

# **Recommendations from Human Rights Advocacy Group RTBR**

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**RTBR - Right to be Right Advocacy Group**  
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Greetings,

'We Have The Right to Be Right' created the media and social impact campaign "Bring Ra Home" which later evolved into "Bring our Babies Home" in support of Syesha Mercado and Tyron Deener. We are in the process of creating a case study based on our findings since beginning in March of 2021 until present, and will share with the Group.

We submit the below recommendations based on our experiences with the Judicial, Health and Child Protective Services in the United States.

The racial discrimination that our community is facing right now is focused on Police Brutality, because of the visibility and documentation. But we don't think about the other forms of systematic oppression that come as a sub-set, in particular the victimization of our children through the foster care system. They become the forgotten ones, falling through the cracks because mothers and fathers are too afraid to take on the gigantic task of standing up to institutions and laws that do not represent or protect them. Gangs filled with doctors, lawyers, child care workers and foster parents that are willing to create whatever mischief they need to fulfill their mandates. Racism in the health care and foster care system has become a new tactic to remove even days old babies from their right to their Mother.

Are our children protected by the child protective services? Who oversees Child Protective services?

CPS as a for profit corporation that has violated almost every article identified in the UN Convention on the Rights of the child and parent. Their actions in summary have terrorized children and families, and it is no surprise that workers with serious criminal charges fill a large percentage of child welfare jobs.

It is 2022. Still, these times must be looked at within the framework of post-colonialism. The remnants of slavery still persists throughout the institutions that govern Nations. When we consider how black families are forcefully separated, children placed into abusive and dangerous situations and parental rights terminated, we must remember the construct of colonialism. We are still working in systems and economic structures that are devised to separate and profit from the rape and exploitation of the black family.

## Recommendations

- 1. Activate immediate change within the system** while creating a new system from the ground up. There is absolutely no room to only restructure a completely corrupt system!
- 2. Abolish all Federal and State financial incentives** that have turned Child Protective Services into a business that separate families for money.
- 3. Cease the termination of parental rights.**  
Mandate a jury trial where every piece of evidence is presented before permanently removing a child from his or her parents. Give parents the opportunity in court to speak and be a part of their children's future. It is like death but even worse. Again, it goes back to slavery when babies were sold on the auction block to the highest bidder.
- 4. Launch an independent audit** of all State Child Protective Services (CPS) and for a Federal Congressional hearing on Child Protective Services nationwide.
- 5. Remove qualified immunity** for social workers and hold individuals accountable. Social workers have the power to permanently remove children without any due court process.
- 6. Mandate Body Cams for Social Care workers.**
- 7. Mandate Criminal Background Checks for all CPS Workers**
- 8. Open Juvenile Court cases to the public for more accountability.** Open family court. Remove the secrecy. Allow the press and family members access.
- 9. Assign impartial review committees** to review and hold corrupt players accountable. Committee should consist of lawyers, parents, government representatives, social workers, medical professionals, psychologists etc. who will identify if there was abuse of power, or are issues.
- 10. Mandate families to first right to placement**, whereby family members to be given the opportunity to adopt their own relatives if children need to be removed permanently. retaining?
- 11. Hospitals need to make greater accommodations for natural health care and diverse cultures.** Presently there is a lack of cultural representation which leads to mis-understandings, mis-communications, mis-judgements and bias. Culture and lifestyle are weaponized.

Thank you for your time and energy on this matter.