

## Charlie Gard and Parental Rights...Think it Can't Happen Here Think Again

Our hearts break for the parents of [Charlie Gard](#) as they stood by helplessly and watched their son die because the United Kingdom signed the [U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child](#).

Faceless bureaucrats in the U.K. and the U.N. had more power to decide Charlie's fate than his loving parents...and they did.

Could this happen to parents in the United States? Can our parental rights be subservient to that of the state or the U.N.? Shockingly they almost did! In Oregon some already are.

In 1989, U.N. bureaucrats created the multilateral treaty called U.N. Convention of Rights of the Child in which parental rights "in the care of their own children" are secondary to that of the state. The treaty was signed by 195 countries. All international treaties signed by the President of the United States must be ratified by the Senate...a hallmark of a free society. President Bill Clinton signed the treaty, thankfully sanity prevailed, the treaty was not ratified by the senate. Our parental rights were preserved for now.

Make no mistake, while our parental rights have been preserved for the time being, they have been chipped away and diminished by non-profits, state agencies and legislatures who believe they know what's best for our children.

A [Redmond, Oregon couple](#) have had their children removed from their home because the state deemed them not smart enough to care for their children. A [mom in the Bronx, NY](#) had her children removed because she was too poor and relocated the children to foster care at \$1000 a month.

In 1925 the Supreme Court in [Pierce v. Society of Sisters](#) found unconstitutional an Oregon law that forced "parents to send their children to public school." During the past few years we have seen a plethora of bills passed by the Oregon legislature, many using the [emergency clause](#), which allows the law to go into effect [immediately and cannot be challenged](#) vis-a-vie the referendum process.

Below are two bills that were passed in 2015 that interfered with your rights as a parent:

[House Bill 2758, Patient-Provider Privacy Act, 2015](#) - Protects a minor's child's health information from the parent. The Oregon legislature passed this new law that states your child can access any type of health care without your

knowledge or consent if they are 15 years of age or older. They can access contraceptive care at any age without parental knowledge or consent. This is now part of the insurance code that states the insurance company is legally barred from informing you, as the parent, of any health services your minor child might access. As the parent, you will pay the bill, but have no right to be informed of the services received. Who were the concerned culprits behind this bill? ACLU, [Planned Parenthood](#), Basic Rights Oregon, Cascade Aids Project, Oregon Latino Health Coalition.

[House Bill 2307, the Mental Health Protection Act, 2015](#) - The purpose of this bill was to stop parents, who believe their child may be confused about his or her sexual orientation from seeking professional help for their minor child. The legislatures used the **emergency clause** to prevent opposition from denying this clearly unconstitutional law. It is now against the law for parents to take their minor children to a doctor because they may be confused by their sexual orientation...which could be the unspoken desire of comprehensive sexual grooming education. This bill was requested by a private non-profit...Basic Rights Oregon, an arm of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

You might be interested to learn that Terrance Bean, the 66 year-old-co-founder of the HRC, was arrested and indicted on two felony charges of sodomy and a misdemeanor count of sexual abuse of a 15 year old boy in 2014.