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Delegation Status Requested for Diversity Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee to speak about Parental Alienation Awareness Day and answer questions.

Did you know that Parental Alienation Awareness Day is recognized on April 25 in other cities in Ontario as well in North America.

What is Parental Alienation ? And why is it Oppressive.

Quite simply when a Couple that has Children separates one is typically given "Custody" of the child and an amicable access agreement is given by the courts.

The problem arises when the one given "Custody" does not want the child to see the other parent and stops access, doesn't allow phone calls etc. causing the child to lose touch of a loving parent and a loving capable parent without a child.

Parental Alienation is harmful to both Parents as well as Children. When couples separate or divorce, unfortunately children are caught in the middle which is harmful to their Mental Health and has caused some Parents to commit suicide.

It is extremely important to understand that this is very damaging and Oppressive to those in our community dealing with Poverty or victims of Domestic Violence as in cases of Parental Alienation the litigation can go on for years and years and very costly not only in financial terms but Mental Health.

Mental Health providers and child and youth workers recognize the devastating effects that Parental Alienation has on Families especially children.

Support comes to have April 25th recognized from ordinary Londoners as well as Olympic Skater Clara Hughes from Bell Lets Talk Day and I hope this committee will explore on how to have the day recognized going forwards.

2017 Proclamations or Recognitions

Visit <http://www.paawarenessday.com/proclamations.asp>

As shown in other Proclamations I would like the City of London Mayor and or City Council to adopt the following to assist families and children in their struggle.

Whereas parental alienation is often found in high conflict separations, divorces and custody disputes, and takes advantage of the dependency of a child; and

Whereas parental alienation deprives a child to their right to a loving relationship with both parents, and interferes with a child's mental and emotional development and;

Whereas it can be mild or to the extreme, consciously or unconsciously, and can manipulate and undermine a parents role in a child's life and;

Whereas parental alienation behaviors such as denigrating the target parent, interfering with communications and visitations, confiding inappropriate adult information with a child, such as the

details of marriage breakdown, court proceedings and financial matters are considered harmful to the child's well-being and;

Whereas medical professionals agree the problem of parental alienation exists and can cause mental and emotional harm to a child; and can effect them as adults with tragic consequences and;

Whereas with awareness we can educate the parents to act in their child's best interest, and gain education, understanding, and knowledge to prevent the abuse of the innocent victims involved in high conflict separations;

Sincerely,
John Peaire