



North Carolina **Family Rights** Coalition

Purpose, Beliefs & Organization

Our Purpose

The two-fold mission of the North Carolina Family Rights Coalition is:

- 1) To protect the rights of children to enjoy the love and companionship of both parents, and
- 2) To protect the rights of parents from the abusive practices of the billion-dollar divorce industry and from intrusive government bureaucracies.

This is our mission because the interference of these factions separates children from their parents, resulting in broken homes and broken children.



We accomplish our mission by advocating responsible marriage, strengthening families and reforming unconstitutional family law. Our efforts to improve family law are intended to reduce the government's financial incentives that undermine family stability, encourage bitter divorces and assault the civil liberties of innocent North Carolinians.

The NCFC Statement of Beliefs

On Marriage

We believe that successful marriages are built upon a foundation of personal responsibility, mutual respect, fidelity and unconditional love.

We believe that the no-fault divorce movement is a failed social experiment which has led to an epidemic of broken families and the undermining of the sacred institution of marriage.

We believe that marriages fail primarily because of the selfishness of one or both parties and that these self-serving inclinations are often stoked by powerful government incentives for divorce, turning otherwise reasonable couples into enemies locked into protracted divorce and custody litigation.



On Families

We believe that the family is the basic unit of society and the building block of strong communities and nations.

We believe that the complete involvement of both parents can provide a child with optimal opportunities for nurture, protection and stability.



We believe that the preservation of the family is of utmost importance because evidence has confirmed that children who lack the companionship and guidance of both parents are more likely to develop emotional disorders, use illegal drugs, commit crimes, engage in risky sexual relations, and commit suicide.

On Family Law

We believe that when a marriage ends in divorce, the only fair and just custody arrangement is equal custody / shared parenting unless one or both parents are found

through proper due process to be unfit, or unless the parties mutually agree to alternate arrangements.

We believe that both parents are financially responsible for the support of their children, that child support orders should therefore be balanced and reasonably reflect the cost of the child's basic needs, and that major reforms are needed to address egregious enforcement tactics which generate enormous revenues for state bureaucracies.



We believe that individuals who perpetrate or advocate the abusive tactics of parental alienation, false allegations of domestic violence or false allegations of child abuse should be held accountable in a court of law.

Our Methods

The North Carolina Family Rights Coalition engages in a multi-pronged strategy that seeks to raise public awareness and enact substantive changes to family law matters through the state legislature. To accomplish this aim, we work in conjunction with a coalition of like-minded individuals, agencies, groups and organizations.

Some of our methods include:

- Meeting with legislators
- Letter writing campaigns
- Public protests and rallies
- Group meetings
- Community service projects
- Calling public officials
- Distributing NCFRC literature
- Recruitment drives
- Providing phone/email support
- Publishing reports & articles
- Petitioning
- Educational Web site
- Email action items and newsletters
- Radio & TV interviews



We believe in the power of non-violent civil action, as has been effectively used by past civil rights leaders and individuals such as Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In fact, we espouse the principles articulated by Dr. King when he said:

"The nonviolent approach does not immediately change the heart of the oppressor. It first does something to the hearts and souls of those committed to it. It gives them self respect; it calls up resources of strength and courage that they did not think they had. Finally, it reaches the opponent and so stirs his conscience that reconciliation becomes a reality."

Throughout the history of our nation, the civil rights of certain groups have been infringed upon by the government, often with the support of large numbers of citizens. For example, blacks were segregated and treated like second class citizens and women were denied the right to vote. These violations of civil rights were supported by institutions and bureaucracies which stood to profit from the subjugation of minority groups. To make matters worse, judiciaries upheld and defended these violations of basic constitutional rights.



The North Carolina Family Rights Coalition recognizes the good intentions of many attorneys, family law judges, child support collection agencies and government officials. Nevertheless, good intentions coupled with unbridled power, especially when mixed with financial incentives, often results in abuse, repression and assaults upon personal liberties. We recognize that today's system of family law, supported by attendant bureaucracies whose primary, though unspoken, goal is to maintain its own power, has had the unintended result of hurting the very families it was designed to help.



As with all great civil rights movements of the past, we understand that ours is not a politically correct cause and that initial opposition to our efforts to enact change will be met with fierce opposition. But we believe that with time, concerted effort, proper strategy and perhaps even divine providence, we will be victorious.

Until that day, the NCFRC will use non-violent civil disobedience and other effective strategies to achieve our mission of preserving the rights of children and parents.

National Support Network

The North Carolina Family Rights Coalition enjoys the broad support of several national family rights organizations. By collaborating with national organizations, the NCFRC is able to coordinate some of its campaigns and efforts with those of existing groups. Some of these organizations include:



State Level Coalition

A hallmark of the NCFRC is its collaborative work with other family-friendly North Carolina groups. By working with other organizations that share similar goals, the NCFRC is able to tap into the manpower of like-minded North Carolinians across a spectrum of community groups, churches, agencies and non-profits. Where goals overlap with other organizations, the NCFRC gladly reciprocates by lending our support to the efforts of our coalition members.

Organizational Structure

The day to day operations of the NCFRC are managed by the President and Executive Director with overall governance controlled by a five member board of directors.

The state is divided into four regions: West, Central, South and East. The Executive Director of the NCFRC works with Regional Directors to coordinate projects throughout the state. In cooperation with Regional Directors, the Executive Director organizes NCFRC Chapters throughout the state. Each NCFRC unit is led by its own Chapter President.

