

My name is Natalie Pelletier-Lunt. I am 16. We have been in court for years.

I reported my dad abused me for the first time when I was about 10. The court wouldn't listen to me or my therapists and forced me to have supervised parenting time even though I would throw up or have panic attacks on the way to supervised parenting because I was so scared. Instead of listening to me or protecting me, the court stopped supervised parenting time and forced me to have even more unsupervised parenting time with my dad after he hurt me.

For years he would yell at me and was horrible. At about age 14, he threw me into a wall and the police made me stay with him. Dhs said they would protect me but they didn't. He got supervised parenting but I refused to go. I had to go to court to be safe from him and still the court didn't let me testify. I refused to see my dad and he has not had parenting time for 2 years but the courts keep letting him take me to court which is very hard on my mental health. I have begged to testify but Judges won't let me speak. I have no peace.

I am 16 years old now and because the court keeps letting my dad take me to court and forced me to having unsupervised parenting time with my dad after he hurt me when I was, I have mental health issues. I have depression and anxiety and ptsd all because the court wouldn't listen to me and still doesn't even at 16. They even tried to force me to fly to Oregon once a month from Connecticut during a pandemic for sibling time.

At age 14, Oregon allowed me to have a say in who was able to see my medical or mental health records but didn't let me make a decision to be safe. Oregon needs to allow kids to have a say in which parent or guardian they live with.