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My name is Bryan Cook and I am 11 years old. On March 22, 2013 my life was forever changed when a Texas social worker picked me up from my school in front of all my friends and told me I will never ever see my parents again was taken to her office where she began to tell me I had to say certain things when she turned the tape recorder on in order for me to be able to return to my parents.

Although I am a child my parents taught me that no matter what the situation may be.... you should always tell the truth ...and so I refused....My social worker got really angry with me and started saying a lot of lies about my parents and told me again if I didn't say what she wanted me to say I would never see my family again.....so after I refused my social worker told me that my family didn't love me and they no longer wanted me so I was going to go to a foster home and I would never return.

I was so scared and confused as I was raised in a loving home with parents who have always taken great care of me and all my brothers and sisters and not one time in my 11 years has either of them ever hit, or yelled at me.....They have never done drugs or drank alcohol before and have never been in trouble with the police or had a cps case before....and my parents have always helped me with my school work and helped me in my life serving God.....I look up to my parents as they have big hearts and are always helping out other people.

I begged for my social worker to please let me go home and I repeatedly told her she was lying about my parents.....But she refused to listen.....She told me it didn't matter what I had to say as I'm only a child...

I was quickly placed in a foster home away from 4 of my brothers and sisters...and had to go days without seeing or talking to my parents....I was placed with complete strangers and not allowed to see any of my family members or friends and was removed from the only school and church home I ever knew.

I was placed in a foster home that had a total of 14 kids living there. We were given rules and orders that we can't tell people about anything that happens in our foster home and we were forced to sign a form promising not to tell. We were given rooms that had alarms placed on the doors that would go off if we ever left our rooms.....including my little brother who is 7 as he was forced to pee his pants every night.

In May of 2013 another child started sexually touching my brother in his private parts and I quickly told my foster parents and then reported it to my social workerbut they told me it was ok.....not to worry about it....In June the same boy started sexually abusing me....I again told and nobody listened.....

Today I thank God for answered prayers as the truth came out that my parents never once laid a hand on any of my 7 siblings and I was returned home after 377 days....but.... I lost an entire year with my parents and was only allowed 42 hours with them....I missed birthdays and holidays and an entire summer all because a social worker was allowed to lie under oath and falsify paperwork.....I may only be a child....but I know right from wrong..... and I know that no matter what we should always tell the truth.....but.... my question is.....

WHAT MAKES IT RIGHT FOR A SOCIAL WORKER TO BE ABLE TO LIE?.....
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WHAT MAKES IT RIGHT FOR A SOCIAL WORKER TO OVERLOOK MY SEXUAL ABUSE AND NOT REPORT IT SO I COULD BE SAFE?

Today I stand before you a 11 year old boy who is another victim of a system that is broken,.....a system that overlooks abuse in states care.....and fails to protect children... I was removed from a safe and loving home only to return a victim.....today I stand before you a victim that was sexually violated more than 50 times in foster care..... only for my social worker to hide it and tell me its ok.....its not a big deal.....and that its not abuse...

How would you feel if I was your child? ????????????

Its time for a change,its time for the real victims to be allowed to speak out against social workers who are failing to protect the ones they swore to protect.....

ITS TIME FOR SOCIAL WORKERS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR NOT REPORTING ABUSE IN THEIR CARE, AND TIME FOR SOCIAL WORKERS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR LIEING

I love my parents with all my heart and I missed them each and every night that i was force into foster care.....many nights I cried myself to sleep and prayed that God would save me and take me back homeI can never get back the year I lost with my familybut what I can do is fight for a change.....in hopes of helping prevent another child or family to be hurt and failed by a broken system.

Thank you