



PUBLIC PETITION NO.

PE01528

Name of petitioner

John Ronald

Petition title

Child court reform

Petition summary

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to amend child contact laws to provide that the starting point for the judge should be near to 50/50 contact for both parents if parents are fit and proper to parent.

Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition

Contacted MSP who suggested placing a petition. Spoke to lawyers and been to court also researched child and co parent studies

Petition background information

I feel with the vast research that both parents should co parent and have equal or near equal time with their children. Studies have proven this not only makes the child feel loved and feel that they do not have to pick or choose a parent it also ensures the child feels they have two homes and is loved and nurtured by both parents. It also helps to provide a good relationship between the parents as it has been proven that parents who do not get on and fight over things due to the reason of being contact and involvement with their children if this is taken away and co parenting is introduced as the base line for all courts unless risk is evident then majority of parents would be able to get along and raise their children together as one as the need to feel anger because one parent won't let the other see their child or if the court only grants every other weekend only creates animosity and contempt and is not in the child's best interests. I know the government have made strides to give fathers rights and encourage courts to do more in terms of contact but as I have been through the court system I can assure you the courts are still stuck in old values instead of embracing new proven methods. Courts must be urged to have co parenting and shared time as the starting point of every child contact case.

Unique web address

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/GettingInvolved/Petitions/Coparenting>

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0

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03 / 07 / 2014

Comments to stimulate online discussion

Co parenting and equal time to see your children is proven to be beneficial and proven to have the children raised feeling loved and wanted by both parents and has also been proven to reduce conflict between parents as the number one issue for conflict is access and time. Courts have to reform and start every child case with shared equal time unless risk is proven instead of old aged thoughts that a parent seeing their child every second weekend etc is best for the child. All research in this field from around the world proves children who have been raised by co parenting and near equal time between both homes have become better people and less likely to be unlawful or not have respect for others. Most importantly they feel both parents want and love them and feel the don't need to choose or feel one parent doesn't want them because our courts with their old values in this matter decide a few hours is best for children. Wake up scotland let's become fair and just and stop using our kids as weapons and be proper parents who can communicate and raise their children in this fashion. This is for the kids who want their parents in their life more but don't have a voice. Think of the kids who don't have a father or mother think of how you would feel if you only seen one of your parents now and then because a judge can't move with modern times. Kids are our future and they learn from us do we want them to learn to hate others because we can't get along with each other as parents. Equal time, co parenting, and cooperation. Is it too much to ask