**FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008**

**May 29:** Iowa State Bar Association, “Juvenile Law Seminar”, held at the new ISBA headquarters, 625 East Court Avenue, Des Moines. 7.25 hours of C.L.E., including 1 hour of Ethics C.L.E. For more details, go to:

https://m360.iowabar.org/ViewEvent.aspx?id=1990&instance=0

**Bills of Interest in the Iowa Legislature:** The following is a report on the progress of bill previously described in earlier editions of *Child Views:*

**SF 2364: MINOR EMANCIPATION:** This bill allows a minor who is at least 16, is a resident and not in the care of the state to petition for emancipation. The bill requires the court to make a Child In Need of Assistance (CINA) adjudication and to find, by clear and convincing evidence, that no other workable remedy is available. The bill gives the child various rights, including the right to sue or be sued, to buy and sell real estate, to establish a legal residence and to incur debts, and to consent to medical care. The bill does not end restrictions on tobacco or alcohol. The bill does eliminate the support obligations, debt responsibility or the tort liability of the parents. As noted previously, the Senate PASSED the bill, as amended, 49-0. It has now PASSED out of the House on a vote of 100 – 0. It now goes to the Governor. [This is one of the bills sponsored by the Middleton Center for Children’s Rights]
SF 2212 JUVENILE COURTS: This bill allows a court to waive reasonable efforts to preserve a family in Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) proceedings if the court finds that a court in another state has involuntarily terminated the parental rights of a parent for a child of the same family. This bill has now been signed into law by Governor Culver.

HF 2338 JUVENILE CHINA PROCEEDINGS: This bill requires that a court determine if a child’s failure to appear during a Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) proceeding is due to a failure to notify the child, if appropriate. This bill has now been signed into law by Governor Culver. [This is one of the bills sponsored by the Middleton Center for Children’s Rights]

SF 2340: BIRTH CERTIFICATES & SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS: This bill requires the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), or the DHS designee, to obtain a certified birth certificate for a child subject to an out-of-home placement by the time the child is 18 and facilitate the procurement of a federal social security card for that child. This bill has now been signed into law by Governor Culver. [This is one of the bills sponsored by the Middleton Center for Children’s Rights]

Numbers of Interest


- During October 2005–September 2006 (federal fiscal year 2006), approximately 905,000 U.S. children were victims of maltreatment that was substantiated by state and local child protective services (CPS) agencies.

- In fiscal year 2006, 23.2 children per 1,000 population aged less than 1 year experienced substantiated nonfatal maltreatment in the United States.

- Among infant victims aged less than 1 year who experienced substantiated maltreatment 32.7% were aged less than 1 week, and 30.6% were aged less than 4 days.
"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." -- Frederick Douglas