



League of United Latin American Citizens

Investigation of Illinois DOFS and Family Court System

WHEREAS, thousands of children in Chicago have been removed from the care of their parents by DCFS and family court systems without clear or proven need or reason,

WHEREAS many of these cases have persisted for years, leaving families torn apart unnecessarily,

WHEREAS, many of these cases involve parents who do not speak English as a first language and are not given adequate translation services while navigating the DCFS and family court systems,

WHEREAS, many of these cases involve parents who are undocumented and live with the added fear of being detained or deported if they fight for their custody rights of their children,

WHEREAS, many of these cases result in a child being put in the custody of the parent perpetrating the physical, mental and or emotional abuse and restricted or prohibited access to the non-abusive parent,

WHEREAS, many of these cases involve parents accused of abuse who are state or city employees and often times have personal and or business relationships with judges and other officials making decisions about the welfare of these children,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, LULAC of Illinois, will petition the Governor and members of the state legislature to establish a formal investigation into DCFS, family court systems and other entities related to these cases, an analysis of the ongoing abuses of children and of the system itself, to then formulate a plan of action to reform the system and keep our children safe,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we will bring this resolution to the LULAC National Convention and work to fight this issue around the country for the safety and wellbeing of our children.

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