

Perspective on the Experience of Grandparents who are Cut-Off from their Grandchildren

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NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, March 22, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Family Access – Fighting for Children’s Rights and the Steel Partners Foundation today announced that Dr. Carol Golly, an expert in the field of parental alienation and grandparent alienation, is presenting at the upcoming Virtual International Conference on Helping Courts Understand the Phenomenon of Alienation from May 14-16, 2021.

With 70 million grandparents in the US and a three-fold increase in life expectancy over the past 200 years, it would appear grandparents are well situated to enjoy long and satisfying relationships with grandchildren. Over 70 percent of grandparents report that being a grandparent is the single most satisfying thing in their lives. How can it be, then, that instances seem to be on the rise in which grandparent/grandchild relationships are never established, disrupted, or are cut-off? Although the phenomenon has only recently been identified, it is clear that grandparents in such circumstances may suffer profound feelings of grief and loss, as well as serious physical and mental health problems.

To help understand how being cut-off from their grandchildren relates to grandparent depression, complex grief, suicidal ideation, and self-reported physical health issues, Dr. Carol Golly recently completed doctoral research on the subject. 400 grandparents completed surveys for the study. Of interest were potential pathways of why grandparents were alienated from their grandchildren reported by the grandparents. As expected, grandparents reported being collateral damage in cases where their adult children became alienated from their own children.



2021 Virtual International Conference on Helping Courts Understand the Phenomenon of Alienation
Friday, May 14 7-9 pm
Saturday, May 15 8am-5 pm & 7pm-9pm
Sunday, May 16 8am-5 pm

Elaine Cobb - President, Family Access - Fighting for Children's Rights; Event Coordinator

Co-Director
Steven Miller, M.D.
 Degreed in both Psychology and medicine from Brown University. Dr. Miller did residency training at Brown University and Harvard Medical School. For more than 30 years he was on the teaching faculty at Harvard Medical School. He is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Emergency medicine. In addition, he has many years of experience practicing Behavioral Medicine - a specialty that focuses on the interface between medicine and psychology.

Co-Director
Ashish S. Joshi, LL.M
 Owner and managing partner of the firm, serves as the lead counsel in high-stakes, complex disputes and litigation matters. Mr. Joshi's focus lies at the intersection of forensic sciences, human rights and complex disputes in situations involving severe parental alienation and psychological maltreatment of children, false allegations of child abuse, recovery of abducted children and/or hidden assets in foreign jurisdictions and multi-jurisdictional disputes.

Moderator
Colleen Murray, Ph.D., LPC
 A licensed practicing counselor in Saint Robert, MO, Dr. Murray has an interest in better defining intimate partner violence (IPV) to include parental alienation. She has spent many years working in the area of IPV and studying the effects and interventions for children subjected to intimate partner violence. Dr. Murray is in private practice with a focus on high conflict divorce and parental alienation. Dr. Murray assists families with co-parenting, reunification of alienated parent, and parent management techniques.

Keynote Speakers
J. Michael Bone, Ph.D.
 An experienced consultant for cases involving Parental Alienation and has spent over 25 years working with high conflict divorce as a therapist, expert witness, mediator, evaluator and consultant, both nationally and internationally. Additionally, he is co-founder of the National Association of Parental Alienation Specialists.
Robert A. Evans, Ph.D.
 A licensed school psychologist and has been practicing Forensic Psychology for over 25 years throughout the US. Dr. Evans forensic services include expert testimony in family law cases with a focus on Parental Alienation (PAI) including allegation of parental rejection, child abuse, sex abuse and endangerment. He is trained as a Family Divorce Mediator, Parenting Coordinator, Guardian ad Litem, Collaborative Law Practice and Child Custody Evaluator.

Session Speakers
Lynn Steinberg, Ph.D., LMFT
William Bernet, M.D.
Brian Ludmer, B.Com., LLB
Robert Hoffman, P.L.L.C.
Linda Gottlieb, LMFT, LCSW-R
Carol Golly, Ph.D., LCSW

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Dr. Golly will summarize investigations in the field of grandparent cut-off and discuss highlights from her study, including written words of wisdom from several study grandparents. As a founding board member of Alienated Grandparents Anonymous, Inc. (AGA), she has participated in grandparent support group meetings in the US, Canada, and Great Britain. Since 2011 AGA has grown to include AGA alliances in all 50 United States and many countries throughout the world, reflecting the global crisis of grandparent cut-off and the call for effective intervention and support for affected grandparents.

Dr. Golly maintained a private practice in Florida for 20 years as a child and family therapist. She worked for several years as a clinician at Stable Paths in Miami, FL, treating court-ordered families experiencing severe parental alienation. She maintains a limited private practice and works full-time with military families and their young children in North Carolina.

Registration information and conference details are available at:

www.familyaccessfightingforchildrensrights.org/helping-courts-understand-the-phenomenon-of-alienation-nc-conference.html.

About Family Access – Fighting for Children’s Rights

Our primary concern is the children and grandchildren and then the complete family. Sadly, the children and grandchildren who are alienated from family are being treated as pawns and property. They are neither. They are human beings, and they should not be regarded as such by



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their parents or any other family member. We contend that it should be illegal to use children as pawns or instruments of spiteful behavior to prevent them from interacting with ALL other family members. Our purpose and goal are to ensure the preservation of extended, traditional family relationships. In the process of this hell on earth called alienation, we need all the knowledge, support, and resources we can get to help our children and grandchildren and then ourselves. Professionals who deal with alienation in helping families will glean much from this website as well. To contact us, please email familyaccessinncc@aol.com.

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