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Agency: DEPARTMENT FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES DFPS

First Name: Dale R.

Last Name: Grimmer

Title: father of the 12 yr. old little girl who predicted her own death on facebook

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Laredo

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am a resident of the state of Montana. my son Timothy D. Grimmer and, my daughter Ramie marie Grimmer, were in a hostage standoff between their mother and police in a Laredo, Texas foodstamp office where negotiations ( if there were any) failed and the end result was the murder of my two children and the suicide of their mother in December of 2011. now, my children and their mentally unstable mother were in contact with Texas child services 3 times. the first time was while they were living in a tent on the beach outside or near Corpus Christie where the child caseworker decided they were fine and left them living on the beach in a tent. this is appalling and if I had been contacted would have ended right there and my children would be alive today as well as their mother. the second time was after the sheriffs deouties saw them on the beach at night and checked on the children. their mother told these deputies that it was okay, and that they were on vacation and living on the beach as part of a learning vacation. when asked where they would clean up and do daily routines of hygiene. the deputies were told they bathed in the ocean and were quite happy. the deputies determined this was ok and decided too refer them too family services. this is even more appalling too me. if they were doing their job correctly then I would have put an end too this living on the beach, and my children would be alive today. as well as, their mother. the third time was while they were living in a camp trailer in a Laredo trailer park with very little money and no employment was obtainable for Rachelle because she had sold her truck for scrap. after visiting the Laredo sheriff and telling them she was a victim of domestic abuse, and that she had a gun for protection. (sheriff noted that Rachelle was acting billigerent, paranoid and obviously was mentally challenged)they went too where they were living in camp trailer. they looked at the gun.(not her gun and unregistered in texas). they (deputies) decided it was ok for her too have this gun and left her and my children living in subpar conditions, with this gun. ( if it had been myself and my children with this unregistered gun?) the sheriffs decided too refer family and children services for a visit. who never showed up. but decided calling was the best way too deal with my family. this is crap. a total work study on the best way too deal with mental illness and changing the way family services deals with mental illness would be a big step in saving lives.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: 6 month training seminar with these stories as a training tool and as examples of what not to do in these situations. there are plenty of people whom have been left behind by this agency and its workers in Texas as well as their horrible stories and treatment at the hands of this agency. if two people out of ten in your workforce at these agencies changed the way they look at their cases because of these tragic cases and their outcome. then we have something. 6 month training of deputies and their bosses on dealing with mental illness would go a long way towards saving lives.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree