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MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS

**MINI BMCC CONFERENCE,
ANNUAL MOTHERS' DAY DEMONSTRATIONS,
AND LOBBYING IN WA DC!**

May 9 -12, 2014!

MOTHERS DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

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BATTERED MOTHERS AND KIDS CUSTODY CONFERENCE (BMCC)

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL 2000 H Street NW, WA DC 20052

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, 2000 H Street, NW, WA DC 20052
Moot Court Room L-101, Lerner Hall (20th & H Streets)**

This conference is a child custody training for domestic violence advocates, including how to become certified as an expert witness.

Conference and activities are FREE to attend! Professionals, moms, and all supporters invited!

Boxed lunches and refreshments available Fri and Sat (\$20 donation needed to cover expenses)

Pre-register to [RESERVE](#) yours now!

\$10 charge for anyone who wants certification as an expert witness

Fri, May 9, 9am-4pm:

- **Child Custody Training for DV Advocates and Certification to Become a DV Expert Witness**
 - **Featuring [BARRY GOLDSTEIN](#) speaker, author, former attorney, activist for battered women**
 - **Special guests, RITA SMITH & ELIZABETH LIU of the [NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE](#)**
 - **How to help battered mothers involved in custody cases (see more info * [below](#))**

Sat, May 10, 9am-5pm:

- **Mothering Under Duress with [JOYANNA SILBERG, PhD.](#)**
 - **How to mother children who are forced to live with abusers**

*** The training will focus on substantial new research about domestic violence and custody that should start changing outcomes when the courts integrate the research and improved training into their standard practices. The first part of the training is to help DV agencies and advocates assist protective mothers responding to their abusers' custody tactics. An overview of the problems, and solutions the new research will provide. The best ways to interact with protective mothers and help them through the court process will be discussed.**

The second part of the training will focus on work to reform a system, which the research demonstrates increases health and safety risks of children, while making it hard for battered women to leave their abusers. The discussion will cover how to hieghten community

awareness of the problems in the court system, the need for reform based on current research, and the practice of meeting with judges and legislators, speaking to the media, and conducting community meetings. The success of abusers in manipulating the court system to regain control over their victims has led to an increase in DV homicides after years of reductions. Accordingly this issue needs to be a priority for the DV movement.

The final part of the training will instruct advocates who want to serve as expert witnesses. The Saunders' study from the US Department of Justice determined that court professionals need training in screening for DV, risk assessment, post-separation violence and the impact of DV on children. This is exactly what advocates work on daily, but judges, lawyers and evaluators usually don't understand. The Saunders' study found that advocates have the most training and understanding of these issues than any of the other professions. The study also recommends a multi-disciplinary approach and it is advocates who have the DV expertise. Training advocates to serve as expert witnesses will allow mothers who otherwise could not afford or find a qualified expert, to provide the courts with the information needed to protect children. We believe as court professionals start to hear accurate information, it will help improve the court response to domestic violence. The presenters will explain what is involved in becoming an expert witness and will also discuss ethical and confidentiality issues.

If you will attend and wish to be certified as an expert witness, please email to inform us in advance through cppa001@aol.com.

To **RESERVE** your Panera boxed lunches and refreshments for Friday and Saturday in advance, please PRE-REGISTER by using the PayPal button below.

Your advance contribution will help defray our costs to provide you with refreshments in the lobby both days, throughout the conference, including condiments, coffee, soft drinks, sugar, cream, ice, bottled water, paper goods, as well as your boxed lunches from Panera, cookies, tips, and tax. Costs are \$20 per day, per person, or \$10 per day, per person for snacks only, without lunch. Bon appétit!

Thank you for your advance lunch and refreshments order!

Choose days & preferences:

Fri Lunch+Snacks \$20.00 USD

Lunch + Refreshments

    

Sun, May 11, 11am-4pm:

- **Activism Day! Mothers of Lost Children and supporters will march at the White House**

Mon, May 12, 9am-5pm:

- **Lobby Day and possible Congressional briefing at the U.S. House of Representatives**

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(See below for media links and more)

RECENT MOMS' DAY PROTESTS

In 2013, MOLC joined forces with Battered Mothers Custody Conference (BMCC), the Center for Judicial Excellence, and other protective parent groups, individuals, and supporters to bring our issue to the national stage at:

The TENTH ANNUAL BATTERED MOTHERS CUSTODY CONFERENCE (BMCC X)

May 10 - 13, 2013

George Washington University Law School, Washington DC, USA

BMCC X Conference program included:

- **Friday, May 10th, Day One - 10am to 9pm**
- **Saturday, May 11th, Day Two - 9am to 4:30pm**

Lobbying training - 4:30pm to 5:30pm

- **Sunday, May 12th, March and demonstration at the White House - 11am to 3:00pm**
- **Monday, May 13th, Important lobbying day at the US Senate and Congress - 10am to 5:00pm**
 - **Participants wore white MOLC t shirts over business suits, pre-set meetings with their Congress members, Senators, and representatives in WA DC, and explained that children are placed with abusers, in violation of their civil and human rights. We provided informational packets and arranged additional meetings with committee staff.**
 - **Fees were set on a sliding scale as low as possible to cover expenses and accommodate everyone (\$25 to \$250)**

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May 6-8, 2012

Fourth Annual Mothers of Lost Children Mothers Day demonstration/lobbying in WA DC.

This event was the week before Mother's Day so that non-custodial mothers, who by some miracle were able to have their children for the holiday, could join us.

- **Sun, May 6 2012**
 - **at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW in front of the White House**
 - **11:00am to 3:00pm - Silent vigil and march around the White House**
 - **6:30pm to 7:30pm - Silent candlelight vigil**
- **Mon, May 7 2012**
 - **at Sewall Belmont House Suffragists' Headquarters 144 Constitution Ave, NE, WA DC**
 - **10:30am to 3:30pm - Our 1st formal coalition meeting & lobbying workshop**

Contact cppa001@aol.com right away to sign up for the workshop (seating is limited and \$40/seat). UPDATE: All seats are spoken for.
- **Tues, May 8 2012**
 - **at U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, WA DC**
 - **10:00am to 4:00pm - Lobbying**

Most of us stay at the inexpensive [International Hostel, 1009 11th St NW, Washington](#) (202) 737-2333

We wear white like the Liberian women in www.praythedevilbacktohell.com Be sure to bring your Mothers of Lost Children T-shirts! We will bring more in case you don't have one.

We follow in the footsteps of the mothers who demonstrated every Thursday afternoon at the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires, Argentina to protest government torture and murder of their adult children.

In Sacramento, we demonstrate on Thursday afternoon at the family court to protest the legalized beatings, rape and murder of children.

Please join us in asking for oversight hearings on the failure of family courts and child protective services to protect children. If you are not able to come to Washington this time, please write to your elected Federal officials to tell them how family courts are taking children from safe mothers and placing them with dangerous fathers all over the country.

SEE MORE PAST MOTHER'S DAY DEMONSTRATIONS VISUALS

See reports, videos, and photos of our past Mother's Day Marches:

- [Mothers Day at the White House, 2013](#)
- [Mothers Day at the White House, 2012](#)
- [Mothers Day at the White House, 2011](#)
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