CPS and Family Court Bill of Rights

- 1. The right to immediate written notice of allegations made against a parent (in every case) along with a remedial plan to avoid removal (when possible);
- 2. The right to a formal hearing before a child can be removed (Criminal prosecution is always available to immediately remove abusive parents.);
- 3. The right to report CPS/Family Court wrongdoing without retaliation (whistle blower protection);
- 4. The right to freely report injustices, end all gag orders;
- 5. The right to timely (at least 30 days prior to a hearing) receive a copy of all reports, test results, documents, etc. that CPS has access to and/or will rely upon at trial along with a copy of all exculpatory evidence;
- 6. The right to legal representation;
- 7. The right to a jury trial, upon request;
- 8. The right to a copy of transcripts of all communications between social workers, guardian ad litems, experts, etc. and judges. End all ex parte communication. All communication with a judge must be under oath and recorded with parents present.
- 9. The right to place children with family members and/or close friends in the event a separation is absolutely necessary;
- 10. The right to know the exact (very short) time limitations (to be set) that CPS can remove children for the purposes of investigating various allegations, and if no proof of wrongdoing is found, the requirement to immediately return the children;
- 11. The right to be free from threats, harassment, intimidation, and misrepresentations of the law (develop a code of ethics); and
- 12. The right to interact with a fair and civil social worker (develop a code of behavior for social workers and a pamphlet outlining parental rights to be given to parents).