

Press Release

Iowa Governor, Thomas J. Vilsack, Proclaims April 25th as Parental Alienation Awareness Day

Parental Alienation Awareness Organization (PAAO) is pleased to announce that Iowa has joined Maine as the second state to issue a proclamation declaring April 25th as Parental Alienation Awareness Day.

MIAMI, FL, December 28, 2006 - Parental Alienation Awareness Organization (PAAO) is working hard to increase awareness of Parental Alienation as a disorder that can arise from divorce or custody situations. As the result of alienating behaviors by a third party, such as the other parent or family members, the relationship between a child and a loving parent can be severely damaged or destroyed. The most common symptom of children affected by Parental Alienation is their severe opposition to contact with one parent and/or overt hatred towards that parent with little or no reason.

Iowa governor, Thomas Vilsack, has joined in the fight against Parental Alienation by issuing a proclamation declaring April 25th as Parental Alienation Awareness Day. Iowa recognizes Parental Alienation as, "The systematic brainwashing of children with the sole purpose of destroying a loving relationship they once shared with a parent. It deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents."

Robin Denison, co-founder of PAAO, likens the pain of the left behind parent to, "Bereavement without end." Co-founder, Sarvy Emo, states that, "Parental Alienation is a severe form of emotional child abuse."

Parental Alienation Awareness Organization organized the first international Parental Alienation Awareness Day last April 25th. Activities included letter writing to the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations, seminars, lectures, newspaper articles, and the proclamation by the governor of Maine, Governor John Baldacci, declaring April 25th as Parental Alienation Awareness Day. This year, PAAO is hoping to get as many governors on board as possible.

Both Emo and Denison agree, "With awareness comes education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love."

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About PAAO

Parental Alienation Awareness Organization (PAAO) is an organization dedicated to increasing the awareness and education of the public and professionals who work with families and children about the causes and effects of Parental Alienation, and guidelines as to how to eliminate or ameliorate its effects.

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