

THE FICTION

Criminal Legal System (CLS)

CLAIMS TO 'PROTECT' VULNERABLE GROUPS

IN BOTH SYSTEMS,
THE STATE ACTS AGAINST AN
INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY

Family Policing System (FPS)

CLAIMS TO 'PROTECT' CHILDREN

CLS USING PENAL
SANCTIONS: i.e.,
PUNISHMENT

FPS FAMILY DEVELOPMENT RESPONSE
OR AN INVESTIGATION

INVESTIGATION

CLS:
The Police Investigate
& respond to crimes

FPS:
The Director
investigates whether a
child needs 'protection'

PROSECUTION

CLS:
CROWN COUNSEL
(A LAWYER) DOES NOT
represent the Police

FPS:
Director's counsel
(a lawyer) represents
the Director
or MCFD worker

Dismantling the Fictions About Safety

mapping the Punitive Roots of the Criminal Legal & Family Policing Systems

THE INTERTWINING ROOTS

THE REALITY

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CONTACT WITH THE SYSTEM
INCREASES PARENTS'
LIKELIHOOD OF ENGAGEMENT
WITH THE
FAMILY POLICING SYSTEM

The damage of the
system is
significant and
long documented.
It's not fictional,
but a reality with
barely any safety
to be found.

[FPS:]

CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENT CARE HAVE
POORER OUTCOMES,
INCLUDING IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH;

CYCLE OF HARM:

PEOPLE IN CARE AS CHILDREN
OFTEN HAVE THEIR OWN CHILDREN
REMOVED
LATER IN LIFE

LEGAL DECISION-MAKER

★ **CLS + FPS:** Courts make
decisions, including if an accused
person is guilty or if a person
is prevented from caring
for their child

★ **CLS:** Crown counsel decides
whether to lay charges.

★ **FPS:** MCFD worker decides
whether a report warrants
a family development response
or an investigation

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CLS: criminal record
loss of liberty (i.e., prison
or parole)

FPS: Lose custody &
time with children