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Barstow Acres Children's Center, Inc, a 501c3 non-profit agency for children and family's mental health is in full support of a training program for judges presiding over child custody cases involving child abuse and domestic violence. As a mental health professional offering trauma-based therapy, I have seen numerous cases fall through the cracks by not having the proper support and protection from the abuser. It is imperative that judges deciding the fate of children and families in need of protection be equipped with evidence-based best practices on a continuous and unified basis.

Please take House Bill 561 with the proper consideration it deserves, in order to prevent further trauma to those who are entrusted in our care.

Respectfully,

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