

PRESS RELEASE – March 29, 2016

**Announcing a Proclamation from the Governors Office recognizing April 25<sup>th</sup> as Parental Alienation Awareness Day for the State of Michigan.**

Bloomfield, MI, March 18, 2016 – With planning already begun for upcoming educational events for the month of April on the topic of Parental Alienation, Dads & Moms of Michigan has announced the support of Michigan governor Rick Snyder for recognizing April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as Parental Alienation Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Upcoming events are aimed to help educate parents with best practices to help create a conflict-free environment for children post-divorce. They include:

**Parental Alienation Webinar Part 1 with special guest Dahlia Berkovitz, PhD**

Date: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 7:00 – 8:00pm ET

Venue: Dads & Moms of Michigan offices located at 6443 Inkster, #290, Bloomfield, MI or participate online as well.

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Parental Alienation Awareness Day Rally with special guests including John Langlois, President/Executive Director of Dads and Moms of Michigan and keynote speaker, Shelly Loomus, JD, MSW, author of *Winning Your High-Conflict Divorce: Strategies for Moms and Dads*.**

Date: April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 1:30pm ET – 4:00pm ET

Venue: NOAH'S Event Venue, 3391 Cross Creek Pkwy Auburn Hills MI 48326

Shelly Loomus, JD, MSW, is an attorney with a dual degree in clinical social work and a trained family law mediator. After her own experience with a high-conflict divorce, she realized that litigation is only one of the many tools available to parents struggling to be free from the unrelenting hostility that characterizes high-conflict divorces. She uses her legal, clinical and mediation expertise to help parents manage chronic divorce and post-divorce related conflicts. She serves as a Board Member for Dads and Moms of Michigan and CCG Community Partners, LLC. She also serves on the advisory committee of the Women's Divorce Resource Center.

**Parental Alienation Webinar Part 2 with special guest Dahlia Berkovitz, PhD**

Date: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 7:00 – 8:00pm ET

Venue: Dads & Moms of Michigan offices located at 6443 Inkster, #290, Bloomfield, MI or participate online as well.

Dr. Berkovitz has a Doctorate degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Michigan State University, College of Human Ecology, and a Masters degree in Clinical Social

Work from Wayne State University. Dr. Berkovitz is an adjunct professor at Wayne State University, a member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) and of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

Topics covered include:

- What is Alienation?
- What is Parental Alienation?
- What does the DSM-5 say about Parental Alienation?
- What do the experts say about Parental Alienation?
- How would you know if you were actually dealing with Parental Alienation?
- Rule out abusive behaviors by the supposed Alienated Parent
- Attachment-Based Parental Alienation (C.A. Childress, Psy.D.)
- Existing Programs & Support Available
- High Road to Reunification (Dorcy Pruter)

“Dads and Moms of Michigan couldn’t be more thrilled with the progress that is being made in the area of Parental Alienation awareness. As an organization we have one goal in mind, to help parents provide a “Conflict Free Zone” for their children. We’re excited about the Governor’s recognition in our efforts to help drive more participation in the month of April as we continue to sow the seeds of peaceful Shared Parenting.” Dads & Moms of Michigan’s President & Executive Director, John Langlois said.

For more information about participating in person or remotely at upcoming seminars and events, please visit [www.dadsandmomsofmichigan.com](http://www.dadsandmomsofmichigan.com).

### **About Dads & Moms of Michigan**



Dads & Moms of Michigan is a nonprofit dedicated to bettering the lives of Children in Bi-Nuclear Families by providing education and support to help parents create a "Conflict Free Zone" for their children.

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