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There are 25 million American children living today in divorced or single-parent homes. Tragically, millions of these custodial parents deny proper visitation and access of their children to the other parent. Even more tragic is that the laws and courts too often allow this national nightmare to continue.

For the benefit of the child, we seek to strengthen families during marriage. But when separation or divorce does occur, we believe it remains every child's birthright to be raised by both parents. The Children's Rights Council is therefore focused on such goals as reforming outdated custody laws and minimizing hostilities between parents by replacing litigation with mediation and making sure every child receives the emotional and financial support they deserve.

The Children's Rights Council (CRC) is a non-profit organization devoted to the healthy development of children. It was founded in 1985 by concerned parents with decades of collective experience in custody reform and early childhood education. Prominent professionals in the fields of religion, law, social work, psychology, child-care, education, private business and government comprise our Family Advisory Board.

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This is why CRC is fighting in our nation's capitol and in dozens of state capitols to change outdated custody laws. Instead of one parent and the "winner take all" doctrine of the past, we believe in "shared parenting" plans that give proper access and visitation to both parents. In situations where parents have a history of hostility with one another or with their child, we arrange free drop-off and pick-up programs and sponsor supervised access and visitation times. We have also increased the CRC "Hotlines" that provide information and referrals for parents needing immediate assistance.

The Children's Rights Council maintains one of the largest collections of research material in the nation. Our landmark book, "The Best Parent is Both Parents," has been credited with establishing a new standard for raising children of divorce. Our "Parenting Directory," a listing of 1,050 organizations from around the country has helped thousands of parents and counselors with mediation, access and visitation, and recovery issues. In addition, CRC distributes more than 75 other informative books, reports, audio and video cassettes, legal briefs and children's materials.



Be an Advocate for Kids

Your membership in the Children's Rights Council is something very special. It enlists you in the fight to save millions of innocent victims - the children of divorce. The cost of maintaining a national advocacy program is staggering.

It is only with your membership and generous gifts are we able to be effective. Please help us continue bringing kids and parents together.

Remember, two parents is every child's birthright.



"At last, a national organization involved in parenting issues for the divorced, separated, or never married."

Vicki Lansky
Author and Columnist
Family Circle Magazine



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Wisconsin Adopts Strong Shared Parenting Law Now 26 States with Joint Custody



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Children have won a victory in Wisconsin. Starting May 1, 2000, all courts in Wisconsin will be required to presume joint legal custody is in the best interest of the child and to set as a goal "a placement schedule that allows the child to have regularly occurring, meaningful periods of physical placement with each parent and that maximizes the amount of time the child may spend with each parent."

Additional changes included in a bill passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Tommy Thompson (R) are:

- similar treatment of children in paternity and divorce cases (except for temporary orders);

*New Law Presumes Joint Legal Custody
and Regular, Meaningful Contact
between Child and Parents.*

- requiring parents to submit parenting plans;
- reducing to 1% per month the interest on child support arrears;
- limiting the liability for past child support to the time of filing of a legal action instead of the date of birth of the child;
- penalties for interfering with court ordered placement; and
- a provision for establishing a study committee to review the role of guardians ad litem.

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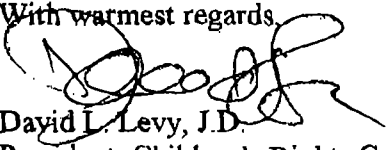
Dear Ms. O'Leary:

The Children's Rights Council would like to extend its ongoing support for declaring June 4 a permanent holiday or observance in honor and celebration of children.

CRC emphatically encourages the establishment of June 4 as an annual Child's Day, as it is nestled between Mother's Day and Father's Day, right where a child should be.

We appreciate all of your efforts on this issue and would be willing to lend whatever assistance is necessary to accomplish this goal in such a short period of time. Specifically, would a number of emails sent today from across the country supporting a declaration of Child's Day as a permanent holiday advance your efforts?

With warmest regards,


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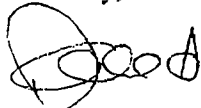
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