# Kayden's Law (VAWA 2022)

aka. "Keeping Children Safe From Family Violence" Law

# is UNSAFE for Children

MILLIONS OF CHILDREN MAY BE AFFECTED

Kayden's Law is a subsection of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2022. It is intended to protect children from domestic violence. Unfortunately, the law has serious flaws & implications for the safety of children. There is now an attempt to pass this law in all states.

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#### **PROBLEMS**

- The law was created based on unreliable research with serious methodological & statistical flaws:
- The Legislative Branch is attempting to interfere with the Judiciary Branch's ability to make informed decisions;
- Victims are prevented from bringing probative, material, and relevant experts according to evidence law; The law excludes experts that could be critical in protecting children such as experts in family dynamics, personality disorders, suggestibility of children, child development, forensic science, and others.
- The law encourages fabricated & false allegations;
- The law fails to recognize psychological abuse, negative bonding, and pathological attachments. As such, the law keeps children with abusers;
- The law restricts judges, magistrates, and relevant court personnel to narrowly scoped training
- The law prevents victims, especially children, from receiving empirically validated, best practices or evidence-based treatment.
- The law inhibits the development of scientifically valid reunification treatments for children and families.

#### PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

#### Amend the "Law" Section

ederal bills: HR2471 (passed), HR1620

State bills: IL 102 HB5310 (pending),

PA 2022 SB78 (pending), and more

(pending), \$3623 (pending)

- to allow all experts according to evidence law: probative, material, and relevant;
- to recognize that false allegations of domestic violence and child abuse do exist and false allegations must be taken into consideration;
- to allow the court the ability to remove or restrict the child from a parent or a litigating party who is psychologically abusive or with whom the child is pathologically bonded or attached;
- to allow the court to order reunification treatments that are empirically valid;

## Amend the "Uniformed Required Standard" Section

 to allow professionals with demonstrated expertise that is probative, material and relevant;

## Amend the "Training and education program" Section

 to allow training to be provided by professionals with demonstrated experience or expertise, including researchers from credited educational and research institutions, psychologists, psychiatrists, law enforcement and the like. This Statement is endorsed by

### **US** Organizations

Alliance of Parent Alienation and Family
Reunification Practitioners (APAFR)

Chicago United Parents

Colorado Coalition for Boys and Men Family Access-Fighting for Children's

Family Advocate Network Political Action Committee (FAN-PAC)

Fathers Against Discrimination asbl (FAD International Council on Shared Parenting (ICSP)

Kids Hugs

Kids Need Both, Inc.

Mothers Against Child Abuse

National Parents Organization (NPO)

Parental Alienation Study Group (PASG)

Parental Alienation Virtual Institute

**PAS Intervention** 

Servicemembers and Veterans For

Children's Rights

The Hero's Circle

**Together 4 Changes** 

Victim To Hero Institute

### International Organizations

Associação Portuguesa para a Igualdade Parental e Direitos dos Filhos

Boys Mentoring Advocacy Network

Colibri Italia

Društvo očetov Slovenije

Eeny Meeny Miney Mo Foundation

(EMMM)

Figlipersempre Nazionale Global Initiative for Boys & Men

(GIBM.us)

Good Egg Safety CIC

Happy Parenting -- Malta

Parental Alienation Awareness

International Network {PAAIN}

Parental Alienation UK

Recover Our Kids

Split the Difference

Vardnad Boende Umgange (VBU)

For more information, visit: VictimToHero.com/kaydens-law/