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**\*\* Addressing Child Protective Services Overreach in New York Family Court Services and Urgent Need for Parent-Child Reunification \*\***

New York, NY - As concerned journalists and advocates for justice, we are deeply troubled by the current state of child protective services overreach in the New York Family Court Services system. In particular, we are alarmed by the growing number of cases where parents and children have been separated for extended periods of time, resulting in significant emotional and psychological harm<sup>[1]</sup><sup>[2]</sup>.

The fundamental principle of family law is to prioritize the best interests of the child. However, in numerous cases, parental rights have been overshadowed by excessive state intervention, leading to the prolonged separation of children from their parents. We believe that the role of child protective services should be to ensure child safety while actively working towards reunification with the parents, especially after a significant period of separation<sup>[3]</sup>.



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The tragic consequences of this overreach are evident in the current examples of institutional apartheid within the New York Family Court Services.

Families belonging to marginalized communities are disproportionately affected, with a higher likelihood of prolonged separation. This perpetuates systemic inequalities and undermines social cohesion<sup>[4]</sup>.

We call attention to the urgent need for parent-child reunification after two years apart. Research from the American Psychology Association indicates that extended separation can have detrimental effects on the well-being and development of children, including increased risk for mental health issues, attachment disorders, and impaired social functioning<sup>[5]</sup>.

In light of these concerns, we implore Mayor Eric Adams to take immediate action to address this issue. We request a comprehensive review of the policies and procedures of the New York Family Court Services to ensure the protection of parental rights and the well-being of children. Additionally, we urge the Mayor to allocate sufficient resources to facilitate timely reunification of families and provide appropriate support services for affected individuals<sup>[6]</sup>.

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