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Child welfare has always used it against me with both of my two children that I have a disability I just had trouble with reading and writing as a kid that cause me some delay with basic education I no longer have trouble with reading but I still have trouble with spelling and I can go to public college to get help with basic education that is not a problem child welfare is using it against me that I have a cognitive learning disability/ ADHD which is still not enough of a reason to keep my children away from me I am perfectly capable of doing anything that anybody else is capable of doing that does it have a disability all my disability really is that I just have some trouble with filling out paperwork

When I had my son the in case worker lied in her report I had Mountain Dew bottles sitting next to my kitchen sink and she claimed that I had beer bottles scattered on my counter oh her report about me and my son's dad

from my experience with child welfare workers need to have more accountability for their actions for being dishonest and if they have the ability to go into someone's home and write anything that they want then these people should be wearing body cameras just like police officers

things did not work out with my son's dad child welfare used it against me that I had a disability and said that I had to move in with my dad because child welfare claim that I needed somebody to live with me to help me with my son because I had a disability child welfare made me feel like if I didn't find someone to live with to supervise me with my son they would take my son I did not truly feel comfortable with living with my dad this later on became a problem

I had to move in with my dad because things did not work out with my son's dad because he is schizophrenic my son's dad was not allowed to be alone with his son because of his schizophrenia and he never really tried to have anything to do with his son after we broke up because of his schizophrenia it made it really hard for him to participate in his son's life after he missed too many visits he didn't have any contact with his son until he was five when my son was three months his dad had pushed me into a wall while I was holding our baby he was paranoid that I was out to get him and he was threatening me because of his schizophrenia my cousin and her boy friend were there to witness the situation when it happened the whole thing started because of a video game will my cousin's boyfriend in my son's dad we're playing a video game and my cousin's boyfriend responded to the game characters saying I'm going to get you to the game characters and my son's dad started freaking out that we were out to get him my son's dad has a history of abusing his medications and has never shown that he can be responsible with his medication the father of my son's dad/my son's grandpa has said that his son has never been able to be stable in one place for more than six months because of his issues when I met my son's dad he never told me what his issues were and he kept bouncing from hotel room to hotel room being paranoid that somebody was out to get him he did not tell me the truth of what his issues were and that he had his schizophrenic problems from his mom

When the State closed my case when my son was a year old it was verbally said in court that my son was no longer ward of the state at the time that I had an open case my son was ward of the state but he was placed with me but somehow things got messed up and my lawyer never finished the paperwork so my son was still ward of the state which became a problem later on because I didn't know that my son was still ward of the state

about a year after this I got in trouble with the state because my dad can't control his hoarding problems and I did not get along with him because of my dad's problems with hoarding such as that my

dad owned 18 vehicles and I didn't have one vehicles these vehicles did not work he thinks that he might need a part off of them one day and is always bring things home that we didn't need that cluttered the house so bad that there wasn't anywhere to put anything he also hoarded food I always went and stayed with a friend of mine to get away from my dad when this incident happen the police officers that were involved we're not honest when this happened at the tim the the police officers did not have to wear body cameras and the two cops that were involved were known for being dishonest I did not leave my son alone the way that these cops tried to claim but I did step outside for a minute while my son was watching his cartoons we owned chicken so it was normal to step outside and feed the chickens or throw them some bread or food this would be normal for anybody that owned pets such as a dog or cat to step into their backyard and give their pets food because of this incident the DA ordered me to move from my dad's house because of my dad's hoarding

I was one of the very last cases that the DA finished up before retiring when this happe child welfare was not involved and when this happened I didn't know that my son was still award of the state because of this it messes things up later on and maybe I made a mistake but it didn't make me a bad parent

What I really truly needed for me and my son was our own safe housing my dad would purposely cause me problems when I used my dad as references to try to get into any kind of apartment or housing my dad would purposely say things that wood prevent me from getting into an apartment even when my dad thought that I was going to try to be roommates with my best friend my dad called the apartment managers and said things to them to prevent me from being roommates with my best friend my dad would purposely try to control every aspect of my life my dad would purposely run interference in things

I also have a conflict of interest with the child welfare office in my local area I have a sexual harassment complaint about the Child worker that was in charge of my open case this incident happened eight months after I had a closed case I went out to a bar because I just wanted a night out with a friend and I had my dad babysit my son

When I was getting ready to leave the bar this worker came up to me and try to clean that he had complaints about me and try to make me feel like I was doing something wrong by being at the bar and tried to tell me that if I didn't go with him to suck his dick he would take away my son I'm not that naive I ran away from him and he proceeded to follow me through the bar I went to the back patio area of this bar and saw some girls that I was familiar with and ask them if I can sit with them because somebody was harassing me when he approached me when I sat down he started grabbing me and trying to dump me out of my chair to make me go with him when he did this I grab the arms of the chair and the table to prevent him from trying to dump me out of my chair or pull me away the girls that I sat with went and got the bouncer to get this guy off of when the bouncer was telling him that he had to stop he started telling the bouncer that he was a child welfare worker like he was using it to justify his behavior while he was saying this to the bouncer I jumped up and I ran away and I went outside one of the girls that I sat with follow me outside because she was concerned when I went outside I approached somebody else that I knew and I proceeded to give her a hug and at that point I was standing in between two different bars and the bouncers were making the Child Welfare worker exit the bar when he was exiting the bar he then saw me standing on the sidewalk hugging my friend he then approached me again and started grab me I then started hanging on to my friend to prevent him from pulling me away my friend's boyfriend then ran into the bar next door to get the bouncers to get this guy of me and my friend that I was hanging onto the girl that had followed me outside went back into the bar where the incidents started at and got the bouncers to come outside and get this guy off of me at that point the bouncers from the bar that the incident start at and The Bar Next Door had to get involved and get this guy off of

me again and this guy again started using that he was a child welfare worker to justify his behavior the bouncers told him that he needed to leave or they were going to call the police after this incident happen somebody that witnessed the incident that must have heard him saying he was a child welfare worker had called the Child Welfare supervisor and told her what happened and then she contacted me to find out what was going on and I told her what happened she then lied to cover up the incident and claimed that we were just being discriminant towards this worker because he was black but one of the bouncers that had to get this guy off of me was black this child welfare worker skin color had nothing to do with his choices when the supervisor called me she had the conversation on speakerphone and the woman that was the in case worker was part of the conversation if this guy had a complaint about me then he needed to go back to office in the hours that his office was open and come make a formal complaint to me he had no business trying to trick me in a bar to give him sexual favors or try to forcibly remove me from the bar to give him sexual favors

Ever since this incident happen child welfare has messed up things with me and my kids even using my disability to justify their behavior and trying to make it sound like I'm more disabled than I am I had a Court order from the old D.A to move for my dad's my dad has problems my dad and other people that are friends with my dad made false claims to Child Welfare to cause me problems when I tried to leave my dad's in which this is a big problem that anybody can call and make false claims to child welfare just because of any reason such as me and my dad not getting along for an example so my dad could abuse calling Child Welfare to cause me problems and he won't get in any trouble for making a false claim when my dad started making false claims to child welfare to cause me problems a in case worker started trying to locate me and open a case against me based on a lie when I refuse to sign a paper for the in case worker that was a agreement to go back to my dad's which was in violation of the DA telling me to move from my dad's home she handed this paper to my dad in front of me and my dad said I'll take care it I didn't realize what he was going to do and I left the area I never read this piece of paper and it was a agreement with child welfare for me to having an open case and that I would go back to my dad's and pay him \$450 in rent out of my Social Security child welfare had faxed this paper to the payee that was in charge of my Social Security at the time that this incident happen this this payee never confirmed with me that the signature on this paper with this agreement with child welfare was actually my signature this payee got suspended from being my payee because of a forged signature she was only assigned to me in the first place because I was under the age of 21 when I started receiving Social Security she also got suspended because she wasn't doing what I was telling her to do and doing what other people such as my dad we're telling her to do

when this in case worker was harassing me she claimed that I might have been using meth there was never any meth in my system I have never used meth in my life when I left the state all I wanted to do was get away from all the people that were causing me problems and the harassment of child welfare trying to harass me for anything that they could come up with even trying to use my disability as an excuse to harass me when I left the State child welfare took my son for me from out of state and claimed that my son was still ward of the state I immediately came back to Oregon without hesitation to get my son back I began doing everything child welfare asked me to do to get my son back they made me go to the moms drug and alcohol program to admit that I might have had a drug problem child welfare was so quick to close their case with my son that I never actually had a chance of getting my son back what I was led to believe that I was agreeing to was not what I was actually agreeing to I was led to believe that child welfare had to drop their allegations and return my son to a parent and that they would drop their allegations against me if I agreed for my son to temporarily go with his dad to get him out of foster care and all I had to do was go to the court house next door to get custody I was actually agreeing to is that my son's dad couldn't protect my son from me and that I was agreeing for my son's

dad to leave the state with my son child welfare had actually changed what I was agreeing to in court and when it was done my court appointed attorney said that he didn't know that they were going to do that but he didn't do anything to help me fight it or appeal it or anything my son's dad's mother my son's grandmother now has my son who is schizophrenic and has a lot of problems from what I was told about her she used to go and lock herself in her room with a book for hours and leave her kids alone

at this time I didn't have anybody to point me in the right direction I was told that I would have to pay for a private detective to track down my son I didn't have that kind of money and I did have trouble reading at the time so I didn't know how to go online and look up things I was emotionally broken when this happened I broke out in shingles

I haven't seen my son in 4 years

I use the pain from my experience to push myself to learn how to read I removed myself from all the dysfunctions that were happening in my life

When I got pregnant with my daughter my daughter's dad led me to believe that he would help me get into safe housing he did not help me get into safe housing and became very abusive throughout my pregnancy and he purposely isolated me in the middle of nowhere when I met my daughter's dad I had a motorhome that needed a lot of work to be livable for a child my daughter's dad owned multiple properties in the middle of nowhere 2 hours from any town there was nothing but a gas station and a tiny library that was it any bigger than a Minute Market for miles were living on a separate property than where I had my motorhome parked my motorhome was 22 miles away from the property that we were actually living on I couldn't move my motorhome if I wanted to it had a flat tire my daughter's dad kept leading me to believe that he would help me go get my motorhome off of his property and take me back to town but he kept prolonging the situation and wouldn't take me back to town eventually I was able to trick him ended ditching me in a small town in the middle of nowhere when I tricked him into thinking that I called the cops when he put his hands on me I then got a lady to give me a ride to the library so I could get on the internet so that I could get on messenger on fb to get ahold of somebody to come and get me this was a huge problem the whole time that I was out there I couldn't get phone service because of the phone company that I was going through I did not have phone reception the whole time I was out there and when I was able to get on the internet I didn't know how to explain to anybody where I was at and I couldn't explain to anybody what was going on when my daughter's dad was always right there next to me

When I finally got back into Medford I got a job working swing shift which became another problem because I couldn't check into the women's shelter and work swing shift because the women shelter won't work with women that don't get off work before the curfew at the women's shelter you have to check into the woman shelter before 8 p. M. And I didn't get off work until midnight and it would have took me another hour to ride my bike home yes I got a bike and I was riding a bike while I was pregnant to make it to work and to where I was staying at I bounced around staying at several different places before I had my daughter even though I got a domestic violence Grant the domestic violence Grant has an expiration date I had didn't have any rental history and was having a hard time finding a apartment and even though there's some assistance you can get with a rental deposit it doesn't cover the whole rental deposit and with my mommy hormones and being a very determined mother I had to save as much money as I could before this baby came my grandpa owns a property with five rentals the only problem is that my grandpa is a sex offender so I could not go back to my grandpa's property when I had my daughter I was staying at one of my grandpa's rentals with some people that rent a house from him they were letting me stay in a bedroom of the house that they were renting from my grandpa I had my daughter 5 weeks early this did not help me I was very honest at the hospital and I said that I could not

go back to my grandpa's property because he's a sex offender and child welfare will use it against me my grandpa's ex-wife was my only support at the hospital but I could not live at her house because she resigns on my grandpa's property in a rental even though they are no longer together I could not stay at her house because my grandpa owns the property when I had my daughter my grandpa's ex-wife was helping me fill out the paperwork because I have trouble with spelling I did not have an address to put down on the paperwork and so my grandpa's ex-wife used her address because she was just trying to help me even though it wasn't a house that I was actually going back to she did not understand that it was an appropriate address to use because my grandpa owns the property and yes my grandpa has current charges against him because the parents of these children knew that my grandpa was a sex offender and allowed their kids to go alone around him those parents should be charged with child endangerment for allowing their children to go alone with a known sex offender with my Grandpa's latest son with my step Grandma there is a court order that my grandpa is not to be alone with children that my grandpa is to be supervised with children at all times but with my grandpa's current charges these parents allowed their children to be unsupervised with a known sex offender

child welfare took my daughter from from me at the hospital when my daughter was 3 days old claiming that I was going to go to the unsafe housing that I said I could not go back to I was very honest at the hospital I said that I needed a safety plan that I would quit my job to go to the woman shelter or I could go to that done house or a hotel room

you could tell in the way that child welfare wrote their report about me that they were lying they stated in their report about me that I was changing my story I never changed my story I just asked for a safety plan and I gave a list of safety plan options such as women's shelter or done house or a hotel room but child welfare said I couldn't go to any of those because there was nobody to mandatory report because child welfare was also using it against me that I had a disability this is the exact reason that child welfare should be required to wear body cameras because they lie in the reports they use to open cases against parents

I have now been in safe housing since my daughter was about 3 months old about the time that my daughter was 3 months I had a jury go over my case and they were in favor of reunification with my daughter a few months after this my worker did a job change when my old worker had specified that we were going to be doing reunification and that I was going to start having random home checks when the new worker took over my case since the new worker has taken over my case he has not followed through with the reunification plan he's even tried claiming that there is no way to get in the building to do random home checks because you can't enter the building of my apartment complex without a key but it is not true that he can't get into the building my apartment managers provide a key box with a code for child welfare workers and probation officers to have entry in to the building for random home checks on residence

my apartment managers cannot give the information to me I have messaged my worker this information because my apartment manager has to give this information straight to the Child Welfare worker even when I told my new worker about the key box he asked me to give my my apartment managers information to him and I have given him that information child welfare keeps changing things with my case now he's trying to claim that there they were never going to do random home checks but I have text messages to prove otherwise and witnesses to conversations with my old worker and my new worker I've even had my new worker try to go back on old things that were already unfounded and try to claim that there's a safety concern on old things when I left the abusive situation there was no State involvement I left on my own but there was nowhere to walk to to just leave and my new worker has thrown it in my face why didn't you just leave like as if there was a store that my daughter's dad was purposely isolating me in the middle of nowhere and my new worke he does not understand that my

daughter's dad kept leading me to believe that he was going to bring me back into town and was purposely prolonging the situation

My new worker doesn't understand how hard it was for me to get into housing because I had no rental history I sign up for every housing program opportunity that I could trying to get off the streets

I have tried to get ahold of the supervisor on several occasions about things being mishandled in my case I have called her I've left messages with her to call me she does not try to talk to me at all

Even the visiting center staff should be more closely monitored about how they document the interaction of parents with their children I have caught staff lying on numerous occasions about the interaction of parents with their children

If child welfare is going to use it in their favor that they have a concern with a parent with disabilities raising their children then they should provide group homes that help parents with disabilities there is housing programs that they can partner with to provide group homes and it would create more jobs

From a different experience I had with child welfare as a kid

Me and my sister had attended separate elementary schools I needed special education classes as a child and my school had contacted my sister School with concerns that me and my sister might have been being abused both of those schools agreed that me and my sister may I have been being abused they contacted child welfare once child welfare showed up at our house my dad did get in trouble for the hoarding but one child welfare was investigating the abuse allegations because me and my sister always had bruises called child welfare on my dad for abusing me and my sister my dad lied and claimed our mom put us up claiming that we were being abused which was not true me and my sister had not talked to her mom the phone in over 6 months and it had to be at least a year since we even actually seen or Mom because my mom lived in Montana my dad lied and said that me and my sister were just being lying Bratz and our mom put us up to lying in child welfare sided with my dad and said that we were being lying Bratz one of the workers that was there was in training I very peacefully remember that the worker that was handling our case asked if this lady could observe the situation and said that she was in training the same lady that was in training later on became a supervisor the same supervisor that contacted me when there was a sexual harassment complaint made she remembered me on the phone she's very peacefully remembered details of animals that we had on our property because when I was a kid me and my sister lived with her dad on a Two and a quarter acre property that my grandpa owned and my dad rented from my grandpa

From my whole experience that I've had with child welfare I think that there needs to be a lot of changes with child welfare from my experience as a kid I know that the supervisor was not being trained properly and as an adult there's a lot of changes that need to be made with child welfare there needs to be more accountability