

# David L. Levy, J.D.

Custody Consultant

## About Me

Co-founder and former board president/CEO for 24 years of The Children's Rights Council (CRC) a global child advocacy organization based in Landover, MD, at [www.CRCKids.org](http://www.CRCKids.org) (<http://www.crckids.org/>).

Organizer of 16 national CRC conferences.

Developer of CRC chapters and affiliates around the U.S. and in seven other countries.

Provided advice to thousands of parents, grandparents, and other individuals who contacted CRC over the years on custody and related issues.

Catalyst for more than 25 access (transfer of children and supervised visitation) centers operated by CRC and its chapters in 11 states and Washington, D.C.

Supervised more than 350 college and graduate student interns from around the U.S. and abroad, 150 of which chose CRC through the Washington Center, a program based in Washington, D.C. which places interns with organizations in the Washington area. The Washington Center awarded CRC and Levy its "Non-Profit Intern Provider of the Year" in 2005.



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Named as "One of the 25 Most Influential People in the Lives of Our Children" by Children's Health Magazine, Fall, 2009. Others named included Melinda Gates, Arne Duncan, Sasha and Malia Obama, and SpongeBob Square Pants.

Presented with a "Lifelong Achievement Award" for "Your Untiring Efforts on Behalf of the Children of America" by the federal Child Support Office in September, 2000.

More than 200 appearances on TV and radio talk shows, including Oprah, Good Morning America, the Today Show, and speaker at numerous judicial, child support, shared parenting, fatherhood, stepfamily, supervised visitation conferences and commissions on the needs of children of separated, divorced, and never-married parents.

Author of various articles in journals, newspapers, and magazines, the latest of which is "Helping One Child at a Time: Child Access Centers" in the prestigious The Journal of American Therapy, Fall, 2009.

Editor of the book, "The Best Parents is Both Parents: A Guide to Shared Parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" (Hampton Roads Publishing Co., 1993).

Former Board Member of the Stepfamily Association of America, the Supervised Visitation Network, and other organizations.

### Consultant on:

Joint Custody (Shared Parenting/Co-Parenting)

Access (Visitation)

Preventing and Treatment of Parental Kidnapping in the U.S. and abroad

Parental Alienation of Children

Providing of Supervised Visitation

Adult Children of Divorce Seeking Re-Unification with their Children

The Importance of Fathers as well as Mothers in the Lives of their Children

The significance of Grandparents providing intergenerational family support in the lives of their grandchildren

Ways to encourage individuals, especially young never-married parents, to consider marriage as the best insulation for children

Custody Legislation in the various states

Fatherhood and Parenting Legislation on Capitol Hill and in the states

Financial Child Support

Mediation

Collaborative Law

How to Work your Way through the Courts and How to Avoid Litigation when Possible

How Children with two parents provide more Safety for Families, Neighborhoods and Communities in terms of less involvement in drugs, crime, gangs, teenage pregnancy, and higher performance in schools, than children without both a father and mother active in their lives.

Research on Children's Needs

Available for consultation with one parent, both parents, and group consultations, by phone, email or in person.

Available as a speaker at educational forums and conferences

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