

State & National CPS Survey

“Truth will always be truth, regardless of the lack of understanding, disbelief or ignorance”

W. Clement Stone

Foster Care in the United States has deteriorated into one of our nation’s most shameful episodes in our history. Recently, the United States Secretary of State, provided the yearly **“Trafficking in Persons Report”**.

“We take these stories to heart. We use them as fuel to motivate us to action as we work together to end human trafficking once and for all.”

– U.S. Secretary of State, Michael R. Pompeo

Human trafficking is only possible when people and the governments of each nation and state take a neutral, passive, or half a\$\$ attempt to curtail it and to stop it.

Unlike the nation’s war on drugs; our nation must seriously “Go to War” against the trafficking of human beings, especially the children.

So far states like Arizona have reaped the financial rewards of a corrupt system of “Kiddie Kourts” with questionably competent judges, attorneys, guardian ad litem, scared Department of Child Safety (CPS) case managers and supervisors and so called expert witnesses that would never, ever be allowed in the adult criminal justice system.

All held up by the Arizona Attorney General’s Office with a win at all cost culture that takes innocent children from innocent parents and families as well as deaf, speechless, and scared state legislators.

The United States Secretary of State, Michael R. Pompeo reports that the United States is a Tier 1 nation, one of the worst. The U.S. providing 50 to 60% of those trafficked from foster care. Then consider that child advocates across the country report that Arizona is one of the worst if not the worst in the United States for foster children being human trafficked.

Over the last year I have “surveyed” individuals associated with our nation and Arizona to at least start to expose what the general public does not know.

I bring 45 years of experience and interacting with every single Arizona system that could possibly touch the life of a child and their family. I literally wrote the book on Child & Family Advocacy, wrote the curriculum on Child & Family Advocacy, and taught it for 17 years in the community colleges in Arizona.

My hope is that the simple data collected from parents, professionals, and adults who suffered Arizona's foster care system, Parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, cousins and in laws; to at least admit the current status is corrupted, stop the bleeding of families, and wage a war that our children have needed for 45 years.

The enemies of change anchored into a dysfunctional system will attack me, will attack this collected data, will attack the families and individual stories, but they cannot attack the truth of the families that had the courage to never give up their children and completed this survey.

The survey was completed over "google survey" and the data organized as originally entered without change.

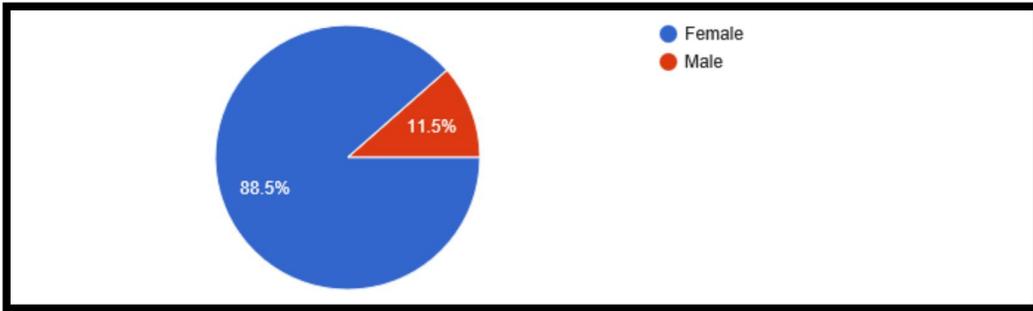
Anonymity is a cornerstone of truth necessary for some individuals to complete the survey that could face significant retaliation if identified.

Thank you to everyone that helped in providing "verbal histories" of their lives in pain.

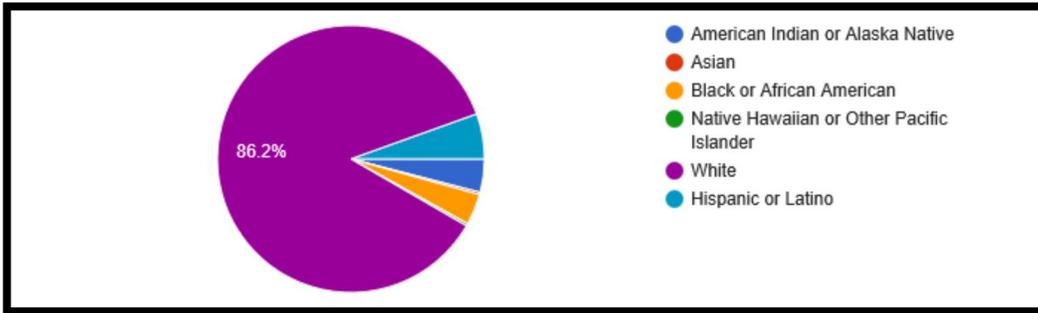
Special Note:

There were 247 narratives that respondents completed in the survey. These were heartbreaking to read and will be used at a later date

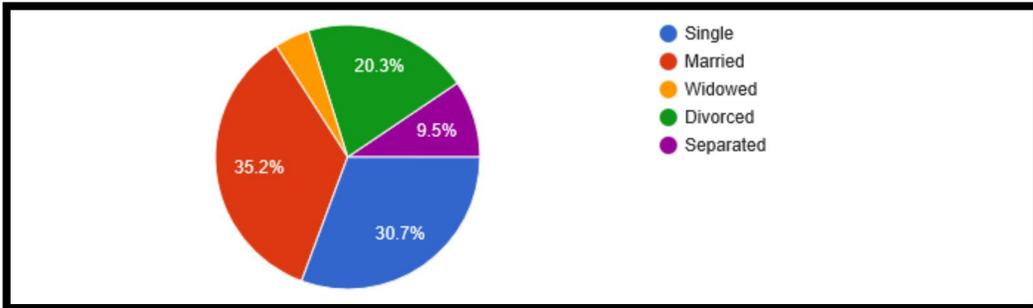
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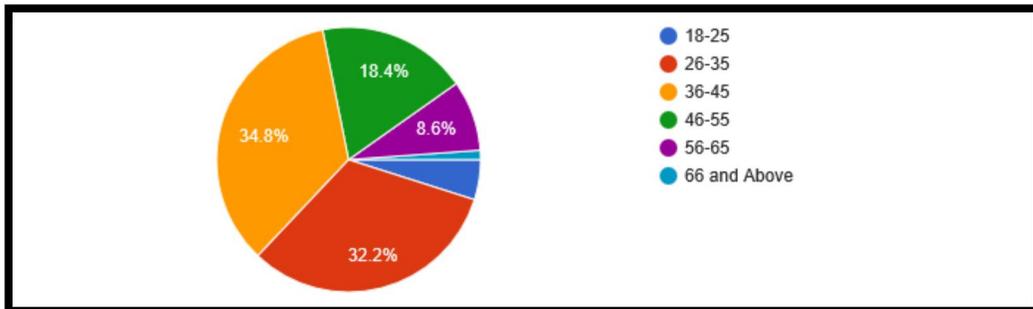
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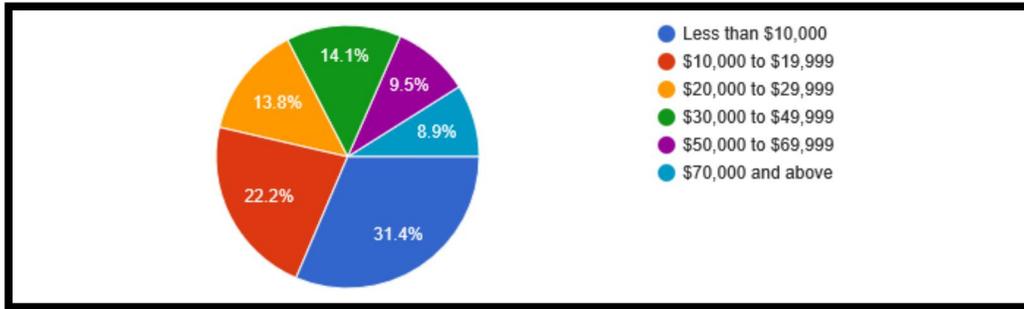
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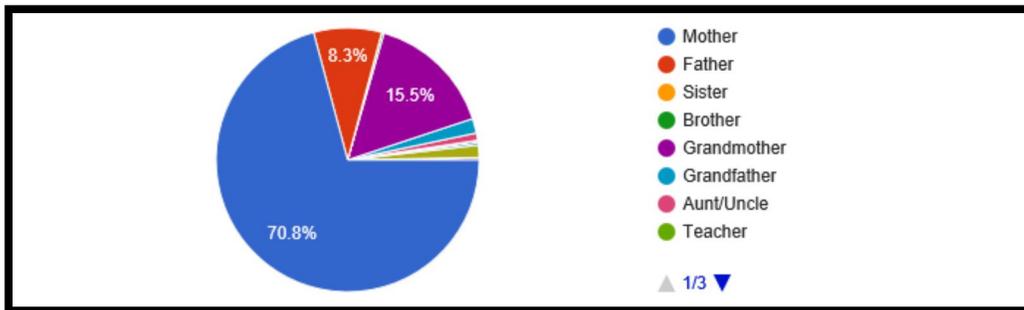
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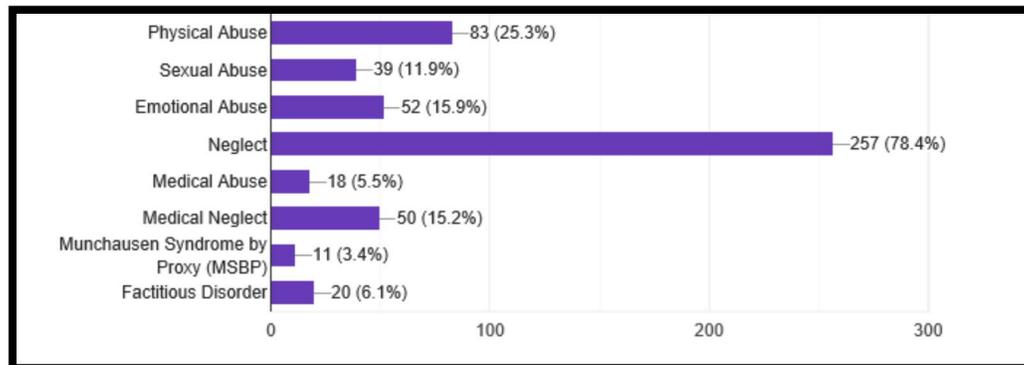
Household Income 347 responses



Title/Role 336 responses



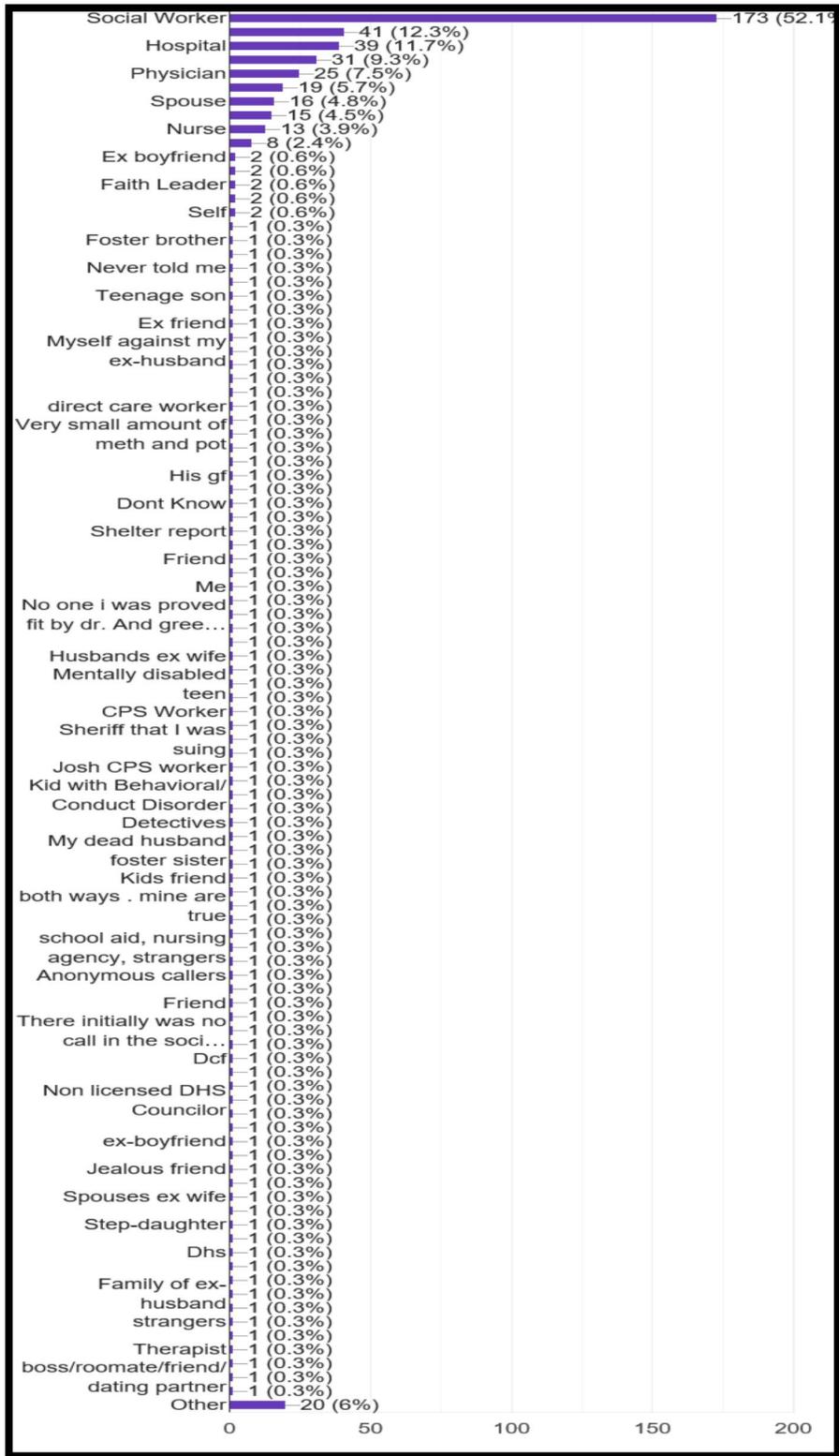
Accusations 328 responses



Circumstances in taking the Child/Children 312 responses

There was imminent danger?	92	29.5%
There was a warrant provided/used	29	9.3%
Police/law enforcement were present when my child was taken by CPS	152	48.7%
There were witnesses	48	15.4%
There were criminal charges filed against me	33	10.6%
I was threatened by the CPS person	176	56.4%
I was threatened by the police/law enforcement	93	29.8%

Accuser(s) 332 responses



Living arrangements while in state custody 333 responses

Shelter	22	6.6%
Group Home	47	14.1%
Residential Treatment Center	26	7.8%
Foster Home	219	65.8%
Relative Kin	114	34.2%
Juvenile Detention	15	4.5%

Care while in State Custody 245 responses

Physical Abuse	109	44.5%
Sexual Abuse	47	19.2%
Emotional Abuse	200	81.6%
Neglect	153	62.4%
Medical Abuse	71	29.0%
Medical Neglect	91	37.1%
Medical Malpractice	30	12.2%
Genetic Abnormalities	11	4.5%

Foster Home Status 292 responses

My child(ren) were abused in the foster home	120	41.1%
My child's religion was respected/provided in the foster home	14	4.8%
The foster parents lied to my children	153	52.4%
The foster parents allowed my child(ren) to dress inappropriately?	41	14.0%
My children attended school regularly	84	28.8%
The foster parents wanted to adopt my child before, during or after the trial	151	51.7%
The foster parents lied about the status of my child	111	38.0%
My child(ren) deteriorated/got worse in foster care	172	58.9%
The foster parents followed up on appointments	41	14.0%
The foster home was clean, healthy, and safe	58	19.9%

School/Education while in state custody 164 responses

My child's school records were transferred	67	40.9%
My child's health records were transferred	58	35.4%
My child's 504 plan was transferred/implemented in new school	8	4.9%
My child's IEP was transferred and implemented	28	17.1%
My child was successful in the new school	34	20.7%
My child had discipline problems in the new school	96	58.5%
Reasonable accommodation were made for my child in new school	26	15.9%
Reasonable modifications were made for my child in new skill	14	8.5%
I was invited to all meetings at my child's school	18	11.0%

CPS Case Manager 338 responses

The case manager acted appropriately at all times	27	8.0%
The case manager treated me with respect	13	3.8%
The case manager made unbiased decisions	93	27.5%
The case manager threatened me	194	57.4%
The case manager responded to me in a timely way	10	3.0%
The case manager lied/misrepresented my child	311	92.0%
The case manager withheld information and evidence	274	81.1%
The case manager helped me	8	2.4%
The case manager helped my child	7	2.1%
The case manager helped my family	5	1.5%

Case Plan/Service Plan 314 responses

I agreed to the case plan/service plan	94	29.9%
I was threatened with regard to the Case Plan/Service Plan	188	59.9%
Things were missing that I wanted in the Case Plan/Service Plan	131	41.7%
The case plan/service plan was overwhelming	131	41.7%
There were thing in the case plan/service plan that were unfair	216	68.8%
There were things in the Case Plan/Service Plan that were against my religious beliefs or faith	52	16.6%
I was threatened with termination of my rights if I did not sign the Case Plan	196	62.4%
All my family members were considered for kinship care in my case	21	6.7%

My Attorney 328 responses

Court appointed attorney/public defender	256	78.0%
Regular hired attorney	66	20.1%
My attorney advised me to “just go along”	191	58.2%
My attorney was honest	45	13.7%
My attorney submitted all my evidence	32	9.8%
My attorney acted professionally	57	17.4%
My attorney had conversations that I was unaware of	134	40.9%
I was allowed to speak on my own behalf to the court	36	11.0%
There was evidence to my innocence withheld from the court	180	54.9%
My attorney had conflicts of interest in my case	89	27.1%
My attorney violate the ethics of the profession of law	140	42.7%

Guardian ad Litem 281 responses

The guardian ad litem acted fairly, impartially, and honestly	23	8.2%
The guardian ad litem presented an accurate picture of me to the court	15	5.3%
The guardian ad litem was hostile to me during the proceedings	134	47.7%
The guardian ad litem had a conflict of interest in my case	91	32.4%
The guardian ad litem never met my child(ren) except in court	87	31.0%
The guardian ad litem never interviewed me or spoke with me personally	172	61.2%
The guardian ad litem lied/misrepresented me to the court	194	69.0%

The guardian ad litem always had the best interest of my child(ren) as a goal	19	6.8%
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My Child's Attorney 196 responses

My child's attorney told my child "just go along" with what the judge and caseworker tell you to do	65	33.2%
My child's attorney was honest	19	9.7%
My child's attorney submitted all evidence regarding my child to the court	10	5.1%
My child's attorney acted professionally	29	14.8%
My child's attorney never lied before, during, or after the proceedings?	20	10.2%
My child was allowed to speak on their own behalf in the court room	9	4.6%
My child's attorney had a conflict of interest in the case	76	38.8%
My child's attorney withheld evidence in the case	141	71.9%

Attorney for the State 263 responses

The attorney for the state was fair and honest	9	3.4%
The attorney for the state withheld evidence that would clear me of all charges	193	73.4%
The attorney for the state represented the best interests of my child(ren)	11	4.2%
The attorney for the state worked with and collaborated with the Guardian ad Litem	145	55.1%
The attorney for the state demonstrated sensitivity to me and my family	7	2.7%
The attorney for the state had Ex Parte communications with the judge or other attorneys on the case?	112	42.6%
The attorney for the state prepared the expert witness in the testimony given at my trial	32	12.2%
The attorney for the state acted professionally	16	6.1%

Juvenile Court Judge on the Case 244 responses

The Juvenile Judge performed their duties impartially	16	6.6%
The Juvenile Judge performed their duties honestly	14	5.7%
The Juvenile Judge required all parties to be on time and prepared	18	7.4%
The Juvenile Judge followed through with court orders made at trial	9	3.7%
The trial transcripts matched what was said and done in the courtroom	5	2.0%
The Juvenile Judge listened to what you had to say	9	3.7%
The Juvenile Judge met with my child alone in chambers	4	1.6%
The Juvenile Judge met with my child and another person alone in chambers	3	1.2%
The Juvenile Judge stopped my child from speaking in court	20	8.2%
The Juvenile Judge acted professionally before, during, after court proceedings	19	7.8%
The Juvenile Judge had conversations with participants in the case without my knowledge or the knowledge of my attorney	116	47.5%

Therapist/Counselor on the Case 222 responses

The therapist followed the Case Plan/Services Plan	11	5.0%
The Therapist acted professionally at all times	18	8.1%
The Therapist kept confidentiality	5	2.3%
The Therapist lied or misrepresented my child and me to the court	1	0.5%
The Therapist use EMDT as a treatment for my child	1	0.5%
Therapist used the book “Sickened” to give my child alternative scenarios to choose from	2	.9%
The Therapist helped my child(ren)	49	22.1%
The Therapist attempted to drive a wedge between me and my child	49	22.1%
The Therapist showed respect for me and my family	15	6.8%
The Therapist maintained fairness, honesty, and impartiality	16	6.8%
The Therapist had a conflict of interest on the case	57	25.7%

Expert Witness for the State 175 responses

The expert witness had a conflict of Interest on the case	57	32.6%
The expert witness maintained fairness, honesty, and impartiality	9	5.1%
The expert witness lied/misrepresented my child and me to the court	124	70.9%
The expert witness attempted to drive a wedge between me and my child	88	50.3%
The expert witness testified outside their area of expertise	68	38.9%
The expert witness broke or ignored standards of the ethics for their profession	88	50.3%
The expert witness performed multiple activities outside the scope of authority	55	31.4%
The expert witness acted professionally	4	2.3%
The expert witness was licensed in the state where this case was held	43	24.6%
The expert witness for the state is a resident of my state	61	34.9%

Drugs/Pharmaceuticals/Research/Medical 202 responses

My child was given psychotropic medication while in state custody	102	0.5%
My child was given black label drugs while in state custody	23	11.4%
My child was part of medical research while in state custody	26	12.9%
My child had surgery while in state custody without my permission	63	31.2%
My child had surgery while in state custody w/o my knowledge or permission	49	24.3%
My child had surgery while in state custody w/o my knowledge or permission	31	15.3%
My child had other medical procedures without my knowledge	128	63.4%
Health insurance was billed for medical issues with my child that were performed while in state custody	83	41.1%
Health insurance was billed for medical issues with my child that were not performed while in state custody	18	8.9%

Author's Critical Highlights

1. **Children:** are subjected to a host of activities and procedures directed by the state agencies.
2. **Women:** are the primary family victim of child protective services (88.5%)
3. **Race:** There is an over representation of Black/African American & Hispanic/Latino children in foster care
4. **Accusations:** The significantly high use of the vague and subjective accusation of “neglect” and “medical neglect” is the primary reason for taking children
5. **Household Income:** More than half the respondents earned less than \$30,000. Per year
6. **Neglect:** 78.4% of seized child were from the vague and subjective term “Neglect”
7. **Warrant:** Only 29 out of 312 surveyed said a “warrant” was involved
8. **Threats/CPS:** 176 respondents out of 312 identified being threatened (56.4%)
9. **State Custody-Emotional Abuse:** 200 of 245 respondents site Emotional Abuse (81.6%)
10. **State Custody-Neglect:** 153 out of 245 respondents site Neglect (62.4%)
11. **Education:** Identified issues include lack of transferring school records/health records and significant Discipline Problems (58.5%)
12. **Case Manager:** Out of 338 respondents 311 (92%) said the case manager lied/misrepresented their child; said the case manager withheld information/evidence 274 out of 338 (81.1%); and only 7 out of 338 (2.1%) said the case manager helped their child and only 2 out of 338 said the case manager helped them.
13. **Guardian ad Litem:** 172 out of 281 (61.2%) respondents said the guardian ad litem (the eyes and ears of the court) never spoke with or interviewed them. 194 out of 281 respondents said the guardian ad litem lied or misrepresented them to the court
14. **My Child's Attorney:** 141 out of 196 (71.9%) of respondents their child's attorney withheld evidence in the case.
15. **Attorney for the State:** 193 out of 263 (73.4%) respondents said the attorney withheld evidence and 145 out of 263 (51.1%) respondents said the attorney for the state collaborated with the guardian ad litem.

16. **My Attorney:** 191 out of 328 respondents (58.1%) stated their attorney advised them to “just go along” and 180 out of 328 respondents (54.1%) stated their lawyer withheld evidence to their innocence was withheld from the court.
17. **Therapist/Counselor:** Only 15 respondents out of 222 (6.8%) said the therapist respected their family and only 16 out of 222 (6.8%) said the therapist maintained fairness, honesty, and impartiality
18. **Juvenile Court Judge on the Case:** 116 out of 244 (47.5%) respondents stated the juvenile judge had conversations with participants in the case without their knowledge or the knowledge of their attorney. Oddly, only 5 out of 244 respondents said the trial transcripts matched what was said and done in the courtroom.
19. **Expert Witness for the State:** Only 4 out of 175 respondents said the expert witness for the state acted professionally; 55 out of 175 respondents (31.4%) stated the expert witness performed multiple activities outside the scope of authority; and only 9 out of 175 (5.7%) respondents said the expert witness maintained fairness, honesty, and impartiality.
Special Note: 124 out of 175 (70.9%) of respondents stated the expert witness lied/misrepresented my child and me to the court
20. **Drugs/Pharmaceuticals/Research/Medical:** 128 out of 202 (63.4%) of respondents said their child had medical procedures without their knowledge and 49 out of 202 (24.3%) said their child had surgery while in state custody w/o their knowledge or permission.

Conclusion:

In my 45 year career I have seen every single one of these issues in the survey multiple times. They do exist every day in America somewhere and to some degree.

*“It was once said that the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the **children**; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped.”*

Hubert H. Humphrey

Clearly and measurably state and national government has **failed** the moral test when it comes to our children.

The measurement of our government’s failure are those individuals in our prisons, the children in our foster homes, the children in our homeless population, the children in sex trafficking that come from foster care, and in our cemeteries.

Like the kids say to each other: **“What you gonna do about it?”**