



## "Suffering comes not from weapons of mass

**DESTRUCTION** but from fists, belts, boiling water, locked closets, cruel words, a small hand held over a flame, an infant dipped in scalding water; a life comes to an end prematurely. Attacks are not a rare occurrence, but a daily reality." -Jane Le Mond-Alvarez

## "WHAT SIN COULD BE MORE DEADLY than to return a physically

-Leo Alvarez

# A Silent Epidemic

Title 42 USC is a federal statute that funds Social Services in all 50 states and requires an assurance from states that there will be methods to preserve the confidentiality of all records to protect the rights of the child and the parents/ guardians. Testimony about child abuse is kept quiet. Title 42 often is perceived by some judges as a mandate to reunify children with their families in an effort to preserve the "family unit." This reasoning leads to the return of children to repeated abuse and often death. Voiceless children are caught in a confidential revolving door policy. Their silent cries are deafening and growing in epidemic numbers.

Together, Jane and Leo are working to clarify and reform Federal Statute Title 42. They ask the pointed questions of what is ethically and morally right for the placement of these abused children. They have written Assembly Bill AB2172 in an effort to aid Social Services in the screening and evaluating process of child abusers. The bill requires the State Department of Social Services to conduct a study in connection with county child welfare agency personnel accessing criminal records via C.L.E.T.S. and the cost and time required to train people to use the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System. The ultimate goal is to place abused children in the best home rather than a return to an abusive "legally correct" home.

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This Wall Of Tears has been dedicated to Rachel Rother, female, 1 mo. Starvation, mother. Ventura CA. Feb. 23, 1995. Male, 4 yrs. Died after ingesting Meth - caregivers. Dec. 24, 2005 Jamaica Beach, TX. Male, Toddler. Grave condition after being shaken by boyfriend. Manitowoc, Milwaukee, WI. March 2, 2006 Christopher Edwards, 3 mos. Died, skull fracture by father. Charlotte, N.C. Jan. 6, 2006 Jaylen Laney, 2 yrs. Shot to death, father charged with murder. Charlotte, N.C. Jan. 6, 2006 Female, 2 yrs. Father broke femur by hitting it with fist. IA. 2005 Chase Hunt, 4 mos. Unknown cause of death, pending autopsy. Dixon, IA. 2005 Male, newborn. Stab wounds, mother arrested for attempted murder. San Bernardino, CA. Dec. 31, 2005 Female, 7 weeks. Died of severe Brain injury by father. Woodland, CA. Dec. 2005 K.S. Nethon, 4 yrs. Smothered to death, found in puddle of water. Jan. 2006 Male, 3 mos. Beaten to death by father. Charlotte, N.C. Dec. 2005. Caitlyn Mincer, 16 mos. Smothered to death by father. Scranton, PA. Dec. 21, 2005 Amira Brown, 12 yrs. Beaten, died of cardio - respiratory collapse. Reading, PA. Sept. 2005 Male, 11 yrs. Fatal injuries by aunt & uncle. Winlock, WA. Male, 13 yrs. Missing Oct. 8, 2005, presumed dead by aunt & uncle. Winlock, WA. Jaquez Mason, 3 yrs. Died after being held in scalding water by mother & grandmother. Deerfield Beach, FL. Jan. 2006 Female, 16 mos. Smothered to death by father. Lackawanna County Nov 20, 2005 Sierra Roberts, 7 yrs. Beaten on several different occasions, father refused to taker her to the doctor. She finally died on 10/25/05. Caleb Janowski, 5 mos. Died after being left in hot van by parents. Nov. 19, 2005 Cordova, TN. Female, 7 mos. Died after being left in hot vehicle by parents. Aug. 9, 2004 Daniel Smit, 3 mos Blunt force trauma to the head & burns on buttocks and shaken by parent. Newark, CA. Sept. 2005 Female Smit, 4 yrs. Learned that she suffered brain damage from fractured skull when she was 1 week old by parents. Newark, CA. Dylan George, 2 yrs. Beaten to death in foster home. Fremont, CA. Oct 3, 2004 Darrell Vicent, 4 mos. Suffocated and beaten to death by father. Union City, CA. July, 2005 Aaron Gilbert, 13 mos. Beaten to death by parents. South Wales. Mar. 2006 Female, 4 mos. Smothered to death when drunken mother rolled over on her. Oshkosh, WI. Dec 2005 Female, 5 mos. Suffocated to death because mother put chili powder in mouth to stop thumb sucking. Dallas, TX. Nov. 2005 Male, 3 yrs. Beaten to death by aunt & boyfriend. Albuquerque, N.M. Oct. 2005 Arthur Gibson, 5 yrs. Scalded to death by mother. July 21 Sarah Chavez, 2 yrs. Beaten to death, Alhambra, CA. Oct. 11, 2005 Female, 13 mos. Child endangerment for fighting around baby. Morristown, Hamblen County 2005 Male, 2 yrs. Skull fracture by father. Morristown, Hamblen County 2005 Infant. Critical, near death from being shaken by father. Ponca City, OK. 12/29/2005 Female, 3 mos. Beat repeatedly and finally died by father, Tallahassee, FL. Female, 10 mos. Shaken to death by mother, Tallahassee, FL. Jacob, 7 mos. Smothered to death by mother, Melbourne Chloe, 9 weeks. Smothered to death by mother, Melbourne Joshua, 3 mos. Smothered to death by mother, Melbourne Shania, 3 yrs. Smothered to death by mother, Melbourne Angela Coleman, 13 mos. Killed by blunt force trauma by boyfriend. Jan. 27, 2006, Greenbelt Dalton Jimenec, 2 yrs. Killed by head injuries and other wounds by father. Wight County, Jan. 27, 2006 Male, infant. Severely injured by unknown persons. Knoxville, TN. Jan. 26, 2006 Female, 6 yrs. Severe burns on hands by father. Wahiawa, HI. Jan. 27, 2006 Female, 4 yrs. Severe burns on hands by father. Wahiawa, HI. Jan. 27, 2006 Female, 3 yrs. Sodomized by caregivers. Evergreen, AL. Jan. 27, 2006 Male, 1 mo. Died from head injuries by mother. Louisville, KY. Dec. 23, 2005 Aaniah Collins, 16 mos. Beaten to death by mother & boyfriend. Indianapolis Dec. 24, 2005 Alexis, 10 yrs. Puncture wounds to face, burns to her body & maggots living in festering wounds. Hilo, HI. Dec. 2005 Female, 6 yrs. Burned/beaten/tortured mother & grandmother Garden City, WTOC News Male, 18 mos. Burned/beaten/tortured mother & grandmother Garden City, WTOC News Ricky Holland, 7 yrs. Elbow/shoulder blade, nose & upper jaw broken step-father 2/27/06 Lansing, MI., CNN Male, 4 mos. Shaken, intracranial hemorrhage step-father 2/20/06 Lake Worth, FL. Miami Herald Destiny Kelley, 6 yrs. Abdominal injuries, mother & grandmother 2/20/06 Wichita, KS. The Wichita Eagle Male, 8 yrs. Head injuries, boyfriend 2/21/06 St. Croix County, WI. WQOW News Male, 5 yrs. Sexual molestation, boyfriend 2/21/06 Hagerstown, Maryland Baltimore Sun Male 5 mos. 2nd degree burns/ingesting wart remover Boyfriend 2/22/06 Middleton Madison 15 News Nixzmary Brown, 7 yrs. Beating death mother & stepfather, 12/1/05 New York WCBS TV Male, 19 mos. Beating death mother & boyfriend, Feb-06, Las Vegas, NV KLASTV Brandi, 4 yrs. Blunt force trauma to head step-mother, 2/22/03 New Lexington Zanesville Times Female, 2 yrs. Blunt force trauma to head, unknown, 1/00/06 Las Vegas, NV KLAS TV Cassandra Killpack, 4 yrs. Tied hands/forced to drink gallon of water/died, mother, 6/9/02 Desert Morning News Female, 11 yrs. Beaten, father 10/27/05 Calumet City NWI Times Male, 5 mos. Shaken, intracranial hemorrhage boyfriend 10/25/05 Norwalk, Conn Hartford Courant Female, 5 mos. beaten/broken ribs/bones/skull/brain hemorrhage, father 10/19/05 Lancaster, CA. Times Dispatch Male, 3 yrs. Left in vehicle, mother 10/00/2005 Male infant, father, Los Angeles, CA NBC4 TV Unknown Newborn. Placed in trash bag and put in dumpster, mother 10/18/05, Stockton, CA. San Joaquin Valley Dominic Moody, 3 yrs. Left in vehicle, mother, 10/18/05 S.C. The State Male 17 mos. Blunt force trauma to abdomen, mother & boyfriend, 10/17/05 St. Paul MN. Grand Forks Herald Female 5 mos. Traumatic injuries, father, 10/18/05 Lawrence, KS. The Kansas City Channel Male Newborn, Smothered, mother, 10/18/05 Stockton, CA. S.F. Gate Katie Michelle Stacy, 4 mos. Viral pneumonia/neglect, parents unsupervised, 12/16/03 Lake County Indy Star.com Anthony McClendon, Jr., 1 yr. Shot at crack house, parents unsupervised, 10/30/05 Lake County Indy Star.com Peyton McCormack, 18 mos. 3 skull fractures & other injuries, father, 2/27/04 Union Township Indy Star.com Carter Denham, 18 mos. Shaken, intracranial hemorrhage, boyfriend, 2/26/04 South Bend Indy Star.com Kskler Blaising, 4 yrs. Drowned while unattended/prior abuse, father 2/27/04 Hoosiers Indy Star.com Creighton Wells, 20 mos. Beaten, father, Knox County Knox Indy Star.com Bolutife Olanlyan, 5 yrs. Hit by train while left unattended parents unsupervised 9/14/03 Lake County Indy Star.com Branden Griffin, 7 yrs. Drowned while unattended parents unsupervised 8/18/03 Lake County Indy Star.com Patricia Patlan, 11 mos. High fever/criminal neglect baby sitter 11/20/03. Madison County Indy Star.com Mikayla Payne, 4 yrs. Died in a fire/social workers warned mother, 1/13/04 Marion County Indy Star.com Cortez Payne, 2 yrs. Died in a fire/social workers warned mother, 1/13/04 Marion County Indy Star.com Giavonni White, 17 mos. Throwing child against wall/dropping/killing him, father, 10/3/05 Brown County Green Bay Press Gazetter

