

# Blueprint for Child Protection Reform

1. That every 21st century nation state, be required to provide every minor child within its jurisdiction, with an inherent, 'Legal Birthright', that guarantees every minor child the physical and emotional protection of both of their willing, able and fit biological parents and families equally. 2. That the following legal, protective family rights, be decreed as fundamental founding principles in law, in order to accommodate such requirement.

- That the parental status of each willing, able and fit biological parent, is legally recognised as being of equal value, and that such parental status be referred to as an 'equal primary care parent'.
- That every child is awarded an inherent, rebuttable, presumptive legal right, to spend a crucial minimum percentage of physical 'Protective Contact' time plus once a week phone contact, with each of their 'equal primary care parents' or a nominated member of their family, unless any such contact is legitimately found to be unsafe or impractical. \*('Protective Contact' = 20% or more overnight stays)
- That the obstruction of any legitimate, protective contact or physical parenting time, by either parent, invokes a possible criminal charge of contempt of court, and/or child abduction, and/or child abuse, in order to provide an effective, practical enforcement measure.
- That all violence and/or abuse allegations are processed in the criminal justice jurisdiction, providing due process of law, a mandatory mental health screening test, and appropriate penalties for perjury.
- That any allegations of violence and/or abuse are to be accompanied by immediate court ordered secure protection, of a child's relationship with each of their 'equal primary care parents', until such allegations have been expertly investigated by appropriate authorities. (Note the Hague Convention)
- That in the event the 'equal primary care parents' are not able to resolve their differences due to entrenched inflexible hostility, both parents are to submit to a mandatory mental health screening test.
- That improved knowledge of trauma-bonding and the radicalization process is acquired by Family Justice and Child Protection authorities, in order to better understand the risks and consequences of sole custody, and of allowing minor children to express their preferred living and parenting arrangements in court ordered assessments. Especially since there is a very real risk those children are in fact helpless victims of duress, while they are trapped in the perfect indoctrination setting, provided by the present Family Justice system.

\* The 'Protective Contact' benchmark of 20% or more of overnight stays is used, in order to better protect children from harm and enable the measure of global outcomes. While more than 20% may increase the protective value of the contact and would be achievable for the vast majority of families, it is however only possible when geographical settings are favourable. Conversely, and irrespective of whether the geographical settings are favourable or not, it is important to note that when contact visits are progressively diminished from the 20% of protective overnight stays, they are progressively diminishing a child's protective security safety shield, as well as the opportunity to effectively bond with each of their parents equally. Physical, sexual and emotional abuse occurs out of sight of watchful eyes. Early detection, which 'Protective Contact' with biological family members provides, offers every child the best protection against any such abuse.