved because some busy body made a complaint.
 Nothing really bad ever happens to these kids.
 (please ignore the recent deaths of children who were under DEFACS care)

Perhaps we should let all criminals know when the police may stop by.
 (I know, I know, just because DEFACS is involved doesn't make them criminals)
 They are just victims of the big bad system.
 (and yes, I know that sometimes the system is big and bad and there are true victims, but like the prisons, the ratio of innocent to guilty is mighty low)

Dang, I am in a mood tonight, must be the toothache.

Mr.Dis

Posted Yesterday, 07:21 AM

Stadial,

I understand your sarcasm but the Constitution is quite clear on this topic. An investigator has but a few options. He can stay out. He can ask permission to enter. And that can be done from days out to just prior. The earlier the better the chance to enter. If an officer is in direct pursuit of a fleeing dangerous person. That has a technical name which eludes me at the moment. And finally they can go before a judge, lay out their case and evidence and get a warrant. That means they can not say no. It may also be deemed a "no knock" which allows entry with no announcement whatsoever. The last is typical for high crime with the loss of evidence typical with a drug bust or violent person search. Those are their choices in a nutshell. Having an officer with you does nothing to get you in. They can not bypass the rules.

Mr.Dis

Posted Yesterday, 07:28 AM

BTW... When DFACS came calling for Dis jr. They wanted a home meeting. I said no. I am funny that way. I know it makes them suspicious but I don't care. She insisted and said she would just get a warrant. I told her good luck convincing the judge you need and deserve the right to visit my home because my kid had a rash and seemed to wear the same clothing everyday. They are uniforms. He has 7 of them. He has issues. Get over it. I got the letter saying the investigation was closed a few days later. Just to add that we did allow them in with notification at a later date for a different issue. She did not even leave the living room.

TMMG

Posted Yesterday, 10:31 AM

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GeorgiaTornado

Posted Yesterday, 11:40 AM

TMMG... I absolute understand why you questioned it. They will make calls just like Mr.Dis said...and once you tell them NO...they have to have a court order to come. They have to show a judge why and it has to be pretty substantial. It can't be a he said...she said type situation. UNLESS there has been an officer called out to the house and he sees something.

So many types of things happen behind the scenes that most wouldn't believe. It would really blow your mind. I sometimes feel sorry for the DFACS workers. They are OVERLOADED like you wouldn't believe and have no \$\$ to hire people. Plus they don't make SQUAT in pay. It's hard to investigate them selling the food stamps and buying drugs or anything else crazy. I see money being blown on stupid stuff and our kids in this county alone are suffering because of lack of resources. People wonder why I get so fired up about the airport and the mismanagement. (I'm not trying to debate that here) But this county blows more money on crap... (I know..DFACS is a STATE organization)

Ugadawgs98

Posted Yesterday, 12:02 PM

That is what happens when you live in a land where the government, which includes DFACS, does not have unlimited power. Much of the work DFACS does is based of consent and cooperation.

The Texture

Posted Yesterday, 04:36 PM

 (<http://paulding.com/forum/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=3891973>) TMMG, on 13 March 2014 - 10:31 AM, said:

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trauma from having to go with these people.

Yes the state knows what they are doing in the confines of the law with regards to THIS policy. Don't misunderstand DFCS is hugely underfunded and undermanned and underpaid...mistakes in such an environment are a certainty, but the blame for that lay with the GGA and the voters since to make DFCS what it should be would require serious increases in tax revenue and nobody will vote for a politician who says that much less one who does it even though they didn't say so. So they don't get the funding they need. Sure, in July theyre being given a few more tools in their tool box, but only because the SHTF with child deaths and Deal saw it as a way to boost his reelection possibilities and save face. Once the turmoil dies down DFCS will be an afterthought and once again no one in general will care.

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My personal opinion, having dealt with them from my time in the PD and on a personal level, is that they are in general a bunch of overpaid know nothings with an insane hatred of parents that do not do things the EXACT WAY THAT THEY WANT IT DONE. Granted, that if it paid more we might actually get sane, well educated people with common sense and the ability to see and understand what is right, wrong and best for a child given THEIR EXACT CIRCUMSTANCES.

stradial

Posted Yesterday, 06:51 PM

Here's a thought, if you are having to have regular visits from DEFCS to keep your kids, then they show up unannounced and you don't let them in, then that counts against you. I doubt that with the rare exception, you get on their radar enough to warrant multiple visits. And if you are doing things right, why wouldn't you want them to see that?

drosser

Posted Today, 07:08 AM

In my opinion, if DFCS shows up and you don't let them in, you have something to hide!!! I know of a situation where the kids needed to be removed from the home in Cobb County. Of course, there was the phone call and the house was cleaned, the drugs well hidden, and the kids were too young to know what was going on so they couldn't say anything. Where kids are involved, their rights should be taken into consideration first...not the rights of the so-called parents.

My grandson had a rash and the school called DFCS in November. The worker came out in January, looked at my grandson (rash had been cleared up long before she came out), my daughter was really ticked off so she told the worker exactly what she thought of DFCS and refused to sign some kind of form. The worker left. End of story. My daughter had nothing to hide so the worker was welcome to come out. She would have been welcomed into the home even if she hadn't called first because there was nothing to hide. What made my daughter so angry was her knowing that there are so many children out there who really need the help of DFCS but they were concerned with a rash that had been reported two months before they even bothered to come out!!!

momof 3

Posted Today, 07:44 AM

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Mr.Dis

Posted Today, 08:45 AM

<http://paulding.com/forum/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=3892160> momof 3, on 14 March 2014 - 07:44 AM, said:

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That was about 2 years ago. This year the nurse at his school sees his eczema rash and says its ringworm. We tell them he has eczema. He has already been diagnosed with it. She insists it is ringworm and he must go to the dr before returning. See where this is going? We have no choice.but to take him to the dr. She says eczema... youknew that right? We say yep but try to tell that to the school. I end up filing a complaint about the lost time in school the cost of the visit and time taken from work just to make THEM feel better and to keep DFACS away from me.

Crazy but true.

GeorgiaTornado

Posted Today, 10:04 AM

I do agree with the theory that the State feels like you should parent the way THEY want you to. I had a case with a pre-teen kid and his dad. The teachers at school said he was being beaten at home.... After I read the case file the 1st words out of my mouth was....dad was being dad and not friend to said pre-teen boy. He deserved every whipping he got. I know others don't think you should spank/whip whatever. But I refuse to tell parents how to parent. Now, he wasn't being beaten with a 2x4 or anything like that. There are boundries and limits to punishment.

I've had my share of whippings with a belt, fly swatter, flip flop.....loaf of bread..... and turnd out just fine 😊

momof3

Posted Today, 12:41 PM

👉 (<http://paulding.com/forum/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=3892177>) Mr.Dis, on 14 March 2014 - 08:45 AM, said:

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My daughter had DFACS called on her when they lived in Buchanan. She had to wait on her youngest daughter to get on the bus and then she took her special needs daughter to Northside. They arrived everyday between 8:02 and 8:07 and my daughter had explained the situation and no one every said anything about it until DFACS showed up at my daughters doorstep because of special needs daughters 'truancy'. Of course the complaint went nowhere, but it was scary and infuriating.

Ugadawgs98

Posted Today, 02:41 PM

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stradial

Posted Today, 02:49 PM

👉 (<http://paulding.com/forum/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=3892252>) Ugadawgs98, on 14 March 2014 - 02:41 PM, said:

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This is so true!

(but my opinion is the right one, just in case you were wondering)



gog8tors

Posted Today, 05:52 PM

Is it better to let 10 guilty men go, then to hang one innocent? Or in this case accuse 10 innocents to get the one guilty.

Dana

Posted Today, 06:28 PM

So, what to do? How do we help the children in light of the fact that calling DFACS is seemingly futile? This should be at the top of the list of things to get answers to. Who is going to help the genuinely abused children? This is an issue that is first and foremost in my mind. IDGAF about the other petty crap. (Petty crap in general) This is not directed to anyone in this thread. This issue is one that I feel very passionate about and I feel really discouraged right now. My heart breaks for abused children who do not have a voice. How can we help them? I wish that people would put as much energy into helping kids as they do into other "problems" that pale in comparison. They are innocents who cannot help themselves, they need us. 😞
:sigh:



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