

# California Protective Parents Association Newsletter



**Dear Friends,**

The war against mothers and children just escalated. A mother was arrested for making "false allegations". Watch the full video [HERE](#).

Please join the petition to the Presidential Candidates and Congress to stop funding this war. Sign the petition [HERE](#)!

## **MEDIA**

On March 6, 2016, a program is supposed to be aired on 20/20 about family court. Newsweek already wrote an article that barely mentioned abuse as a reason mothers flee with their children. Read the full Newsweek article [HERE](#).

Both Newsweek and 20/20 need to hear about the crisis in family court from the point of view of mothers and their abused children.

Click [HERE](#) to view the "Dear MSM....My Kids Were Taken...." Facebook Event.

## PRO PER LITIGANTS WHO LOST CUSTODY

A prominent San Francisco attorney from the law firm Morrison and Foerster who is an advocate for pro per parent rights is writing an appellate court motion for Susan Ferris and wants to include other examples of parents without an attorney who lost some or all of their child custody rights in court.

If you lost full or partial custody at a court hearing where you DID NOT have a lawyer, please contact James Brosnahan IMMEDIATELY at 415-268-7000 or [jbrosnahan@mofo.com](mailto:jbrosnahan@mofo.com). To learn more about James Brosnahan, visit his [website](#).

If you don't meet this criteria, please do not contact the attorney.

**Stephen James**, Investigative Journalism & Photography,  
[View Stephen James's Portfolio](#)

## MEDIA AND THE COURT

Professor and documentary maker (No Way Out But One and Small Justice, Little Justice in America's Courts) Garland Waller is seeking stories of people who have gone to the press about domestic violence, child abuse, and/or custody rulings. Her goal is to explore the media's role in the family court crisis.

Please send answers to the following questions to [Mediaandfc@gmail.com](mailto:Mediaandfc@gmail.com)

1. Were you successful in getting your story heard?
2. If you were rebuffed, how did that happen?
3. Did media help or hurt your case?

## SURVEY

Michelle Mercurio, a doctoral student at Saybrook University in California, would like to invite more California protective mothers of abused children to complete her hour long survey for a study on the California family court system.

Please click [HERE](#) to take the survey!

## KEVIN ANNETT

This spring, Kevin Annett will be conducting a speaking and book reading tour in California, based on his books *Murder by Decree: The Crime of Genocide in Canada and Unrelenting*.

Reverend Annett is an author, award-winning documentary film maker (*Unrepentant*, 2007), human rights consultant and Special Adviser to [The International Tribunal into Crimes of Church and State](#) (ITCCS). He has been twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work. More information can be found [HERE](#).

To book a speaking or book reading, please contact him at 386-492-2395 or [hiddenfromhistory1@gmail.com](mailto:hiddenfromhistory1@gmail.com).

## CALIFORNIA BILLS

If you live in California, we have several excellent bills coming up.

1. SB 813 (Levy) would end the statute of limitations for criminal prosecution of child sex abuse
2. AB 1834 (Wagner) would allow a judge to order electronic recording in family court
3. SB 917 (Jackson) would ensure family court judges give litigants an order after hearing.

Just go to <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov> and click on Bill Information. Please urge

interested organizations to write letters of support for these bills, along with a letter from you as an individual.

## April 21, 2016 CJE RECEPTION

**Save the Date:** The Center for Judicial Excellence invites you to celebrate a special evening reception on [April 21, 2016 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at the Shelter Bay Club House](#), 2304 Shelter Bay Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941. They will commemorate 10 years of championing children's rights and judicial accountability in the family courts. Attorney Barbara Kauffman will be the keynote speaker. Tickets cost \$75. A limited number of scholarships and volunteer opportunities are available for those who can't afford the ticket price. To get more information about the event, visit [CJE's website](#).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 30, 2016 OVERSIGHT HEARING ON JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Please save the date and join us at an important upcoming oversight hearing about the California Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP). The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 1:30pm in room 437 of the State Capitol Building ([1315 10th Street Sacramento, CA 95814](#)). We would love to fill the room with advocates for judicial accountability. The public will be invited to speak in support of accountability for the CJP. Please visit [CJE's Website](#) for more information.

**May 7-9, 2016 BATTERED MOTHERS CUSTODY CONFERENCE (BMCC)** will be held in Albany, New York and ends at noon on Mother's Day. Please visit the [BMCC](#)

[Website](#) for more information.

**May 10-11, 2016 MOTHERS OF LOST CHILDREN MARCH AND LOBBY.** We welcome you to join us in Washington D.C. right after the end of the BMCC for our White House demonstration on Monday May 10 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and a lobby day at Congress on Tuesday. Mothers of Lost Children wear our white t shirts. We ask that you make an appointment with your own U.S. Representation and your two U.S. Senators for Tuesday afternoon. Find Your Senators and Representatives, [HERE](#). We will arrange for meetings together on Tuesday morning.

Some of us stay in the very reasonable [Hosteling International](#). Others double up in hotels in the area near the White House.

We need to show our elected representatives there is a problem. Unless we come in droves, they will continue to ignore the problem. We must be the squeaky wheel. Please visit the [American Mothers of Lost Children Website](#) and the [Mothers of Lost Children Website](#) to see other marches and lobby days.

## PTSD TREATMENT

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) is a powerful method for reducing PTSD symptoms. Battered mothers and children who have experienced family court trauma may need help with PTSD. The Child Trauma Institute in Northampton, MA trains therapists who may be prepared to help survivors of this unique and terrible trauma, visit their website [HERE](#).

**EMDR.** The complete EMDRIA-approved basic training in EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing). For therapists working with all ages - adults and kids.

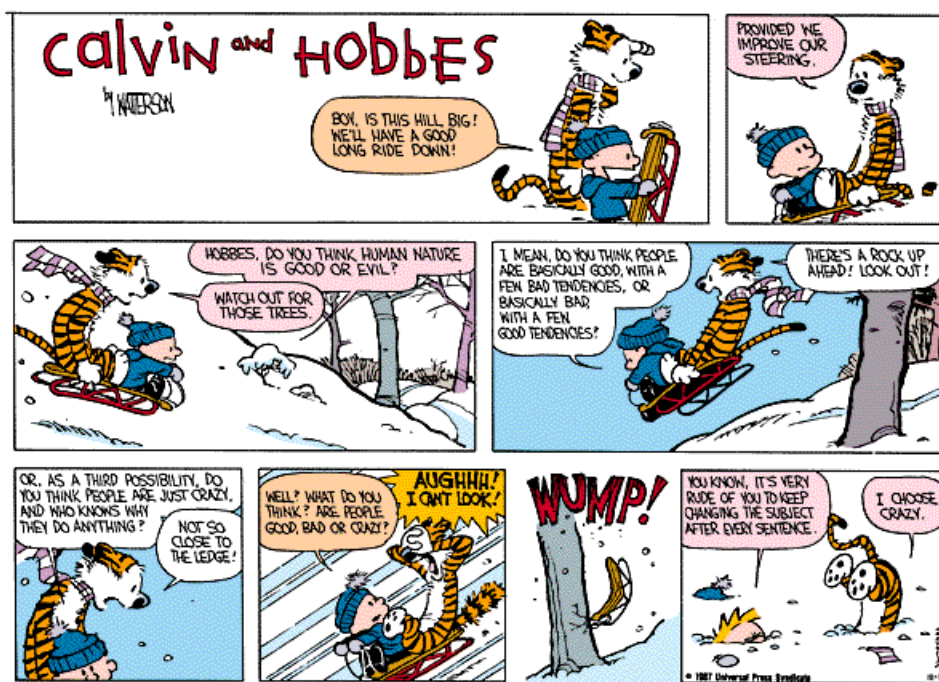
- Spring, 2016, **State College, PA.** Starts March 4.
- Spring, 2016, **Washington, DC.** Starts March 5.
- Spring 2016, **Northampton, MA.** Starts March 14.
- Spring 2016, **Erie, PA.** Starts April 4
- Spring 2016, **Buffalo, NY.** Starts April 6.
- Summer, 2016, **Seneca Lake, NY.** Starts June 10.
- Fall 2016, **Olean, NY.** Starts September 22.

**Progressive Counting (PC).** Progressive Counting is a newer trauma resolution method that is effective, efficient, well tolerated, and research-supported. A PC training program.

- Spring, 2016, **Buffalo, NY.** Starts March 3.
- Spring, 2016, **Olean, NY.** Starts March 10.
- Spring, 2016, **Northampton, MA.** Starts April 18.

**Progressive Counting (PC) -- Child Focus.** (aka Child & Adolescent Trauma Treatment Intensive) This is an in-depth clinical skills training in child/adolescent trauma-informed treatment. Topics include child/adolescent trauma theory, therapist self-care, evaluation, case formulation, treatment planning, safety and strength-building, symptom management and self-control skills, working with parents and teachers, trauma resolution, consolidation of gains, and relapse prevention.

- Spring, 2016. **Atlanta, GA.** Starts April 15.
- Summer, 2016, **Northampton, MA.** Starts August 29.
- Fall 2016, **Buffalo, NY.** Starts September 15.



## August 27, 2016 NPEIV THINK TANK

You are invited to attend the Seventh Annual National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across The Lifespan (NPEIV) Think Tank on Saturday August 27, 2016 in San Diego CA. The purpose is to meet and discuss current issues related to interpersonal violence, to build consensus and to construct an action plan for the year with the goals of advocating, addressing, preventing, and ceasing interpersonal violence across the lifespan. Visit the NPEIV website [HERE](#).

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