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CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES IS (mostly) THE ENEMY

Child Protective Services (CPS) has been wrongfully taking away children from families based off of Gender Bias, Colored Bias, and off of Welfare. Sometimes it's for the right reasons, but only few follow through due to the amount of training the workers received and choose to listen to it.

Separation

Most of the time children are being incorrectly placed and moved from their families because CPS don't understand the roles of extended family members.

The errors mostly come from wanting what's best for the child without knowing the entire family situation and prejudices that occur (Cross, 2008).

Welfare

CPS not understanding the use of shared welfare from extended family members, so children are taken away from the caregivers due to lack of understanding of the situation (Cross, 2008).

CPS also goes in the steps of how well can the mother cooperate in a different persons' view of how to be a good mother, and if the mother doesn't cooperate the caseworkers the welfare doesn't matter as much as the attitude towards them is (Roberts 2002; Woldeguiorguis, 2003).

Colored Bias

More African American children are in foster care longer or in CPS cases more often since they aren't well represented in their population. There is also a "double discrimination" against women of color in the welfare system, this follows the "mother-blaming" as well.

CPS also has unfair standards that women of color that work for CPS are not allowed to have clients or coworkers that are of color as well, which leads them to not have the ability to change these systematic errors (Woldeguiorguis, 2003).

Gendered Bias

There is a form of "mother-blaming" when the child isn't able to be properly cared for, but roots from the father figure not being in the picture consistently. Women are blamed for how the child is doing physiologically since they are the ones to teach the child how to act and react to situations or issues (Woldeguiorguis, 2003).

How This Can Be Fixed

Before CPS demes the family unfit to care for the chid due to drug use, there should be more hope in the rehab programs. (Carter, 2010)

Becoming more sensitive to ethnic and cultural impediments within the clientworker and coworker relationships. Evaluations of CPS workers might also come in to enforce these practices (Stevenson et al., 1992).

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