

I am writing regarding my granddaughter who has been adversely and negatively affected by the current joint custody law in Oregon.

I have seen firsthand the trauma she goes through with her sensory and medical issues due to both parents not being able to schedule appointments when one has a concern. This has unfortunately turned into a control issue by the Custodial parent, due to the fact the parent who has custody at this time will not agree to follow up with these medical issues or counseling which is needed. He refuses to accept she has issues, rather than what is best for the child which is to have both parents have a say unless one is deemed unfit by the state. My daughter is unable to make doctors appointments or have a say in where she goes to school, religion or any of the decisions a parent should make. At this time she has no say in the child's well being, and it has greatly affected my granddaughter.

With the change of this joint custody law the parents would be better together to get the medical attention and counseling my granddaughter needs to become a healthy happy child.