

"Father and Son Reunited"

Thirty-seven year old David Jones* thought he would never see his 15 month-old son Jacob* again. David contacted Bay Area Legal Services seeking help with a custody dispute. The child's mother, Linda Jones*, had filed a number of false police reports and domestic violence injunctions against David to prevent him from seeing his son. The unstable mother moved continuously because of a lack of funds, and had a history of testing positive for drugs.



With Bay Area's assistance, the injunction filed against David was dissolved and the court issued an order giving him primary custody and requiring a mental health evaluation of the mother. Once Linda learned about the court order, she immediately fled out of state with the baby.

In an effort to locate Linda and the baby, Bay Area's attorney had to acquire an official statement from Linda's father. He revealed that Linda had fled to a small town in Pennsylvania. David and his Bay Area attorney worked closely with the police in Pennsylvania to locate Linda. After considerable effort the police found her and recovered Jacob. The court held emergency hearing and approved a pick-up order to enable David to rescue his son. David was able to obtain funding through the Missing Children's

Foundation to travel to Pennsylvania and regain custody of Jacob. With the legal assistance of Bay Area, David and Jacob were reunited.

"I'm so grateful to Bay Area Legal Services. I believe without their help I would never have seen my son again," stated Mr. Jones.

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*names have been changed for confidentiality