

# Child Protection Services Pro Se Help Kit

## Video Series

### #1 - Introduction

**Family Preservation Foundation, Inc.**

- Hello, I'm Dwight Mitchell the founder of Family Preservation Foundation. Welcome to our Child Protection Services Pro Se Help Kit video series.
- I hope you enjoy the content and it allows you to better understand your rights and options while involved with CPS.

- After a 22-month battle, I successfully defeated Dakota County Social Services in Minnesota State court and had my children returned. Although filled with anguish, it was an education to say the least, and I will be passing on the benefit of my knowledge, and “Lessons Learned”, while cross referencing Minnesota State Statutes, and case law which is readily available on Google Scholar.

- I would like to advise you that I am not an attorney, licensed to practice law, nor am I providing legal services. I recommend you obtain your own attorney if possible and review my video in this series titled “Working with your Attorney”. This is a very important unit in our series, and will assist you in not being misguide like I was, by my attorney’s legal strategy, incompetence and/or greed.

- This video series is for education purposes only. I will go over the beginning, middle and the end of the CPS process and what you can do in your defense and fight against CPS! This will be hard work for you, and a lot of reading, but nothing worthwhile in life is free. The Minnesota templates I provide are examples only and must not be used as is.

- You must create your own court filings while acting in a Pro Se capacity. I do not have examples of everything, but ask other group members, because they may be able to help you. **BUT REMEMBER**, you are not allowed to stand in court and say that someone helped you, or told you to do it a certain way. You are doing this for yourself. You must read, review and submit court filings for yourself.

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- Admit/Deny Hearing



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- Permanency Trial
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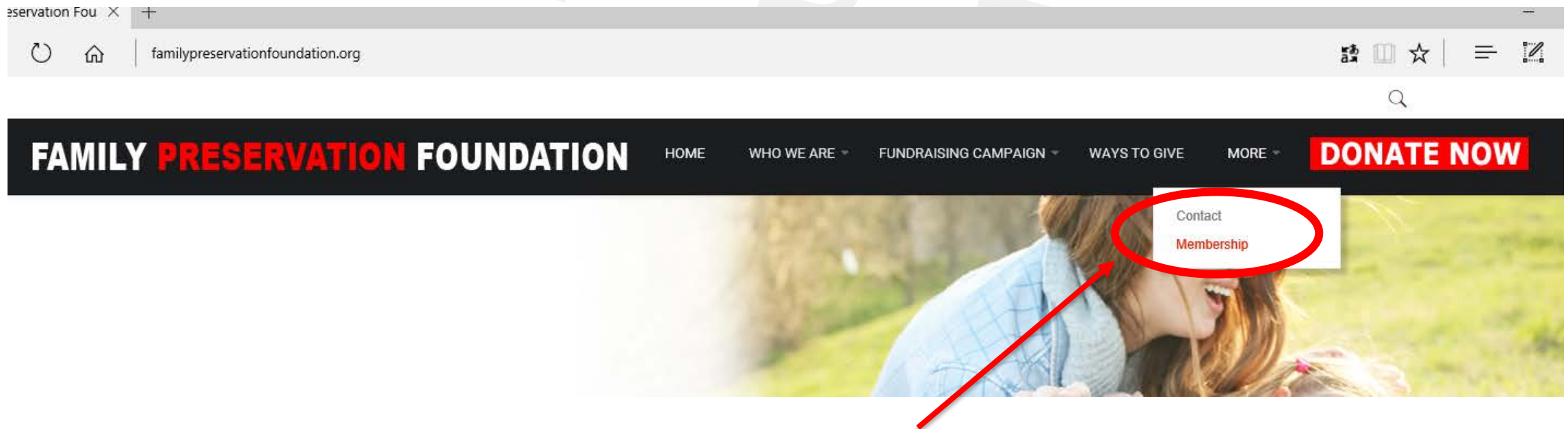
- I will also have a PDF presentation for each lesson available for download. I recommend you download the presentation and read it several times until you understand everything. You can ONLY ask questions, and members can respond / answer questions about the lessons on the FPF Group page.

- All answers must be accompanied with reference to State Statues and Caselaw. Hearsay will not be allowed on the FPF group page and will be deleted.
- Anything not related to learning and training can be discussed on the Stop CPS from Legal Kidnapping Group page.
- You must be a verified FPF Member to be in the Group.

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- Navigate to <http://familypreservationfoundation.org/>
- Click the “More” menu then the “Member” option. A form will appear. Fill in all of the information and it will be sent to the office for verification.

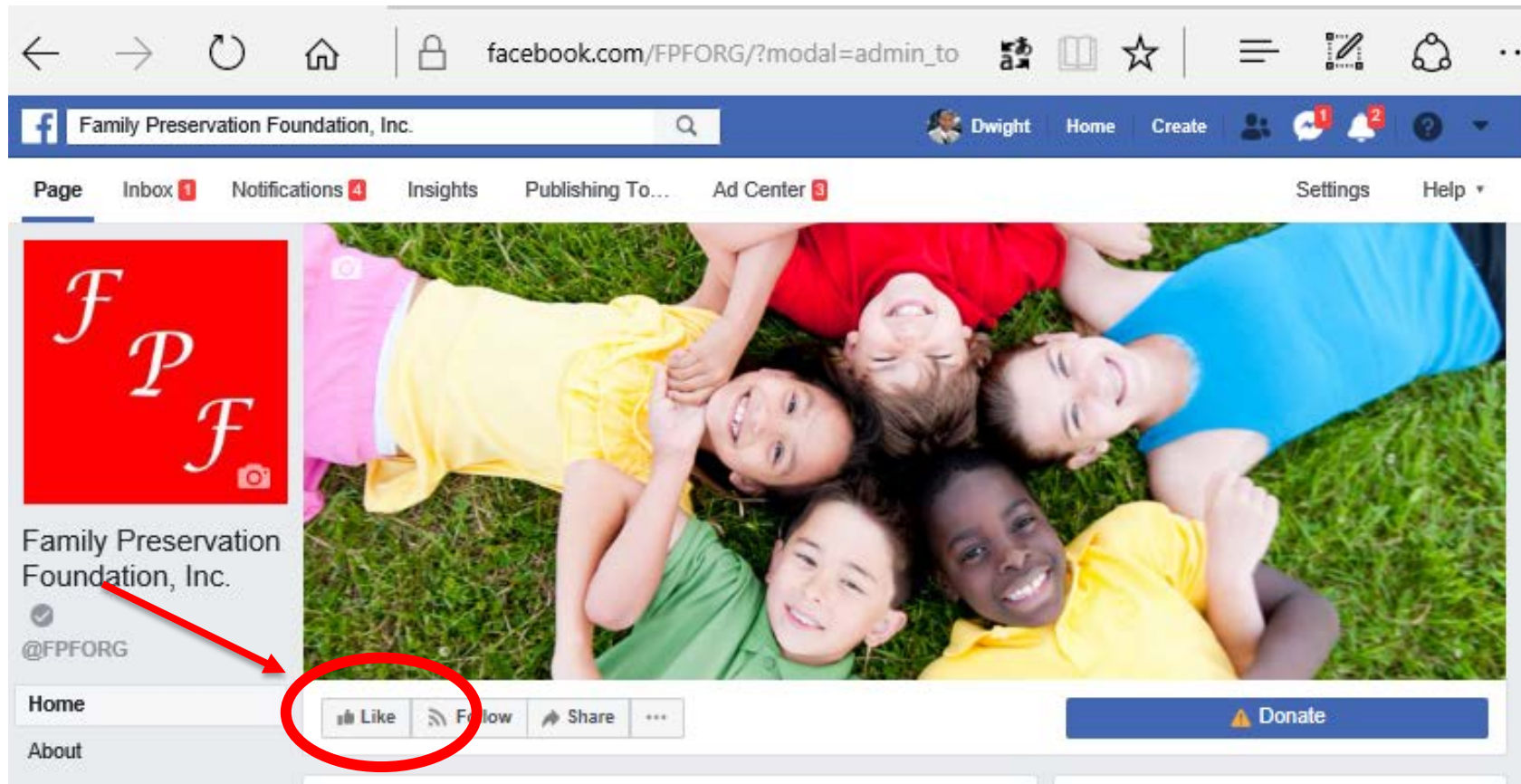


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- Navigate to <https://www.facebook.com/FPFORG/>
- Click the “Like” button on our Foundation Page.

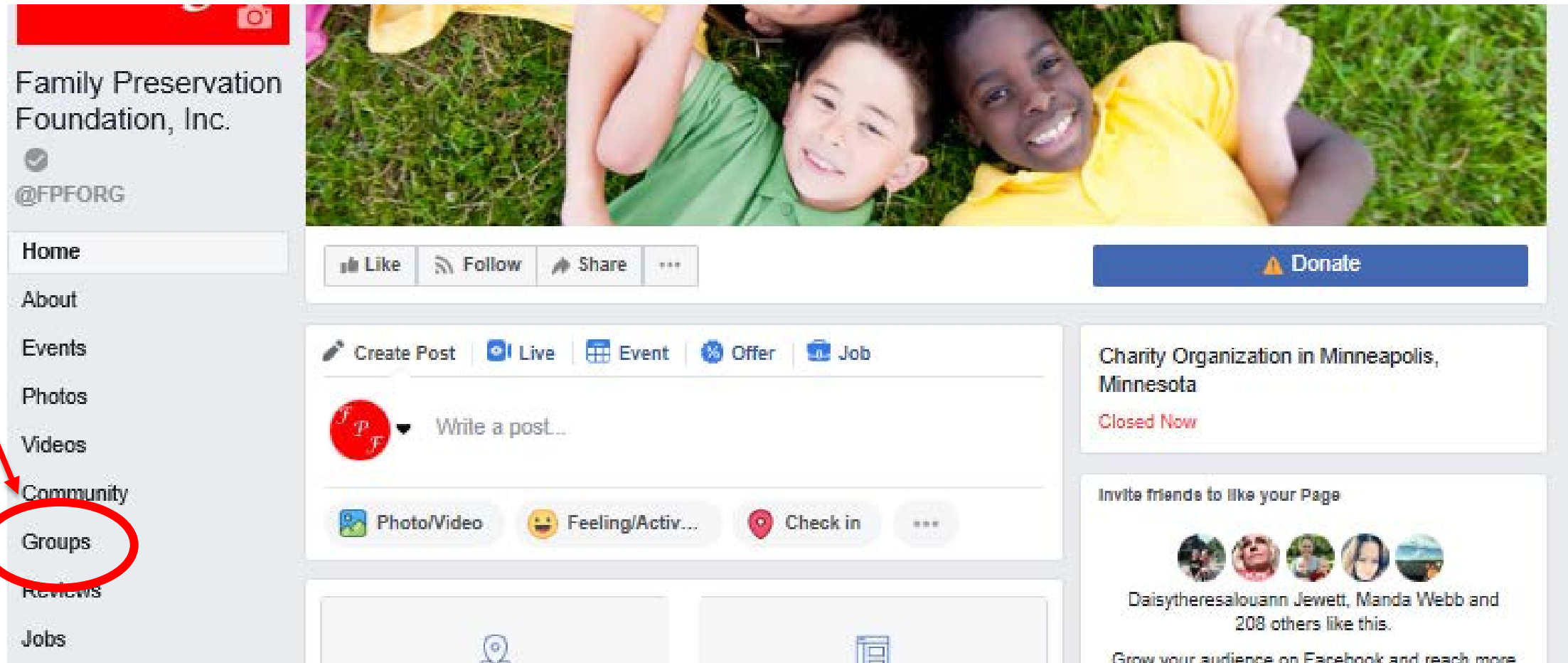


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- Click the “Group” button on our Foundation Page.



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- Click the “FPF Group Name” link.

A screenshot of the Facebook page for the Family Preservation Foundation, Inc. The page features a red profile picture with the 'FPF' logo. The main content area shows a photo of five children lying on their backs on grass, smiling. Below the photo are 'Like', 'Follow', 'Share', and 'Donate' buttons. The 'Groups by This Page' section is visible, with a red circle and arrow highlighting the 'Family Preservation Foundation, Inc. Group' link. The group is described as a 'Public Group' with '21 friends · 28 members'. A 'Share' and 'Invite' button is also present for the group link.

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- From the Group page click the “Units” button.



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- The first of 20 detailed training “Units” is shown. Stay tuned.....

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Public Group

Joined ▾ Notifications ✓ Share ... More

Interacting as Family Preservation Foundation, Inc.

About Discussion **Units** Members Events Photos Group Insights Moderate Group

Search this group

Make Units the default landing tab (instead of Discussion) More Settings + Create Unit

GROUP BY Family Preservation Foundation, Inc. 298 like this

ADD MEMBERS Import · Embed Invite

Invite people who like your Page, Family Preservation Foundation, Inc., to join this group. Invite

MEMBERS 28 Members

You have 8 new members this week. Write a post to welcome them. Write Post

SUGGESTED MEMBERS Hide

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This a parents guide to Child Protection Services. Parents receive training and resource materials in the area of CPS and then work with other group members to help pro se litigants (persons who do not qualify for full service legal representation by legal aid agencies and are representing themselves) fill out legal forms, draft letters, court memorandums, and legal documents.

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- In closing I would like to leave you with one piece of MAJOR advise. Do not believe anything anyone tells you unless you have read the Minnesota State Statue and Caselaw yourself. Especially anything told to you by State and County officials, this includes Judges. Make them show you the relevant Statues that they are referring to, just as I will throughout this entire series.