

Letter to Sen. Charles Schumer from Karyn Maronde, Oct 21, 2013

My name is Karyn Maronde. I am writing a letter because I wanted people to know what having a child taken away from you does to not only you, but the



child! My son John has special needs and was taken away from me for neglect. I had him until the age of 7. He is now 16 and he is still in the states custody. I have always been able to see him whenever I wanted without supervision because he adores me and is so happy to see mama. This has devastated my life loosing him, Not a day goes by that I don't cry. It has been 8 years now. The saddest thing is he hasn't been to the park, zoo, shopping, nothing since I had him! What quality of life is that?

I have requested taking him for the day but there is always some excuse as to why the social workers wont let him go! I am trained to meet his medical needs if required although it would not be necessary if I took him for under 4 hours. It saddens me that his love for the park, outside, zoo shopping has been taken away from him! It is the social workers who over exaggerate reports etc... that cause this.

They play God when they have no idea whats really going on. The Doctors lie and stick with each other as not to loose their license to practice. It is the children who suffer! The loving family they take away! I love my son more than anyone else ever could! He and I went to hell and back the first 7 years of his life with surgery etc... I know when something is wrong with him!



There has been things I have seen that doctors did not! I may have not known exactly what it was, but i knew it was something! I was right, they were wrong! John went into coma as the doctor was telling me I was an over reactive parent!!! He now has mental retardation and autism that I believe was caused by them not listening to me! But yet they get away with this! He is taken from me! How is this possible?

Why is this possible? If I knew then what I know now I would have fought with all I had! But I was uneducated on the legal rights etc.. I didn't have the financial means to do anything. I was powerless! John is the one who suffers! He has been in that institution 8 years !!! I plan on bringing him home with me when he is 18 where I will care for him for the rest of my life. When he is 18 they no longer have rights to him. But his childhood is gone! He will always be a child mentally but so many years were taken away from us!

My second story involves my daughter who is 28 years old and just gave birth to a baby girl. She wasn't supposed to be able to get pregnant because of cystic ovarian syndrome and has never used birth control. She has been on depression medication for many years and did not know she was pregnant.

When she found out she was 5 months along and the doctors reduced her meds accordingly. But when Fionah was born 6 weeks premature the hospital staff started questioning . The social workers got involved and Fionah was not able to go home with my daughter! If I wouldn't have been quick to find a solution in 1 day she would be in states custody!

My mother has her right now and my daughter stays with her and cares for Fionah. They tell my daughter if she doesn't complete what they ask her to within 6 months they will take her baby and adopt her out! Nothing is wrong with Fiona she is perfectly healthy! Why are the social workers allowed to do this? Why without any real proof you are guilty until you prove otherwise. Your life is thrown into chaos scrambling to meet the requirements for these people. Even then who knows what will happen.

I worry they will drum up something else and take our baby! There has to be some accountability from these social workers who cause family's to be torn apart from capable loving family's! Parent's deserve the right to fight for their baby's! But we have no rights when it comes to this! Something has to be done!

Sincerely yours,
Karyn Maronde