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Focus on Child Custody

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Child Custody – Can we help?

The simple answer is: Yes, we can!

When a relationship begins to crumble, everyone involved is subjected to stress, emotional pain and uncertainty about the future. When children are involved, the stress is escalated as decisions about who is the better parent or who is a more stable parent become very important parts of separation proceedings. Sometimes separations are not amicable and parents battle over everything from the children to the curtains on the wall and problems are created for everyone. When children are involved, their care, stability and emotional well being should be the number one priority for all parents; however, this is sometimes not the case. Children are often used as bartering tools or emotional weapons between two adults who can't make things work.

Determining which parent is more stable and better able to provide for a child is often difficult, especially in Arkansas. In a custody case, Arkansas judges tend to rely upon the best interest of the child doctrine; however, the doctrine is merely a modern, updated version of the Tender Years doctrine. The Tender Years doctrine held that children under a certain age should remain in the care of their mother to ensure their emotional and physical needs were met. That doctrine implied that only a mother could nurture her children in the best way and unless deemed totally unfit and a danger to the children, the mother usually retained custody of the child. In the 1970's, courts began considering the best interests of the children as a deciding factor in custody cases and moved away from the earlier doctrine. Under the best interest doctrine, mothers and fathers are allowed equal opportunity to obtain custody of their children; however, the reality has shown that courts tend to more often give custody to the mothers unless they can be proven unfit or an immediate danger to the children.

The decision of who should be the custodial parent of a child should not be based upon gender alone but on who provides the most stable environment for the child. That's where we come in. If one parent is having constant overnight guests of the opposite sex or excessively drinking in the presence of the children, this behavior is not healthy for the children and puts them in danger of being exposed to strangers or bad behavior. If the children are being driven in vehicles without seat belts or child car seat restraints or being left in the car alone for long periods of time, this is neglectful parenting and can not be tolerated by either parent. Split parents often do not agree on the other parent's rules and child rearing methods but when those methods become dangerous to the child, action must be taken to ensure the safety of the children involved.

If you feel that the custodial parent of your children is not providing a safe and healthy environment for them to grow and thrive, Arkansas Investigations can help. If you are a man, we can show you actual cases where single fathers can and have gained custody of their children. You can talk all day about what you have heard the other parent is doing or what someone saw him or her doing but until you can provide conclusive evidence of negligent activity to the court, the information will not mean anything to your case. Having documented photographs, video and/or written statements about negligent activity by a parent is the most effective way to show the courts that you would be a better parent for your children. Arkansas Investigations can provide evidence of child neglect and/or abuse if present and demonstrate with physical evidence the type of environment your children are living in. If drugs or alcohol are suspected as being used by the custodial parent, evidence can be collected through various avenues to establish a pattern and frequency of use. Often times in this type case, one parent is involved romantically with



another person. Courts in Arkansas frown upon overnight guests of the opposite sex when child custody issues are involved. If your ex is having men or women sleep over night at their home while your children are present, Arkansas Investigations can document and establish time periods in which guests stayed overnight and present video evidence of their presence in the home. We're creative and we know how to do this.

Children need to live in a stable environment. In a perfect world, everyone would get along and the children would be raised by both parents in a loving, caring environment. Unfortunately, we do not live in a perfect world and break-ups are rarely a pleasant experience. If you are concerned about the well being of your children and the activities you ex-spouse is engaging in while your children are present, contact Arkansas Investigations and let us see how we can help you. Call us at 501-605-0360 (24 hour) or 501-372-2202. We can help you!



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databases have been spotlighted on news and even other TV shows. They are very high tech and should not be confused with the claims of websites on the internet where they say they can find anyone.

Here's some examples:

- ◆ A mother was seeking her lost son who disappeared over 10 years ago after a serious argument. We found him in a western state and he called her on Christmas morning. What a Christmas present!
- ◆ We've found dozens of people who had skipped out on support and alimony payments.

- ◆ We found a young child who had been abducted by her non-custodial parent. The mother and child disappeared from an east coast state and appeared in the Little Rock area a few days later. She was staying with an immigrant family whom she had no family ties to.

We can provide several other examples, however the bottom line is that we have resources that we dedicate to helping you. We also have a number of attorney's who we can refer you to that can help and are anxious to help you. You have to take the first step.

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