



# KEEPING FAMILIES CONNECTED

*Resources to identify, battle and recover from the devastating affects of Parental Alienation*

## Call to Action!

### Help get Parental Alienation included in Upcoming Edition of the DSM of Mental Disorders

For years there has been a debate over Parental Alienation vs. Parental Alienation Syndrome in the mental health community and whether or not it should be classified as a psychological disorder. For the first time, over 60 mental health professionals, attorneys and other individuals from 11 countries have come together to submit a formal proposal to include parental alienation in the next edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V) and the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11).

The proposal was submitted in November 2009, will be reviewed in 2011 for submission in the 2012/2103 edition. Now is the time to take action. We have until mid 2010 to let our collective voices be heard. Please write to the following individuals and encourage them to include parental alienation in DSM-V:

**David J. Kupfer, M.D.** Dr. Kupfer is chair of the DSM-V Task Force. His address is: Western Psychiatric Institute, 3811 O'Hara Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

**Darrel A. Regier, M.D.** Dr. Regier is vice-chair of the DSM-V Task Force. His address is: American Psychiatric Association, 1000 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1825, Arlington, VA 22209-3901.

**Daniel S. Pine, M.D. D.** Dr. Pine is chair of the DSM-V Disorders in Childhood and Adolescence Work Group. His address is: NIMH, 15K North Drive, MSC 2670, Bethesda, MD 20892-2670.

#### When writing we suggest you use the following guidelines:

1. Please be respectful, passionate and credible - Do not use bad language
2. Share your story and how Parental Alienation has affected your life and the life of your child, use real life examples to illustrate your story.
3. Be succinct

As a targeted parent we understand how powerless you have felt concerning Parental Alienation and what has happened to your children. This is your opportunity share your story and hopefully make a difference, for years to come, in the lives of children and families around the world.

Thank you for taking the time to write to Dr. Kupfer, Dr. Regier and Dr. Pine.

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