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I would like the committee to know how difficult it is to protect a child and specifically as it relates to special needs children. They're more vulnerable because of their disability. They tend to be abused more often.

I'm the grandmother and legal guardian of two children. One is autistic and IDD and the other is also a special education child.

In 2007, I made a call to CPS to report abuse and negligence on the parents. CPS closed the case. I went to court with an attorney, paid thousands of dollars, and was given custody of the two children.

Weeks later, one child told me about the abuse he suffered at the age of six. He was very small and the abuser about three times his size. We went to court and the abuser was found guilty of a second degree felony. He was given only two years probation by Judge Laura Parker. The judge was very biased and didn't care about the victim. The advocate for JV told me to get over it, that no one cares, and to stop calling their office. These are the facts and the case number is 2007-Juv-0049. CPS did nothing.

On July 12, 2012 I called CPS and San Antonio Police Department to report mom's boyfriend was giving the child alcohol, hitting him against the wall, and making his nose bleed. The child was eight years old and is autistic and IDD. CPS closed the case #62608816. Again on July 19, 2012, case #42382908 reopened the case, just to close it again. I was told by CPS that children like him are not believable. SAPD report #12159766 did nothing.

Once again, I went to court with an attorney on July 27, 2012, spent thousands of dollars, and the judge stopped moms visitation rights and limited them to supervised visitations.

On July 30, 2012, the other child came to my house because moms boyfriend was hitting him so hard he couldn't breathe. CPS and SAPD report case #12169948 were closed. Zero investigation.

Same child, on October 26, 2013, told me about all of the abuse he had suffered under the hands of the same boyfriend. He was at Clarity Child Hospital and the hospital didn't report it. So on October 31, 2013, I made a report to SAPD, case # 13240222. I spoke with Detective Wilson, Senator Uresti's office and the case was assigned to Detective Campos on November 21, 2013. He said moms boyfriend denied the allegations, so the case was closed.

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