

Mom #4 (Name released only to local officials)
La Crosse, WI 54601

September 22, 2020

RE: La Crosse County Child Custody Assessment Team Process Complaint

Dear La Crosse County Board of Supervisors and all copied on this communication,

Please address the multiple dysfunctions of The La Crosse County Family Court System, La Crosse County hiring of poorly practicing professionals, and the La Crosse County Custody Assessment Team processes, which have all placed multiple children and mothers back in the hands of known abusers. After leaving my abusive ex-husband, and receiving majority custody and placement of our children, Family Court Commissioner Elizabeth Wright, in conjunction with county-hired Rebecca Angle (PsyD) and Lisa Stablier, forced a rushed reunification between my young daughter and her abusive father, against the wishes of more experienced, credentialed, and familiar professionals already in use by our family. My daughter protested, refused, wept, and did everything in power to not go see her abusive and mentally ill father, but FCC Wright, Rebecca Angle, and Lisa Stablier blamed me for supporting my daughter, and demanded that she be sent to spend time with him anyway. In their report, they recognized that my ex-husband was engaging in behaviors towards my daughter that were not acceptable. In the fall of 2019, my daughter was then **molested** by him and has since struggled with suicidal ideation and attempts at self harm at age 11 because of the abuse. We are still struggling for the La Crosse County Family Court System to protect us, practice in modern, trauma-informed ways, stop repeatedly enacting gender bias and discrimination against women, and stop seeing abusers as the victims.

I, my children, and the other mothers and children of La Crosse County will face retribution for speaking up against the powerful local authorities in this way. Please help us. Please ensure that the safeguards that are supposed to protect me and my children from our abuser are utilized. Do not force us into contact with him. Examine and fix the local system that mirrors national trends that punish mothers and children for speaking up against abuse. Hire professionals properly trained and practiced in dealing with family trauma, domestic abuse, data-handling, modern psychology, and implicit and explicit bias. My daughter was forced to reunify with my abusive ex-husband, and then he sexually groomed and abused her. Recognize the cycles and fix them.

Sincerely,
(Name released only to local officials)