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Using Children to Spy on Families

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Cynthia, a concerned Washington mom, doesn't want the public school to monitor her family's values. Naturally, this letter from her son's 4th grade teacher troubled her:

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In the next several weeks, your son/daughter will be participating in the 4th grade unit of instruction on:

Personal Safety (child sexual abuse prevention)

Includes T.A.L.K. Theatre for 2nd, 4th, and 8th grades.

Please refer to the brochure sent to you in the fall for specific information about the various components of our comprehensive health curriculum. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Since no brochure had arrived, Cynthia asked the teacher for a copy. It failed to answer her questions, so she called the district Curriculum Director. He explained that a group of actors would put on a play "with the kids." The presentation would show the children different ways to handle adults who make them uncomfortable by their touching or talking.

Cynthia asked if she could watch the play with her child. He said no; other students might not disclose abuse if parents were present.

"Are you basically looking for kids that have been abused?" she asked.

Again the answer was no, but he admitted that students sometimes disclose personal secrets to an adult after a performance. The actual purpose of the theater, however, was to provide children with skills on how to handle uncomfortable situations. The actors – and a professional psychologist – were trained to look for kids who were "plugging their ears," "covering their face" or showing other signs of discomfort.

Cynthia didn't ask what the school would do with children who plugged their ears or were suspected to be "at risk." Later she wondered. Would the psychologist examine and counsel the child? Would Child Protection Services be called? Might the child be

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removed from the family?

Such intrusive tactics are already devastating families across America. Children have been removed from loving homes because of anonymous phone calls, unfounded accusations and irrational hostility against Christian parents whose uncompromising beliefs are too "extremist" for the new millennium.^[1]

Public schools have become therapy centers, immersing children in outrageous sex-education and multicultural experiences, values clarification and other forms of group therapy designed to

- desensitize children to contrary values
- produce moral confusion or cognitive dissonance
- shifting loyalty from family to peer group
- instill beliefs and behavior fit for the global village.

T.A.L.K. Theatre fits right in. "It's psychological examination on the students without parental consent," says Cynthia. "There is no opt-out form or written permission slip to sign."

NOTE

The educational establishment knows that many parents would oppose their tactics if they discovered them. So they hide them from potential critics while seeking support from more liberal parents, community groups and agencies.

NOTE

For example, the Massachusetts Department of Education website tells us that

"comprehensive school health education is a vital component of state-wide education reform.... Through collaboration with one another, health educators, academic teachers, and support staff can address a panoply of interrelated health topics...."

Those topics include AIDS education, beliefs, child abuse, discrimination, sexual orientation, family lifestyles and relationships, hate speech, violence prevention and other issues critical to social engineering. Each would be discussed through "innovative, student-centered teaching methods that foster critical thinking skills and responsible decision making" such as peer education, question boxes, role playing, improvisational theater....

Theater and role-playing are powerful tools for social change. Today's teen violence illustrates the devastating consequences. To stand against this spreading evil, we must know God's Word, encourage each other, pray for guidance and look to the only One who can lead us in triumph.

"We have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You." 2 Chronicles 20:12 ✓

1. See www.justiceforfamilies.com and Kjos Ministries article What happened to parents' rights?