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PRESENTATION

Living is learning in order to ignore less;
It’s loving, for us to connect to a bigger part of humanity (...).

José Ingenieros

With these opening words, we present to our readers the second edition of the booklet of Parental Alienation, developed by Happy Child Brazilian Association - ABCF (Associação Brasileira Criança Feliz. – ABCF)

We believe that united for the same purpose, the awareness of Parental Alienation, we can protect children and adolescents who suffer from the harmful effects it produces.

This booklet, in a symbolically way, is our desire for the children to receive love from both parents, even if separated.

We dedicate this booklet to all children and adolescents, as they are the main reason we believe in the possibility of a better world.

To all parents and family members who suffer from parental alienation, for them to feel that they are not alone on this journey.

We wish you a pleasant Reading!

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BRIEF HISTORY OF ABCF

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery, today is a godsend. That`s why it`s called PRESENT!

With the intention to confront Parental Alienation, on 01.01.2008, the HAPPY CHILD RS PROJECT was created with the intent to research and disseminate develop subjects like JOINT CUSTODY SHARED PARENTING, PARENTAL ALIENATION AND FAMILY MEDIATION. With the continuously work of these topics the project would change the condition of millions of children and adolescents, parental alienation victims.

ABCF actively participated in the adoption of Law 11,698 / 2008, which deals with Joint Custody Shared Parenting.

The Association also took part in the preparation and processing of Parental Alienation Law 12,318 / 2010.

The approval of the law represented a dividing line in the association's history, celebrating a victory and being the advent of dissemination of this law, so it wouldn`t fall into a trash bin, with thousands of others laws without any effect.

ABCF`s activities, since the beginning, were supported by the Lawyers Bar Association of Brazil-RS - (Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil-Rio Grande do Sul), the Brazilian Institute of Family Law (Instituto Brasileiro de Direito de Família) - IBDFAM, the Legal Psychology Brazilian Society (Sociedade Brasileira de Psicologia Jurídica) - SBPJ (Protocol of Cooperation, April - 2010), the Portuguese Society for Equal Parenting and Children`s Rights (Sociedade Portuguesa para a Igualdade Parental e Direito dos Filhos) - Portugal (Cooperation Protocol, June - 2013), the Psychotherapy and Family Mediation Clinic (Clinica de Psicoterapia e Mediação Familiar) - CLIP (Cooperation Protocol, April - 2013), Parental Alienation Luso-Brazilian Magazine (Revista Luso-brasileira Alienação Parental) (April - 2013), Observatory of Shared Parenting (Observatório da Guarda Compartilhada) - OBGCBrazil (2015) and other organizations representing the rights of children of divorced parents in Brazil and Latin America.

Currently, ABCF, with the support of its members, is present throughout the whole country, represented in the Federal District and the states of Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, Paraná, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais, Espírito Santo, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Bahia, Pernambuco, Maranhão, Rio Grande do Norte, Ceará and Pará, Rondônia and Amazonas. ABCF also keeps constant contact with several organizations acting on the same subject, throughout Latin America, North America and Europe.
Mario Quintana (1906-1994), poet, translator and Brazilian journalist, wrote this phrase to emphasize the importance of faith and hope in our lives, feelings that are imperative to raise awareness and fight against parental alienation.

By this prism, Happy Child Brazilian Association (ABCF), through its members of Rio Grande do Sul and Porto Alegre directory, works aiming in some way to reach people's lives, serving as an example of motivation, determination and hope to those who undergo Parental Alienation.

Throughout its existence, ABCF was successful in spreading knowledge about Parental Alienation, Shared Parenting and Family Mediation, thanks to the diligence and generosity of the members of Rio Grande do Sul and Porto Alegre it was possible to accomplish several activities to achieve our goals.

Among the activities that were carried out in our state we can highlight:

- Walk against parental alienation and distribution of folders in the Moinhos de Vento Park in Porto Alegre / RS (annually);
- Interviews in the local media;
- Lectures at law schools, Psychology and Social Work about Parental Alienation and the importance of Shared Parenting and Family Mediation;
- III International Happy Child Campaign (executed from Porto Alegre and Ivoti);
- Development of institutional videos (Awareness Week and International Campaign Happy Child).

Our intention is to emphasize the importance of parental alienation awareness, and none of this would be possible without the special people who follow us!

The Directors of RS State and Porto Alegre are grateful to all of those who join the cause for love and solidarity, because being solidary, we are UNITED. Separated from one another we are points of view. TOGETHER, we will achieve our goals.
TRIBUTE OF ABCF TO CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

Each child is a witness of eternity, the certainty of life is renewed, the holder of a mystery. Each child is a human being, physically frail, but with the privilege of being the beginning of life, unable to protect themselves and dependent on adults to reveal their potential, but such, deserving of the highest respect.

DALLARI, D; KORCZARC, J.
Parental alienation is considered by the majority of jurisprudence and case law as a child maltreatment, committed child’s best well fare, child freedom to love, and most of all, is denying child’s parental and family bonds, through deprivation of family life and contacts.

But also is a family disruption causing in children the same loss of parents a part, through a toxic parenting, by the demand of affections and family life exclusivity.

The phenomenon is global and, although is a social and family issue, is also a legal relevant issue, once Courts are faced with it and have to solve the conflict and restore the family bonds and connections in name of child’s best welfare.

Once Brazil was the first country to approve a parental alienation law, as well as, one of the countries that have more studies and publications on the matter, becomes relevant this partnership to share this knowledge, in order to promote exchange, cooperation and, most of all, to bring knowledge further: pretending to reach families, law professionals, students and institutions to aware for the benefits of shared parenting and responsible, as well the dynamics and parental behavior and it’s damages in children and in family. But also to provide study instruments and work tools to face and understand parental alienation.

Portuguese Law imposed shared parental responsibility in important matters as obligatory in separation or divorce cases. The law intents it’s to promote co-parenting and co-responsibility of parents, emphasizing the difference between conjugality and parenting – foment the indissoluble parental responsibility and function. Representing the
best way of pacifies parental conflicts and equal involve parents in responsibilities and care.

Brazilian Law, at first (law 11.698, 13.06.2008), was understand as its application depends of mutual accordance of parents, but now, comes the new Law in December of 2014 (Law 13.058, 22.12.2014), to impose shared parenting as obligatory, and emphasizing that times of contact/family life should be balanced, which is a great mark, once recognize the importance of share responsibilities and times with children, balancing with the space respect of each other.

The greatest challenge of family and courts practice is not allow the removal of a parent from their indissoluble parental bonds, responsibility and functions to their children in face the conflict. It’s very difficult (but not impossible) to take care of a case law without destroying family, but is also need to work parental conflict and communication in order to provide the compliance of court orders, and the knowledge, once identified a high conflict or parental alienation, what to do and how to deal with it.

This is the focus of Happy Child Association and Luso-brazilian Digital Magazine through the sharing of knowledge, studies, investigations, news on case law and jurisprudence, in order to bring knowledge further, and provide new mechanisms to face this family reality.

Visit the link and learn about the magazine:

http://revistaalienacaoparental.webnode.pt/
WHAT IS PARENTAL ALIENATION?

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In last few years, perhaps no other issue has been disclosed in different areas as parental alienation. By legal perspective, is considered parental alienation act the interference in psychological training of the child or promoted, induced by a parent, grandparents, or by whom having the child or adolescent under his authority, custody or vigilance, to repudiate parent or adversely affecting the establishment or maintenance of family bonds (article 2.º, Law n.º 12.318/2010).

Parental Alienation consists of programming a child to hate without justifiable reason, one of his parents, until the child himself start deconstruction of that parent.

The assumption of immaturity and emotional instability, alienator parent uses the child as an instrument of aggression directed to the other, especially when suffering from feelings of abandonment and rejection as ghosts of an unresolved relationship through a non-elaborate mourning.

Parental Alienation has many faces and speaks many languages. It can show up in many different ways, but they all represent an abuse against children, harming their healthy, emotional development and primary affective relationships.

In parental alienation, loyalty conflicts implies disloyalty to the alienated parent, and the child still suffer of a dependence and submission situation of loyalty tests, especially the fear of being abandoned, once most serious emotional threat is the loss of parental love.

At this level of conflict, child is forced to choose between parents love, which are in total opposite to its normal and healthy development.

The alienating parent is fighting for a shared alienated truth. Over time, not even he distinguishes the difference between real and unreal. His true becomes the child’s true, which lives with false characters of a false existence, implanting thus false memories.

We can only therefore express our hope that by identifying Parental Alienation is also possible to unveil the masks it engenders.
PARENTAL ALIENATION LAW
Law 12318/2010, of 26.08

Art. 1th. This Law regulates the parental alienation.
Art. 2th. It is considered an act of parental alienation interference in the psychological training of the child or promoted teenager or induced by a parent, by grandparents, or by having the child or adolescent under his authority, custody or vigilance to repudiate parent or adversely affecting the establishment or maintenance of ties with this.

Single paragraph. Are exemplary forms of parental alienation, in addition to acts so declared by the judge or discovered by expertise, practiced directly or through third-party assistance:
I - perform disqualification Campaign conduct of the parent in the exercise of parenthood;
II - hinder the exercise of parental authority;
III - hinder contact with child or teen parent;
IV - hinder the exercise of the regulated right to family life;
V - deliberately omit the parent relevant personal information about the child or adolescent, including educational, medical and address changes;
VI - to present false complaint against parent, family against this or against grandparents, to prevent or hinder them living with the child or adolescent;
VII - change the home for long distance, without justification, in order to hinder the coexistence of the child or adolescent with the other parent, with this family or grandparents.

Art. 3th The Parental Alienation Act of practice hurts fundamental right of the child or healthy family life teen, impede the implementation of affection in relationships with parent and the family group, is moral abuse against the child or adolescent and breach of duties inherent to parental authority or arising from custody or guardianship. Art. 4th. Declared parental alienation act of Clue, upon request or ex officio, any procedural time in autonomous or incidental action, the process will have priority processing, and the judge will determine, with urgency, after hearing the public prosecutor, the provisional measures necessary to preserve the psychological integrity of the child or adolescent, including to ensure their familiarity with parent or enable the effective rapprochement between them, if applicable.

Single paragraph. Ensure shall be the child or adolescent and parent minimum guarantee of assisted visitation, except in cases where there is imminent risk of injury to the physical or psychological integrity of the child or adolescent, attested by professional if designated by the judge for monitoring visits.

Art. 5th If there is evidence of the commission of an act of parental alienation in autonomous or incidental action, the judge, if necessary, determine biopsychosocial or psychological expertise.

§ 1th The expert report will be based on extensive psychological or biopsychosocial evaluation, as appropriate, including even personal interview with the parties, examination of documents in the case, the couple's relationship history, split chronology of incidents, personality assessment of those involved and take shape as the child or adolescent is manifested about possible charges against parent.

§ 2th The testing shall be performed by professional or skilled multidisciplinary team, required in any case, proven by fitness professional or academic background to diagnose acts of parental alienation.

§ 3th. The expert or multidisciplinary team assigned to verify the occurrence of parental alienation will within 90 (ninety) days to submit the report, which may be extended only by court order based on detailed justification.

Art. 6th Characterized typical acts of parental alienation or any conduct that hinders the child from living or teenager parent, in autonomous or incidental action, the court may, together or separately, subject to due civil or criminal liability and the wide use of suitable legal instruments to inhibit or mitigate its effects, according to the severity of the case:
I - I declare the occurrence of parental alienation and warn the alienating;
II - expand the family living arrangements in favor of the alienated parent;
III - stipulating fine to alienating;
IV - determine the psychological and / or bio-psychosocial follow-up;
V - determine the change of the guard for joint custody or its reversal;
VI - determine the precautionary attachment of the domicile of the child or adolescent;
VII - declare the suspension of parental authority.

Single paragraph. Characterized abusive change of address, impracticability or obstruction to family life, the judge may also reverse the obligation to take or remove the child or teen of residence of the parent, during the alternating periods of family life.

Art. 7th The assignment or change of custody will give a preference to the parent that enables the effective coexistence of the child or adolescent with the other parent in cases where joint custody is not feasible.

Art. 8th. The child's domicile change or adolescent is irrelevant to the determination of competence related to actions founded on the right to family life, unless resulting from consensus among the parents or a court decision.

Art. 9th (vetoed)
Art. 10. (vetoed)
Art. 11. This law shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

Brasília, 26 August 2010; 189 and 122 of the Republic's independence.

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The practice of parental alienation usually begins when a parent or guardianship difficult and/or prevent family contact with the other parent, causing injury to the establishment or maintenance of family ties.

The behaviors that characterize Parental Alienation are as varied as possible, and have been recognized through the painful acts of deprivation against child and the other parent.

Article 2, sole paragraph, of Law 12.318/2010, lists an example list characterizing parental alienation acts, as follows:

I - perform disqualification campaign conduct of the parent in the exercise of parenthood.

This is, unfortunately, very common among when the alienating aim to get exclusivity, disqualifying the image of the other in front of the child or adolescent. These behaviors are well known, such as:

• Make drawbacks comments about gifts and clothes offered by the father/mother;
• Say to the child that the other parent doesn’t love him;
• Criticize the professional and financial competence of the other;
• Remember or create facts (neglect, assault, false abuse) that generate fear in the child;

This kind of behavior makes the child feel unprotected with this father and this mother who is charge.

II - Hinder the exercise of parental authority

Even if the child's custody is only with one parent, the other also remains with parental authority.

Decisions on the lives of children and adolescents (medical treatments, school planning, food, education, etc.) must be taken by both, otherwise, we may be facing a practice of Parental Alienation.
IMPORTANT

Parent or guardian induces child or teen to not comply with the other parent in order to hinder the exercise of parental authority.

III - Hinder contact the child or adolescent with parent or guardian

Before the rupture of marriage, the alienating creates obstacles to hinder the contact of the child or adolescent with the other parent. In this sense, attitudes may be the most diverse:

- deprives child or adolescent of other parent on several occasions the previously stipulated;
- The parent who has custody doesn’t let see the child;
- Deprives telephone contact and messaging the other parent with the child, forbidding even the child to call the other;
- Induces the child to the belief that if she keeps relationship with the alienated parent is cheating on you;
- Introduce new partner as its new parent.

IV - Hinder exercise of the regulated right to family life

This event occurs when a parent violates the minimum living schedules judicially, or agreement established, using arguments on the grounds that prevent them from occurring, such as: the child is sick, creates family visits and little parties at friends home, among others.

Another example of Parental Alienation, widely used by alienating, is organizing many activities for the day of established coexistence in order to make them unattractive or even inhibit them.

V - Parent deliberately omits the relevant personal information about the child life, including educational, medical and address changes

The alienating often omits important information about the child or adolescent, creating a distancing from the alienated parent on child daily life.

These circumstances induce in children and adolescents a feeling of abandonment, which is reinforced by the speech of alienator. Examples:
The alienating doesn’t communicate the important information about the health and educational situation, or changes address without informing in advance.

VI - Presenting false complaint against parent, family against this or against grandparents, to deprives child or adolescent of family life.

This is the most serious and cruel situation of Parental Alienation, unfortunately often used when exhausted all other removal attempts. Obsessed with the goal of distancing the other parent, and blinded by the desire for revenge, the alienating presents false report of sexual abuse, victimizing the child or adolescent and producing false memories.

This extreme circumstance often comes stamped by court decision ordering the removal of visitation.

VII - Changing home for long distance, without justification, in order to hinder the coexistence of the child or adolescent with the other parent, with this family or grandparents

A very effective alternative is the change of address to distant location without justification because it generates a physical distance, and therefore affective with the alienated parent.

The physical distance hinders the most frequent coexistence, resulting in weakness of affective bonds.

ATTENTION

The Parental Alienation, though popularly associated with divorce and dispute over the custody of children, can also still occur during the marital relationship.

EFFECTS ON CHILDREN AND TEENS

All separation can be experienced as a loss, especially for the child, which is still provided important physical and psychological dependence from parents. This points to the impact on the emotional development of child will depend on how their parents behavior in a divorce context.
It’s important to point out that children tend to reproduce the basic communication patterns that adults use with each other. If placed in an aggressive environment, blackmail and threats, they reedit these behaviors.

The conflict of loyalty, in turn, sets for children and adolescents that when their express happiness with the other, the alienator feels angry and betrayed by his choice, which often favors a situation of dependence and submission to the alienating parent.

Children subjected to such situations in general are unaware to the true causes of their behavior, preferring to accept the restrictions provided by alienating messages when they have no reason to depart from the alienated.

These conflicts can show up in children and adolescents as chronic depression, adaptation disability, identity and image disorders, despair, uncontrollable feelings of guilt and isolation, irritability, hostile behavior, lack of organization, double or multiple personality and in extreme cases, suicide attempts.

Finally, parents, married or not, have a responsibility to follow the emotional development of their children, as an individual under development, and help them grow into an adult to be able to love and respect themselves and the others. Only in this way the children despite parents separation, will know that they are still worthy of his love (Trindade, J.; MOLINARI, F., 2012).

ERRORS THAT MUST AVOID!

1. Consider only the opinion of the children, because it may be contaminated by the dominant opinion of the alienating parent, how aim to end contacts with the other parent.
2. be tolerant with the alienator.
3. Giving in to pressure and stop contact with the children.
4. Hope time will spontaneously resolve the problem.
5. Don’t recognize the need to seek expert help.
6. Don’t share the difficulties arising from the alienation process, out of fear or shame.
7. Give up from their children.
One of the keys issues of dealing with Parental Alienation is to recognize its occurrence as soon as possible, in order to change its contexts.

Because of this need we have developed a tool capable of identifying the existence or not of parental alienation behaviors indicators, and measure their intensity. This tool is the Legal Indicators Scale of Parental Alienation.

The Legal Indicators Scale of Parental Alienation is a tool made up of a direct response digital questionnaire, which aims to measure the presence of parental alienation factors, defined in Brazilian Law Nº 12.318 / 2010, for personal and scientific knowledge.

With the generated results it’s easier to identify and referral a rout change of the Parental Alienation context.

Anyone can access this public tool through the www.escaladealienacaoparental.com site to answer the questionnaire and to have access to a host of information about this behavior.

Know how to identify it’s the first steps to prevent Parental Alienation.
To see firsthand the damage caused by Parental Alienation practice, I ask myself where we will end, or rather, where will our children end. These children stands for a future generation of families that today are lost in sorrow, frustration and revenge.

When the marital relationship ends up usually it comes loaded with suffering, broken dreams and guilt generally all which attributed to "other" that so becomes the villain of the story.

Many parents suffer bitter consequences of parental alienating practices, driven by the blind selfishness that mistreats and injures its own children in order to remove the former spouse to the propose of satisfying its deepest feelings of revenge.

The parent who slams the door of our office brings pain, longing and many lawsuits under his arm.

We hear it, for one, for two hours, but that is not enough. He needs to talk, he needs to put out the hurt stored at his chest. Only then we can organize the confusion his mind has, while trying to understand and make sense of what is happening and that is devastating his life.

Understanding why our so loved and cherished child, suddenly no longer runs in to our hug, does not offer us that spontaneous smile, or does not call mom or dad, is no easy task.

This parent needs answers which we do not have, and a far better urgency of the speed that we can see. It is very difficult for the victim of parental alienation, reason amid due to the turmoil of feelings as anger, fear, anguish and revolt. It loses the necessary judgment to act appropriately. At first, they do not understand well what is happening and have no idea what might happen.

The first idea that occurs to you is to look for a lawyer. That lawyer should be prepared to proper receive and orient the supposed victim of Parental Alienation, including collaboration with other professionals such as a psychologist, fundamental in these cases involving families.

Important to realize that the lawyer receives also the alienating parent, you need as much, or more, for guidance, especially from
professional psychology. The professional function is essential for the development of the issue brought.

The lawyer has to be careful not to condone the alleged claims brought by the alienating parent nor either instigate the parent who claim is being alienated.

In the prevention of Parental Alienation there are two fundamental tools, which form the basis of the work at the Happy Child Brazilian Association, which are the Shared Parenting and the Conflict Mediation. Both should be disseminated and clarified about their true functions.

The Shared Parenting provides the exercise of parental authority with greater depth and direct participation of both parents, on equal terms, in the upbringing and education of children. Unilateral guardianship gives power only to the parent that holds, encouraging the dispute.

Not to be confused with the coexistence of children with their parents. The Shared Parenting sustains the joint decision of both parents on matters involving the children. Duties and rights are respected and exercised by both.

The Conflict Mediation should always be the first route to be searched. Family issues must be faced by the own family. Conflict, when properly resolved between the parties, provide agreements which are sustained over time.

Who better knows the solution of their problems are the parties themselves, assisted by mediators - prepared, neutral professionals, without any direction or value judgment on the issues presented - can resume a broken dialogue and support both to decide which is best suit for them. Research indicates that 10% of conflicts are caused by the difference of opinion and 90% for the wrong tone of voice.

Mediate does not mean finding the right solution for each case. Mediate is to believe in every person potential to reach and decide what is best for it own one.

Family conflicts should never end in the courts. Relationships born of affection and love, must always end with respect.
PERFORM THE 20 REQUESTS
FROM CHILDREN OF SEPARATED PARENTS
MOM AND DAD!

1. Never forget: I am the child of both. Now, I only have a father or a mother with whom I live and devotes more time. But I also need the other.
2. Don’t ask me if I like more one than other. I like both "equal". So don’t criticize each other in front of me, because it hurts.
3. Help me to keep in touch with the non-guardian parent. Select your phone number to me, or write your address on an envelope. Help me, at Christmas or on birthday, in order to prepare a gift for each other. My photos, always make a copy for each other.
4. Talk like adults. But talk. And don't use me as a Messenger between you. Neither for messages leaving the other sad or angry.
5. Don't be sad when I'm with the other. That parent doesn’t need to think that I'm not going to love him anymore. I'd prefer to always stay with both, but I can't divide myself in two pieces-just because our family is ripped.
6. Never deprive me of the time I have with each other. A part of my time is for me and for my mother; a part of my time is for me and for my dad.
7. Don't be surprised or upset when I'm with the other and don't call back. Now I have two homes, and I need to distinguish them, otherwise I don't know where I am.
8. Don't take me to the other, at the door’s House, as a package. Invite each other for a brief moment to enter, and talk how you can help make my life. When they come for me or take back, allow me a brief moment with you both.
9. Get me on grandparents home, at school or friends if you can't stand the look of the other.
10. Don't fight in front of me. Are at least as educated as you would be with other people, as you also require from me.
11. Don't tell me things that I still can't understand. Talk about it with other adults, but not me.
12. Let me take my friends at home. I wish they can meet my mother and my father, and like them.
13. Agree on the money. I don’t wish the richness or poorness of the other. It has to be good for both of us, so I can be comfortable with both.
14. Don’t try to "buy me". Anyway, I can't eat all the chocolate I'd like.
15. Tell me frankly when you can't "close the budget". For me, time is far more important than money. I have lot’s more fun with a simple toy than funny with a new toy.
16. Don’t be always "active" with me. It doesn't have to be always something crazy or new when we do something. For me, the best is when we are simply happy to be playing and we have a bit of calm.
17. Let as many identical things in my life, as was prior to separation. Start with my room, then with the little things I did on my own with my father or my Mother.
18. Be kind with my other grandparents - even though, during separation, they protected more their own son. You also would be on my side if I was in trouble. I don't want to lose my grandparents.
19. Be gentle with the new partner that you didn’t found yet. I also need to be good with those persons. I prefer when you don’t have jealousy of each other. It would be better for me anyway when you find quickly someone you can love. You wouldn’t be so mad with each other.
20. Be optimistic. Read again all my requests. Maybe you talk about them. But don’t fight. Don't use my requests to blame each other. If you do, you didn’t understand how I feel and how I need to be happy.

(Source-family and minors Cochem-Zell/Germany Court)
ABCF DISCLOSES PARENTAL ALIENATION?
ABCF EVENT CALENDAR

Happy Child Brazilian Association as a way to bring further awareness about the existence and the damage caused by Parental Alienation, has at its two annual programs calendar of events occurring in national and international scope: the NATIONAL WEEK of PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS and INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN HAPPY CHILD.

The national week of Parental Alienation awareness occurs annually in April.

Through the "awareness Weeks" ABCF, in all States and municipalities of Brazil, performs many events, among them the National Congress of Parental Alienation, lectures, seminars, campaigns in public places and interventions by the national media.

The international campaign happy child take place in October, commemorating the children at his day, aims to keep the fight against Parental Alienation. Through our unity, love and commitment, we seek to overcome barriers, demonstrating that our children and adolescents need to have the right of freedom, of affections with both parents, even if separated.

Come with us in every step of the walk, let's say no to Parental alienation and provide more happiness to our children, because a child will only be happy if have the love of both parents, even if separated.

Visit www.criancafeliz.org and learn more!

Shared Parenting Now!
A PROPOSAL FOR MOVING FORWARD ON THE ISSUE OF PARENTAL ALIENATION

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On 25th June 2012, was sanctioned the Bill that I proposed, instituting the Week and the Day of Parental Alienation awareness. I tabled this proposal in Gaucho Parliament given the relevance of the topic and, also, by the less known that I realized in large part of society.

14.026 law has the Foundation to seek to raise the population about the sufferings caused by torture raised by parents who separate and use their children as of the anxieties and conflicts. As I have already mentioned, the proposal on the establishment of the week and the day of Parental Alienation awareness, to be celebrated annually during the period from 24 to 30 April, with the goal of enhancing and supporting the realization of meetings, studies, debates, events and all activities related to awareness about Parental Alienation Syndrome – SAP.

The practice of parental alienation act hurts fundamental right of the child or adolescent and healthy family coexistence, undermines the realization of affection in group, relations with parent and with family constitutes moral abuse against the child or adolescent and violation of the duties inherent in parental authority or guardianship or custody.

To conclude I want to register the importance of establishing in our State serious that discussion about this issue affects so many times irreversible our families. I say this because the action results in strong feelings of anxiety and fear in relation to the other parent. In this process, children are used as an instrument of aggression directed to the ex-partner. And who suffers is the child. We need to move and change this
reality, because family was, is and always will be the foundation of our society.
And never forget that the children protection under the law should be treated as absolute priority.

**Law No. 14026, of 25 JUNE 2012.**  
*(published in the DOE No. 122, of 26 June 2012)*

The establishment of the Week and the Day of awareness about Parental alienation in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL.  
I do know, in compliance with the provisions of article 82, paragraph IV, of the Constitution of the State, the Legislative Assembly approved and I approve and enact the following Law:

**Art. 1th.** Is established the "Week of Parental Alienation awareness", to be celebrated annually during the period from 24 to 30 April, with the goal of enhancing and supporting the realization of meetings, studies, debates, events and all activities related to awareness about Parental Alienation Syndrome – SAP.

**Art. 2.** In the same way and with the same purpose is established "State Day of Parental Alienation awareness", to be celebrated annually on April 25.

**Art. 3.** This act shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

JOIN ABCF ON THE AWARENESS OF PARENTAL ALIENATION

The HAPPY CHILD BRAZILIAN ASSOCIATION – ABCF invites you to trail with us on this journey!

“Being solidary, we are UNITED. Separated from one another we are points of view. TOGETHER, we will achieve our goals.”

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