

February 15, 2016 Maintaining Chaos

Trying to follow the evidence of a crime can be complicated if criminals are allowed to keep running the crime scene, moving evidence around, changing evidence, etc. It becomes about impossible to do anything except look at the damage and say: "A crime's been committed here." Or "Something is really, really wrong."

That's essentially what is going on at ACF, HHS and the rest of the Alphabet Soup that are supposed to be protecting children. We've known for years that they are not protecting children. We've seen first hand, their machinations to protect predators and to discredit victims, witnesses and mandated reporters.

We know it's not just children on the rez that are being victimized, but children all across the country, especially those who are in the clutches of the system. New York Times, Miami Herald, Grand Forks Herald, and papers coast to coast have done stories or series of stories on how children are being systematically mistreated by a system so corrupt, so crony bound that it allows children by the hundreds and the thousands to 'slip through the cracks', repeatedly, year after year, decade after decade, and change nothing to protect or make a single child safer.

It's not an accident. It's not a mistake. It's a corrupt system that defies inspection, audit or investigation. They only investigate themselves. Horror stories of survivors and even worse, horror stories of those who did not survive this system and its cronyism, shock us, sicken us, but nothing changes except that they become more corrupt, more egregious, more defiant to anyone that would dare say that they need a serious investigation, top to bottom, and people, some at the very top, need to go to jail for ethical violations, corruption and obstructing investigations into child abuse--- many of those obstructions resulting in children being murdered at the hands of their abusers/tormentors.

Now with the influx of unaccompanied minor children the incompetence and corruption become even more visible as tens of millions more dollars are flushed down the sewer that is HHS/ACF and their cronies.

[Sky News](#) does a story about thousands of children being 'disappeared' because no one bothered to do even the most fundamental basic tasks of background checking, fingerprinting or ID confirming adults into whose care those children were thrust. Thousands of children missing in Florida alone. Do the math. We have 50 states.

Those who knew that HHS and ACF were not only incompetent, but that they were harassing, threatening and obstructing anyone in their employ who would dare to actually do their job, this alarming outcome is no surprise.

Most of what I have found to be at the bottom of ACF/HHS dysfunction and corruption is their unholy alliance with other agencies, such as BIA and organizations such as Casey Family Programs. The latter seems to be the laundromat for the politicians and their appointees in the agencies. They get funding, share employees, get grants,

all in a circular system that is open to those politically active, politically connected and willing to forego the safety and well-being of children in order to keep the endless cycle of increasing Federal Money coming in, being dispersed amongst them, going to nobody knows where because nobody audits any of the so-called programs that are supposed to be helping anyone.

Just like GEAR UP and the ongoing scandals with that program, those grants, millions of dollars a year (small potatoes compared to the \$58 Billion Dollar a year budget for ACF alone) are all 'self-audited' with no proof of any work, success or even where the money went, being necessary.

Now, with the plight of tens of thousands of refugee children hitting all the right notes in Congress, millions more is granted to secure their safety and security... and of course, it's going somewhere, but nobody knows where, but we know it's not even going to the basics of fingerprinting or background checks of those who get custody of those children.

Enter a new organization: USCRI. U.S. Committee for Refugee & Immigrants was suddenly granted a contract despite having no attorneys on staff to cope with the needs of representation for the children. Zero Attorneys.

"Two respected nonprofits that for years have provided attorney services for thousands of Central American unaccompanied children recently saw their funding cut off and some services awarded to a different contractor, according to people familiar with the issue."[—Miami Herald](#)

Two agencies that had 20 attorneys on staff and who were already functioning to provide services for these children, and in need of more funding to increase their staff, were instead cut off in favor of a 'lower bid' that was 'lower' because they had no attorneys on staff.

"Andrea Helling, an HHS spokeswoman, said the situation will return to normal once a new contract is awarded."

"Normal"? "Normal" is where the kids are already in crisis. No estimated time of when that return to 'normal' will happen. Meanwhile, crisis goes into chaos mode.

It was limping along with the already three-layers deep Contractor/Subcontractor system that the Feds are so enamored of. The two organizations that were already doing the work were working under the main contractor, VERA.

"Vera, the organization that for 10 years had subcontracted with Americans for Immigrant Justice to provide legal services to unaccompanied minors in South Florida shelters, applied for the combined contract. CLS was included

in the proposal.

Americans for Immigrant Justice and CLS were told they would provide the services if Vera” won the contract.

And then came yet another contractor with no experience and no attorneys on staff and guess who won the contract?

Under the new contractor/subcontractor:

Youth Co-Op did not previously provide legal services to immigrant children. It created a legal services corporation on Oct. 5 — after the award was made. Its website shows job postings for 17 attorneys.

Having trouble following along? Keeping track of the players? Yeah, that’s intentional. And as the new contractors come in and fail spectacularly you can expect they will play themselves as the victims of the previous contractors and there will be fingers pointing everywhere but up where the ACF and HHS are creating this chaos. It’s noted in the article that children who have no legal representation are more likely to be immediately sent back to the hell holes in Central America that they risked their lives to escape.

USCRI does show that right after they won the bid, they put out a hiring notice for 17 attorneys. So, 17 new attorneys who may or may not be familiar with the process of these children in the system, most likely not familiar, gets the contract?

And as we know, all they have to do is request more funds and go ‘overbid’ because it cost more than they expected, and government money will pour in like a flood.

Meanwhile, as they are getting up to speed and the other two agencies are cut off, these kids have NO ONE.

Think about that. It’s not an accident that the part of the system that was working was cut off in order to create chaos in the system and as we know, the children will suffer and children will be disappeared and children will die, but somebody who knows somebody is going to get a nice fat government contract and they get to do their own ‘self audits’ and ‘self-evaluations’ just like every other agency that wastes our money and kills our kids has done.

Leaving thousands of children suddenly without any representation and them facing the likelihood that they will be sent back to the hell holes in Central America, do you think these kids who stand before a judge with no one representing them are going to argue with anyone that the agency decides should have them? Do you think they’re going to ask for background checks? Fingerprints? Or will they take their chances with the new strangers, knowing certain death if they go back?

These are the 'cracks' children 'fall through'. HHS and ACF absolve themselves of any responsibility, and then say all they need to fix it is more money--- and they will get more money.

Until we see that the corruption is never ending unless we demand that it be ended, it will only get worse.

Stunning moves right in the middle of a crisis of cutting off funds for the agencies that are in the middle of doing the work in order to give a contract to a group that is unstaffed and untested can be nothing more than corruption.

Saying that they can wait months to get up to speed while children are already backlogged and being returned to Central America where they are raped and murdered and trafficked, and thousands already here have already been trafficked into the hands of slavers, abusers and rapists. Tens of thousands have gone missing, just in Florida.

Instead of addressing the already existing crisis, HHS and ACF decide it's time to create more chaos.

The chaos that keeps anyone from looking at what they are really doing. It's the chaos that keeps the money coming in. It's the chaos that prevents investigation. It's the chaos that is their shield.

It's killing children. It's supplying child traffickers. Demand a full-scale Federal Investigation by a Special Prosecutor. If we can spend \$5Billion investigating a presidential blow job, we can spend a few bucks investigating the agencies that are obstructing investigations into crimes against children. Priorities people.

We know the money is there. We've seen it wasted on bullshit for years. It costs us \$23 Million every time the GOP shuts down Congress and we don't blink an eye. We see billions poured into programs that are never audited. Let's spend money where it will make a real difference, now and on down the line.

Let's put the money into taking care of the children, OUR Children, All children. The Refugee Children. We cannot allow the child traffickers and their enablers at ACF and HHS to continue to create an underground market in the lives of babies and kids.

Those babies and kids are here. What happens to them is on us. Allowing any traffickers to have more protection than those kids is a national disgrace.

None of this would have happened had the FBI investigated the ACF obstructing Thomas Sullivan's Mandated Reports instead of harassing the people who were making the reports.

None of this would have happened if years ago, when those 13 Mandated Reports were issued and ignored, and obstructed, we had a government willing to investigate the widespread abuses and cronyism between agencies and organizations.

If anyone had taken seriously those reports, and the reports by Dr. Tilus, and the Reports by Betty Jo Krenz, those lives would not have been lost and we would be investigating and fixing the problem today. Instead, we are watching it continue to balloon, right before our eyes.

I've highlighted and underlined areas of specific interest in the printer copy of the news story. The conflicts of interest are stunning. We only barely get the names Limón and Negash and their ties to the contract/bidding process/organizations.

HHS 'admits there are problems with awarding the contracts' but glides over them as if really, nothing to see here.

Meanwhile, children's lives are in the balance and they are losing. And that's just the Refugee Children. The rest of the children? They've been losing for decades, and we've been paying the price in every way. They've been suffering and we've been paying and those who have been profiting have found a thousand ways to conceal their corruption, chaos being their best smoke and mirrors go-to, thus far.

We could have begun to fix this years ago. But we did nothing.

You know where to find me.

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