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# **The Root of All Evil**



**Part 2: How The Divorce Industry  
Financially Cripples Innocent Dads**

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## About the Author



My name is Ron Lasorsa and I am “The Children’s Advocate.” I am not a lawyer, a psychologist, or a social worker. So why does my opinion matter? I will tell you. I am a father that has lived through personal and financial devastation by the divorce industry. I have decided to take action by making it my life’s mission to advocate for the children of divorce. I have decided to take action against a system that is broken and to advocate for the children that are victimized by unfair laws. My books have been

written to educate and encourage other people to do the same.

I am also the Founder of the “Kids Come First Coalition.” This group of likeminded organizations has banded together for the greater good of the nuclear family. Our effort is motivated by our desire to change the existing system, which encourages the dissolution of the nuclear family. Our sworn enemy, “The Divorce Industry,” has the unlimited financial backing of the government and various powerful interest groups to aid it. The Coalition has realized that it must collaborate and rely upon the free market of both ideas and finances to champion our cause.

My personal journey started when I was born into a lower middle-class home on Long Island, NY. My parents divorced when I was two years old and I never knew my own father. I am sure this sad fact influences my actions to this day.

I was fortunate enough to get a good education at the taxpayer’s expense by joining the military at the age of seventeen. Ultimately, I earned an undergraduate degree from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and an MSBA from Boston University while on active duty in the Marine Corps.

I served my country as a Captain in the infantry from 1989 to 1994. During that time, I led a platoon of Marines in combat in the first Gulf War and was with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division, which helped liberate Kuwait City.

After my time in the Marines, I went to Wall Street as a trader and I worked for the largest investment bank in the world. I ultimately achieved a level of economic success that put me in the top 1 % of all wage earners in the country.

I was married to my first wife for sixteen years and we had four children. While we were married, I willingly admit that I made almost every mistake a husband can make. My ex-wife claims I was a horrible husband and the truth of the matter is that she is probably right. I take full responsibility for my role in the failure of my marriage. However, I always was, and to this day continue to be, a good father. It is my heartfelt belief that being a bad husband should not disqualify one from continuing to be an active participant in your children's daily lives.

During my own divorce and custody battle, I suffered a series of personal issues that caused me to lose everything I once valued. I lost the high-powered job; I lost the big house and the fancy cars; I lost most of my money. However, the thing that pushed me closest to the edge was when I had my children taken away from me. They were used as a bargaining chip over the little remaining money and furniture that survived the dissolution of my marriage. When I resisted a horrible settlement agreement, my ex put a figurative gun to my head and obtained a fraudulent restraining order that prevented me from seeing my kids. The sense of loss of my children and the resulting stress almost broke me. During this time, I met many fathers in similar situations who simply became fed-up with the system and walked away from their kids. I guess my own fatherlessness prevented me from doing the same. After a period of intense soul searching, I regained my footing and I decided that my children were worth fighting for. I knew that I never wanted my children to ask me why I did not try harder to stay in their lives.

Let me say now that I have nothing against women. My books are not “pro-father” or “anti-mother.” I have seen enough bad parenting on both sides to prove to me this is not a gender issue. I am adamantly anti-divorce industry. All of my books are designed specifically to give advice that allows the parties to focus on the best interests of their children as they come to a peaceful dissolution of their marriage.

In my opinion, the mistake most Father’s Rights Groups make is to alienate over half the population. In fact, women are vitally important to changing the current system. The only way the system will ever change is when mothers, sisters, second wives, and even daughters recognize that the men in their lives are being separated from their children to the detriment of everyone involved, and decide that things must change. I myself have a mother, two daughters, and a sister. I love them all. I do not hate women, nor am I bitter about my divorce.

When I started helping fathers like you through their divorces, something amazing happened. I noticed that about 20% of my clients were women! I soon realized that all these women were seeking help for the men in their lives. If you are a woman reading this for your man, it really shows your concern and you have my full support.

I have created a series of e-books I wish somebody had created for me when I went through my own divorce. They are:

- ***The Root of All Evil Part 1 – How the Divorce Industry Steals Kids Away From Innocent Dads.***
- ***The Root of All Evil Part 2 – How the Divorce Industry Financially Cripples Innocent Dads.***
- ***Restraining Order 911 – 10 Tips You Need Right Now!***
- ***Dads Child Support 411 – 3 Steps to Love Your Children More Than You Hate Your Partner***

When my divorce first started, I mistakenly thought that the system was fair and that other people would look out for my best interests. I was horribly wrong. I have endured the following indignities during my divorce and custody battle:

- I have paid over \$250,000 to a six different attorneys in legal fees (3 different lawyers for me and 3 for my ex) in two different states;

- I have been subjected to a fraudulent restraining order where I was subjected to potential criminal prosecution for over two years until I could prove my innocence;
- My children were moved to another state against my wishes and I was forced to move away from all my friends and family to pursue my case for custody;
- I was prevented from even seeing my children for over a year and when I finally did win the right to visit them, it had to be under the watchful eye of a visitation supervisor in a sterile government facility for two hours every two weeks. The courts even made me pay \$140 for the privilege of the two hours spent with them.

Therefore, as you can see, I have no love for the divorce industry or the people in it. Furthermore, I have found that throwing money at your divorce simply does not work. When you use a lawyer, he or she only increases the animosity between the parties and inflates the cost of divorce. Rarely do the lawyers act in the best interest of the children though they claim otherwise.

One of the biggest mistakes men make is letting their lawyer run the show. Lawyers are in business to make money for themselves, not to help you reach a fair settlement or get custody of your kids. Divorce lawyers handle hundreds of cases per year. They do not care about you or your feelings. They do not care whether you win or lose, because they are paid either way. Most divorce lawyers have become experts at separating you from your money and will drag out the process making it more painful than necessary for everyone involved. Therefore, my best advice is “**Do not hire a lawyer.**” Represent yourself.

Lawyers and social workers make this process out to be black magic whereby you need their expert guidance to get through it. **This is simply not true.** Everything you need to know to handle every situation you may face in your divorce can be easily found

on the internet. No lawyer will ever care as much about your case as much as you do. No lawyer will ever know or remember the facts of your case as much as you will. They could not possibly. You, however, are in the best position to know what is right for you and your kids. *Do the right thing for your children. Love them more than you hate your partner, and have confidence that things will work out for the best.*

***Dedication***

I dedicate this book to my four children: Jessica, Jarred, Jacob, and Jaclynn. I will always put your best interest first.

## **What is Title IV-D?**

There is an evil that is plaguing American families. It is a sickness that has grown over the past couple decades. Its symptoms are brutal and long-lasting. This disease is tearing families apart and creating losses in children's lives that may never be filled. This disease is called Title IV-D. This family wrecking illness started with a decent idea and was created in the spirit of helping needy children. What it is has turned into is an unstoppable monster that is breaking up families, destroying family relationships and is dissolving the very fabric of our society.

Title IV-D is part of the Social Security Act. It lays the legal and structural groundwork for child support and child support enforcement. It is ramifications of Title IV-D that clouds the mind of a judge who tears a child away from a parent that is able and willing to have a positive relationship with their child, while creating outrageously high child support orders. So not only are parents unable to spend the necessary time with their children, they are becoming financially crippled.

It is through the separation of child and parent that a court can impose such high child support orders. They alienate the child from the non-custodial parent and then drain a parent dry in the name of the children's best interest. The focus turns to finances rather than on the relationship between a child and their biological parent.

There is a sinister motivation at work here called money. Through the creation and deliberation of services under the umbrella of Title IV-D, there are literally billions of dollars being spent each year. If preservation of the family and mutual responsibility were imposed, there would be no need of Title IV-D services or the lawyers, judges and politicians that stand to benefit from its existence. Specific monies are allocated every year for states to use to keep Title IV-D programs alive. There is a definitive connection between judges and funding for state welfare programs.

**Title IV under the Social Security Act includes the following programs:**

***IV-A Temporary Assistance of Needy Families or TANF as it is commonly known encompasses the distribution of welfare monies to families in need.***

***IV-B Child and Family Services encompasses social service and child protection service agencies.***

***Title IV-D Child Support and the Establishment of Paternity is the section that will be focused on in this booklet.***

***IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance***

As you will see in the next chapter, the creation of child support under Title IV-D was intended to help needy families, but the reality is something larger and more detrimental to the entire fabric of our society. The judicial system is forcing parents to be separated from their children in order to get state funding for Title IV-D programs. Title IV-D could not exist if parents were encouraged to be connected to their children rather than focus on how much money can be extracted. It seems like a vicious cycle without end.

## History of Title IV-D

The birth of Title IV-D and the creation of the federal welfare system were intended to assist families who were in a financial bind and needed extra money on a short-term basis. It was not meant to be a permanent entitlement, and as such it encourages apathy and dependence, not to mention a seemingly endless yearly welfare budget. The tax base could not support the entire burden of people that do not have the income they need to get by and more importantly, the support of all minor children under the age of 18. This financial instability could be brought about by the death or disability of one or both of the parents. Over time, this temporary assistance program has become a crutch which encourages very little personal responsibility. Most states have not done the best job enforcing the temporary nature of this assistance.

Funds for Title IV-D programs come from both state and federal sources. The federal government has a set of guidelines that they impose upon each state. These guidelines are voluntary, but if the state follows these rules they are given block grants yearly. A state would be very foolish not to follow these guidelines because in essence they would be turning away millions of dollars that could be added to their budget. It is here that the problems and possible corruption begins. The grants are assessed by the previous year's need. Therefore, if less people need help, then the grant amount for the following year is less. But, if people become dependent on the system, then the money keeps coming in.

Title IV-D funding was created in order to recoup money from other Title-IV programs such as TANF and Food Stamps. The purpose was to regain monies that are paid to needy families enrolled in these programs. The mission of Title IV-D is to regain some of the taxpayer's funds by extracting it from parents that **WILLFULLY** abandon their child. The word **WILLFULLY** is where the evil truly begins. In court of law, a judge can make an order for custody and cut a non-custodial parent virtually out of a child's life.

After that, judges can then create a child support order to make that non-custodial parent pay. This circular reasoning creates a mess.

The fact is that without the recouping of funds, welfare programs could go broke. The problem is that it is costing millions of dollars to track these parents down, paternity test them, create a support order and then enforce it. This enforcement uses a large amount of Title IV funds and social service agency resources. Again, if they did not need such a large enforcement agency and spend billions of dollars every year then they might have enough money to pay for other Title IV services. In theory, the money recouped is used to pay for other welfare programs.

In essence, a monster has been created. What if these billions of tax dollars that are allocated for Title IV –D services were used for the other welfare programs? How exactly is spending billions of dollars on one program supposed to help regain billions of dollars used in another program? It is just a shell game. As you will learn, in the next chapter, the evil runs deep in the system and it has been twisted and bastardized. It is the middle-class taxpayers and children who are the ones that pay the biggest price.

## Eligibility for Welfare (TANF)

Title IV A or TANF funds are considered entitlement funding. This means that if the state follows the guidelines set out by the federal government they get block grant funding and in turn, recipients are entitled to monies if they meet eligibility requirements. What are these requirements? The main requirement is that their total household income is below the federal poverty level. Part of the requirement in cases where a parent is not living in the home is the establishment of paternity. Establishment efforts track a father down and make him submit to paternity testing or require him to sign an affidavit of parentage stating that the particular child is his biological offspring. After this, a child support order is established and the funds generated from the parent go directly to the State.

The requirements for establishing a Title IV-D case are that there is a child and that paternity has been established. A parent only needs to contact CSE to get the ball rolling. There is no eligibility requirement for the custodial parent, except that they cannot receive welfare services **UNLESS** they give up the name of a potential parent and that they are willing to proceed with child support enforcement proceedings.

A parent can be unemployed, have six children from five different fathers, and draw child support from each of those fathers. Anyone of those fathers can be a hard working middle-class person, and his wages can be garnished if the court deems it necessary. Even if the mother is working and does not need any kind of services from the state, she can get child support just by contacting CSE or having it court ordered herself.

Think about that a moment. The system is set up to help reimburse the system for needy mothers and their children. But what if the mother is not needy? She can still receive child support. The state is still going to pay a child support worker to handle her case with your tax money for no other reason than to make an already alienated father pay.

Let's look at the numbers. The statistics I am listing are from 2007 and are nationwide totals. There is no mistake; the amounts shown below are in the millions and billions of dollars.

**Collections Distributed \$24,854,768,488**

**Current Assistance \$946,283,222**

These are the amounts of collections distributed by CSE and the amount spent on TANF services. The amount of assistance is half of what is being collected. That means that only half of the people getting child support are needy. The amount of distribution to those that do not need assistance is stated below.

**Never Assistance \$11,322,297,160**

Below is the number of fathers in there has been the establishment of paternity and the number of child support orders entered in 2007.

**Paternities & Acknowledgements 1,729,141**

**Orders Established 1,177,589**

The number of full-time equivalent staff in CSE services in 2007 was 60,104 and their total caseload was 15,755,322. The number receiving welfare assistance was 2,136,693. There is a big difference in the number of cases open for support and the number of people receiving assistance. In fact, the number of cases that have never received assistance was 6,423,631.

Even though CSE is collecting money from non-custodial parents, the net undistributed collections in 2007 was \$471,977,847. The question is why would it not make sense to make eligibility requirements for Title IV-D? It would cut the need for workers, which are paid for by tax dollars. Wouldn't these billions of dollars be better spent making sure that families are getting the money they need rather than allowing it to sit somewhere undistributed?

Here are the bottom line numbers to consider.

**Actual Federal Expenditures Nationwide: \$5,593,864,242.00**

**Estimated State Expenditures Nationwide: \$1,845,975,199.86**

This translates to the cost to taxpayers to keep this program going at over seven billion dollars. Even with all of this money being pumped into these programs there is still \$471,977,847 that is still not being distributed. Someone is benefiting but it is not the families that need it.

## **Welfare Reform Issues**

If there was a fertilizer that helped the Title IV-D monster to grow and get out of control it was welfare reform. In the old system, there was a lot of abuse by recipients of welfare services. The federal government realized that people were actually changing their living conditions and employment situation in order to become eligible for various welfare services. In some cases, it is more financially beneficial to have children and not work than to work for minimum wage.

This spurred welfare reform, which brought the great moneymaker Title IV-D into existence. With the reform came the new guidelines states had to follow. There is debate how much real change the reform has brought but the federal government continues to pump money into states that follow these guidelines. In 2006, the federal government paid \$4,200,000,000 (4.2 billion dollars) in appropriation dollars to the states. The taxpayers are being sucked dry by a system that is not only inefficient but only succeeds in tearing families apart for the sake of the almighty dollar. The focus is on money, not on the best interests of children.

## **Federal Funding and Title IV-D**

Let us clear up the misconception that the money collected from non-custodial parents is paying for Title IV-D run agencies like CSE (Child Support Enforcement). The taxpayers that are working hard for their money everyday are paying the salaries of Title IV-D employees. Taxpayers are the ones paying for this gigantic four billion a year monster.

The budget grows every year as more and more parents are targeted for custody payments. The courts are becoming overrun with these cases and they are generating more and more federal and state revenue every year. So who are the powers behind this Title IV-D machine? There is a special interest lobby that's backed by judges, legal associations, national CSE groups, state bar associations, unions representing government employee interests, social worker associations and every one else who stands to profit from the billion dollar cash cow.

The bigger it grows the more money flows in which translates to more government jobs and higher wages for judges. The lawyers are happy because they are making their money from an inexhaustible resource. Everyone stands to profit, except of course taxpayers and the parents required to pay support without the right to see their child.

The taxpayers of this country are being overburdened with having to pay two-thirds of the federal expenditures to run Title IV-D programs. The other third of the amount is paid by state and local governments, which are funded by state and local taxes. That makes the middle-class have to pay for Title IV-D programs that they are not getting any benefit from. The money being allocated is directed toward paying for any services that most middle-class people would not be utilizing.

## **Middle-Class and Title IV-D**

Remember that TITLE IV-D was designed to help pay for other Title IV programs such as TANF and Food Stamp programs. These programs are not generally used by the middle-class for a couple of reasons. First, they have enough money to support themselves, and secondly even if they would want to access these services they would not qualify.

The problem for the middle-class is two fold. First, middle-class people who do have money are being dragged into court over child custody issues. The more a person makes the more that they can pay or will be required to pay. Have you ever heard the expression, "You can't get blood from a turnip?" If you are not working and are homeless, then the court system is not as interested in trying to bleed money from you. If on the other hand you make a decent wage, then they know that not only can the extract money from you, but they can do so at a higher rate.

The second problem is what I have already stated. The middle-class taxpaying citizens are the ones paying to keep these Title IV-D programs fat and profitable. People that do not work are not paying taxes. Very affluent people pay a less percentage because they have more things that they can deduct, so it is left the average middle-class citizen to foot the bill.

Since the system is so focused upon money, they care little for the parent-child relationship that it is destroying. The whole court system becomes jammed with middle-class people fighting over their hard-earned money; meanwhile they are trying to keep the family as intact as possible. The family continues to be shredded by a system that needs the family separated in order to continue to thrive and grow.

The Title IV-D system penalizes hard working parents by taking away their wages and placing those monies into a system that does not really benefit middle-class families. If a mother has a job that enables her to feed and clothe her children comfortably and there is a divorced father that works hard for his money and provides for his children, what right does the state and federal government have to interfere? If the wife gets angry or is bitter about the divorce, there is no better way to make the father pay than to drag him through Title IV-D court. In addition to an outrageous child support order for the next 1-18 years, he is required to pay for his lawyer's fees, which can be in the thousands of dollars. If the children will never need the other Title IV services, why is this in the jurisdiction of the Title IV-D? That is what makes the whole system a gigantic monstrous mess.

## **What is Child Support Enforcement?**

Have you ever seen the movie “Star Wars” and were in awe of the storm troopers? Or maybe you have visions of Nazi’s marching through the streets in during World War 2? Many parents have described Child Support Enforcement (CSE) as being just like that. They have a single, calculating mission that they perform with precision and force: to locate a parent, establish their paternity, and get a court order to make them pay. If for some reason the parent will not or cannot pay what they owe, the CSE has a number of distasteful measures that they can execute against them.

It all begins when a mother makes an appointment with a CSE worker. They are often charged a fee with the application. Alright, let us stop right here. Why are they charged a fee? There are billions of dollars flowing into the CSE coffers every year, so why are they being charged an application fee? All the other Title IV services do not require a fee to apply, so why does Title IV-D?

After they fill out the application and pay their fee, the CSE worker then attempts to locate the father. If they find a possible father, they need to establish paternity. They can do this through a paternity test or by having the father sign an affidavit. If the child was born while the couple was married then paternity is already established.

The CSE worker then figures up an amount and hands it to a judge for an order amount. The father then needs to faithfully pay this amount until the court order states he no longer is required to. This can be even after the child is over the age of 18; if for example, they are attending college.

Let us assume that the father pays his support and the mother uses the money to buy Suzie and Johnny what they need and the father gets his regular visitation with his children. This scenario may be more fiction than reality. It makes a great bedtime story, but here is a more realistic outcome based on the circumstances of the case.

If a mother receives any Title IV services, Medicaid or Food Stamps they are required to make an application with the appropriate Title IV-D Agency. This makes sense since this is exactly what Title IV-D was created for. Let us suppose that the mother is receiving \$600 worth of services and the child support check is \$1000 a month. Shouldn't the mother get the difference of \$400? The sad fact is that she does not. It is an either or situation; either the state is using it to pay for Title IV services or the mother can refuse the services and receive the child support check.

Suppose the mother is no longer receiving services, and the father had not paid his child support. There can be an arrearage or it could be a situation that he was just ordered to pay. The amount paid to the mother in services must be paid off before money can begin to come to the mother through the state for child support. The father is essentially paying for services that have already occurred and the children may not be benefitting at all from his current child support payments. Even if the mother is in need, if her period of eligibility has lapsed, she still cannot benefit from those current child support payments. The State must have their pound of flesh first, and families in need just have to wait.

Next is where the storm trooper vision appears. If a parent gets behind on payments, very bad things can happen. A CSE agent will begin the process of obtaining the money that is in arrearage. This process is not at the level of a loan shark shooting out kneecaps, but the consequences can be quite painful. CSE has the backing of the court to collect the funds necessary, including garnishing a father's wages. There is little concern for the predicament that this can place a father in.

The courts are not concerned if he cannot pay his own bills and ends up on the street. Who exactly does that benefit?

Next in their arsenal is the ability to swipe any tax returns to pay for late payments. Again, there is little concern about how this can affect a parent. A child is like a car loan. If you do not pay for that car on time, they will be legal and financial consequences. In the case of a car, they can repossess it. In the case of child support, a parent can find themselves without a driver's license. When this occurs, a father often will then not have the means to work to make the money that he owes. How does this make any logical sense? The fact is that it happens every day in CSE court.

The worst consequence that can be imposed is jail time. In the CSE are "wanted" posters of "dead beat dads" with how much they owe. When they are caught, they are thrown in jail. They must then pay a portion of what they owe in order to be released. They are taking up the same jail space as rapists and murderers and often have to pay more money to get out than a rapist would to a bail bondsman. How is a father to raise funds when he is in jail? While he is sitting in lockup he is not making money, he is losing his job and possibly losing his home. This does not seem to fit the "child's best interest" value that courts like to banter about. If a father cannot provide a home to the court's standards, then his visitation can be cut. It is a vicious downward spiral.

Many mothers are under the illusion that if a father does not pay child support that he does not have visitation rights. There are many fathers who are not able to afford an attorney to take a case to court to demand that they see their children; instead, their child's mother blackmails them. It is not legal, but it happens all the time. The only recourse is to motion the case into court and go through the whole judicial process over again with varying levels of success.

## **The Misuse of Title IV-D and “Deadbeat Dad” Syndrome**

Some mothers have a false sense of empowerment when it comes to dealing with the father. Many times, they respond out of spite. They want to hurt the other party and the children are an easy pawn to use. Title IV-D is called in and the mother can smile as she sees the father of her children hauled away in handcuffs.

This can lead to problems such as parent alienation syndrome. PAS occurs when one parent says negative things about the other parent to the children. This can cause stress, depression and poor relationships between parent and child. This syndrome has become pervasive, as the mechanisms to stop it are difficult. The only way a parent can address it is through the court system, and this can be very costly. The children affected are more likely to suffer from depression, commit suicide, run away from home, and get into drugs than other children their age.

Parents may use the term “deadbeat dad.” In fact, there are many posters with “Deadbeat Dads” on them. These can be found in courthouses, CSE offices and other public places. The posters have pictures of fathers, usually mug shots with captions like “Most Wanted” and “Have you seen these deadbeat dads?”

This does nothing to help children and only succeeds in diminishing the image of their father. It places fathers in the company of common criminals. This does not exactly give children a positive male role model to look up to or follow. The result is sadness, confusion, and anger that may follow them in to their adult lives as depression and anxiety.

CSE does not help the situation. Between agencies, there is a continuous competition. Every year agencies compare how many dollars they collect. The more they collect the greater the greater the agency is viewed.

They even have divisions as they do in college sports according to the population of the area that the agency covers. Winning counties are given more funding the next year. This is a definite motivational factor for CSE workers, their attorneys, and even district judges to establish paternity and get fathers to pay more. It is not about the numbers of cases that are established; rather it is about the amount of money that is being collected. Again, working fathers are worth more than unemployed ones.

This is a great abuse of the system, as it was not intended to be a game like Monopoly based on who collects the most money. Of course, hard working middle-class fathers are targeted because they have the easiest pockets to pick. They are working and making a living, but usually do not have the extra resources to hire a legal team to fight the over stated child support order. In addition, they are the ones that are constantly fighting in court to get their visitation.

## **Conclusion-The Root of Monetary Evil**

The saying goes that power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. It could not be truer than in regard to Title IV-D. It is of little surprise that a program with so much money and such lax rules could be the root of greed and illegal activity. The sheer amounts of money are just too tempting. Who are the people that are robbing you of your hard-earned tax money or the money paid into mandatory system of money acquisition?

Consider the case of embezzlement in Meridian Mississippi. In this case, a county employee was indicted by a grand jury on felony embezzlement charges for allegedly stealing more than \$216,000.00 of Title IV-D money. She did this by writing unauthorized checks to herself from January 2002 through April of 2007. After she was arrested, she was released on a \$10,000.00 bond. This was nothing compared to the thousands of dollars of money she had stolen only to be supplemented by her handsome salary.

Still not convinced? In June of 2007, a Maine Child Support Enforcement Officer was caught stealing money orders of child support payments. She was intercepting money orders and depositing them in her bank account. Her employers only put her on administrative leave when this horrible abuse of power was discovered and reported to the press.

In Fort Bend, a woman was found guilty of being a part of child support fraud ring. How did she do it? She was a child support enforcement worker. She has eleven codefendants in her case. She helped steal over \$40,000 in child support funds. The worker opened a bank account and gave blank checks to her accomplices. They then would then forge signatures as persons owing child support.

This diabolical scheme involved the criminals fraudulently writings checks to benefit of other co-defendants and submitted to the Attorney General's Office. The office would

then forward the payments to those co-defendants - who were all actually owed child support.

To finish the crime the people who received the payments would surrender a percentage back to the individuals who supplied the checks.

These are just the cases that are reported and discovered. There are thousands possibly millions of dollars every year that are stolen from this bloated system. Without checks and balances, this type of corruption will continue even from the highest political offices.

Title IV-D was intended to help a system of welfare that was in danger. There were millions and billions of tax dollars going to help needy families. Lawmakers saw that families were abusing the system and decided to reform the whole system.

Legislators created a system in which states could voluntarily participate. The carrot before the horse is billions of dollars in block grants. States began to stand in line with their hands out. The system created a new program of Title IV-D. This was the big solution to a sinking welfare disaster. The premise was simple- make the parents that do not have full custody of their children pay money. Not only are these parents required to pay monetarily, but they are also paying by being ripped from their children's lives for the almighty dollar.

The welfare system is still in bad shape and continues to be sinking ship. So, why are billions of dollars being poured into Title IV-D? The reason is that it is one of the greatest sources of income ever. Judges sit on a bench and decide how much a person must pay. If that parent has more visitation and contact with their child, the laws state that they should be required to pay less. The truth of the matter is that a judge can enter any order they please. They are the judge and they make the judicial determinations.

Without proper legal representation, fathers are paying their hard-earned money into a failing system, and sometimes the money never reaches their children.

Father's are belittled and called criminals if they are not able to pay these high support orders. They are thrown in jail and their children turned away from them. The system victimizes them repeatedly.

It is not just the needy families that are victimized, but there is an ever-growing trend of targeting hard working middle-class parents, because they actually have money that can be used to line the coffers. Middle-class citizens are paying over four billion dollars in taxes a year to keep this failed experiment alive.

Until the laws change and there is greater reform including eligibility requirements for those applying for child support, this system will continue to be the root of the evil plaguing the American family today.

### **Kids Come First Coalition Resources**

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