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Inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation.

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Responding to 'Terms of Reference'

Please take into consideration;

1] The 'tight reporting time', has not allowed for appraisal of; 'guidelines on the preparation of a submission'.

2] I have been deeply involved with many families, before, during and after separation. This issue touches me deeply. I have attempted to remove my personality from this submission and to be objective.

Those administering 'True Care' after and during, (and before), the Family Court experience have a very delicate 'time balancing' operation in progress; providing and administering shelter, food and clothing issues, school, homework and related issues, unwell periods, doctors, lawyers, dentists etc. issues, insurances, licences, after school activities, etc., and dealing personally with, and keeping their children and themselves, buoyant, through the despicable, terror filled fall out, post, (and during), the Family Court experience--- as well as their marriage breakdown, and if it has hit the Family Court,--the atrocities that will have occurred behind the veil of that marriage.

(a) 'given that the best interest of the child are the paramount consideration',

This is stated in print- for all to feel ?-. NEVER applied in practice by the Court system, as is evident by the terror campaign waged against children by the 'Family Court' system. Besides the one 'True Carer', children are given no support no voice no respect no dignity no care no help. They are not heard, asked or responded to, only ever seen, (if at all) for a token 'appointment'- to be abused, terrorised, ignored or manipulated by the (token) 'Child Representatives',- (This is No joke,- and still an understatement of what children are subjected to).

As they are progressively ignored, forced and consequently isolated by the 'Family Court', they then mentally and physically collapse/implode, BEATEN DOWN they are driven insane, they self mutilate, lose their cognitive abilities and have full scale nervous, emotional, mental and physical disorders and breakdowns. They actually have, at some distinct level, one or a combination of these life shattering debilitating effects. (Adults exhibiting the same symptoms are administered to by society- children are put in the 'legally too hot' box by a society that is to scared to 'get involved', children are left, ISOLATED and BEATEN DOWN).

ONLY the 'TRUE CARER' remains, to deal with all this and the before mentioned situations.

(i) 'other factors'. Discerning who actually is the TRUE CARER.

This is not a gender-based issue.

I have been deeply involved and have observed and responded impartially to the gender-based concept/issue.

This would require;

- Critical judgements being made on peoples behaviour
- ALL evidence to be rationally considered (not the usual discrimination manipulated to suit a judges (or higher authorities-?), preset requirements.
- Judges, solicitors, lawyers, counsellors etc. having settled, clear, honest lives and relationships. Not having 'agendas' stemming from their own past or present dysfunctional relationships. (As exists within the 'Family Court' at present).

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- Judging by judges with no agendas or loyalty schemes to 'the boys club' or 'the old school tie' mentality.
- Giving children large SOLID blocks of time with their TRUE CARER. (Months to years at a time). ASK the child, they do, actually, deeply feel, are aware, respond, know—and at quite a young age, a very, very, young age. Legally a child at ten years of age can have sex and is responsible for choosing their partner!
- The 'other' parent (the NOT true carer), IS NO LONGER 'a parent', by nature, action or purpose. Their 'parenting' diminished and turned abusive long before their situation hit the Family Court. A 'differing' relationship IS ALL they have the possibility of developing with the child. They cannot force their perceived parenting role on the child, It alienates them further. Children do, (by insurmountable evidence), know what is right and good (mentally and emotionally) --that is what we love and cherish about them, their purity and exhilaration.

Any presumption of 'equal time' presupposes 'equal ability' to care. Amicably separated couples do this naturally. If a couple do not do this that is why they are in court and this is another indication that there is a TRUE CARER and a 'not true carer'. Even in the marriage there is not 'equal care', (except for the VERY rare case where time/jobs/chores/etc. are able to be well organised). If the TRUE CARER is cared for by their partner too, then there is a very harmonious situation and the TRUE CARERS position is shared. Again if they are in Court then this is obviously not the case and the realisation has to be made that there is a 'TRUE CARER' and a NOT 'true carer'. The NOT 'true carer' is <u>really</u> NOT good. They ARE abusive, either tangible- physical/sexual abuse or intangible- (and highly destructive and long-term crippling),-emotional/mental abuse.

(ii) - Only one circumstance- ask the children.

I have found that the parents (grandparents) of the NOT true carer are constantly woeful and extremely destructive, usually quite blatantly, (another indication!). There IS a pattern.

(b) NO, the existing child support formulae does NOT work.

The NOT true carer is led along and bled by the system of money etc. (by, at the least, quite unscrupulous and greedy lawyers), dealt with false hope-, the children already know who is their TRUE CARER and have already been subject to, and witness's of the abuse of the NOT true carer, the system exacerbates this persons position with their children, (due to its insidious neglect of them), and then tries to blame the TRUE CARER for the alienation, <u>further</u> exacerbating the children's understandings. The Court system at present deludes the NOT true carer into thinking that they actually care, THEY NEED PROFESSIONAL HELP, the court system gives them the illusion that they are o.k.—they are NOT, they have dangerous, manipulative, greedy, destructive, terror ridden behaviour. In fact they CANNOT care for their children, they destroy them, they need REAL, firm help.

The TRUE CARER is and has been abused since before going to court. Persecuted and terrorised trying to keep their loved ones and themselves safe and progressing. Usually going to extremely self sacrificing and desperate levels to save the marriage whilst staying sane and TRULY caring and administering to the entire home front until the parameters MUST be closed in just to maintain a degree of safety for the children, at this point the NOT carer is excluded of care, (as far is practically physically/ mentally safe to do so). This is a HUGE effort, constantly draining resources-and then in desperation and seeking safety, the 'Family Court' is engaged.

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THE 'FAMILY COURT' DOES NOT SUPPORT THE TRUE CARER. They may get custody of the children but it is a horrendous and insulting ordeal, leaving only scraps of resources with which to reconstruct their children's lives, let alone their own. Only in parliament and the 'Family Court' can a totally innocent person be legally abused, persecuted, emotionally disembowelled, ridiculed, constantly insulted and demeaned, and all other manner of other disgusting things that <u>NO</u> one is allowed to do to another person anywhere at any time. Their wallet, emotions and energy are drained. YES this drastically affects the ability of the TRUE CARER to administer to their children.

Bad contact IS BAD. It disturbs the child for a very long time and affects every aspect of their lives.

Whereby GOOD, HEALTHY, REAL time with their TRUE CARER just makes a child blossom.

If a child is forced to go on contact to the abusive 'parent' the child is in terror forever. They don't eat, sleep, their schoolwork suffers drastically, their social skills can never develop, they are in a constant state of very serious fear. They have no relief. It takes days just to get the child to be remotely cognitive after <u>any</u> period of contact, let alone to <u>engage</u> again. They are kept hovering on a razors edge overlooking the abyss. This is a terrible position, isolated and separated, for any person to be placed-let alone a child.

Society, Teachers, all people, will always suffer as this child tries to integrate.

Discern the TRULY good carer and ask them, they will tell you what is needed to HONESTLY make the child's life 'the paramount consideration'. Thereby saving ALL the people directly involved their money, time and lives, and saving the entire community/society/schools etc. vast degrees of money/time/effort/etc. Do not ask the TRUE CARERS for their stories,-you will cry at the level of abuse and terror that the true carer and children have been persecuted to.

To discern the TRUE CARER is obvious, ask me IN CONFIDENCE.

I do not have children, I have administered to children of many separated families forced into the court system and have found a very simple system for discerning the TRUE CARER. It is then and those people that I offer my services to.

Again it is not gender-based.

This offer to have an opportunity to submit appears to be structured in a way that reduces the opportunity to those real people that this issue actually affects. I came across it perchance and this disturbs me as it leaves the field wide open for manipulation by groups of bored males to flood the channels with their constructed constant misogynist behaviour.

I have had to deal with them on too many occasions, It is not pleasant and people suffer incredibly.

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