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CREATING CHANGE AFTER CRISIS: THE STORY BEHIND DAYCAREALERT.COM

For parents, few things are more gut-wrenching than seeing your child come home from daycare with unexplained injuries. It's the kind of fear that hits instantly: bruises, bite marks, or scratches that weren't there that morning.

The questions flood in just as fast. What happened? Was someone watching? Is my child safe?

That was the experience for Brian Doherty, a father who began noticing that his child was frequently coming home with suspicious injuries.

At first, it was a bruise. Then, it was a scratch. Then, it was a bite mark. Brian did what any responsible parent would each time: he asked questions. He expected transparency from the people he had trusted to care for his child, a written incident report, a phone call, and an honest explanation. But none of that ever came.



That lack of accountability changed everything for Brian. Instead of staying silent, Brian used his experience as fuel for something greater.

He began researching, learning, and building a tool to ensure other parents wouldn't have to go through what he did.

The result of that journey is DaycareAlert.com, a free, easy-to-use resource designed for parents to bring transparency and accountability to the daycare selection process.

The site was created with one purpose: to give families access to the information they need to make safer, more informed choices about where they send their children. DaycareAlert.com organizes public data, information often buried in hard-to-navigate government databases, and presents it in an accessible and helpful format.

Families can use the site to search for daycare centers in their area and view essential details like violation histories, inspection reports, and safety records. The platform also includes cost estimates, real parent reviews, and other tools to help families compare and evaluate their options.

Brian's mission is driven by empathy and a deep understanding of what's at stake.

He knows firsthand how terrifying it is to feel like no one is telling you the truth about your child's well-being. That's why the entire platform is built around empowering families with knowledge and tools they often don't even realize they have access to.

At The Button Law Firm, we've met countless parents who have similar stories to Brian's.

Families come to us heartbroken, confused, and angry after learning that their child was injured or neglected at daycare. Many of them, like Brian, ask for answers and are met with silence.

That's why we're proud to highlight Brian's work. DaycareAlert.com has become a lifeline for families in Texas navigating a system that feels stacked against them. When searching for safe childcare, having access to clear, trustworthy information makes all the difference.

Brian's story is a powerful reminder that even the most painful experiences can lead to meaningful change.

What began with unanswered questions has evolved into a platform helping countless parents. His work is about advocacy, refusing to let neglect go unchallenged, and giving other families the power to choose better, safer care.

WHAT IS A DAYCARE DESERT & HOW DOES IT IMPACT YOU?

If you've found yourself calling daycare after daycare only to hear "We're full" or "Our waitlist is six months long," you're not alone, or doing anything wrong. The real issue may be that you live in a daycare desert.

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A daycare desert is a community where there aren't enough licensed childcare providers to meet the needs of local families. According to the Center for American Progress, an area is considered a daycare desert if there are more than three children for every available daycare slot. That means families are often left with few options, and in some cases, none at all.

These childcare shortages are widespread in rural areas, low-income neighborhoods, and fast-growing suburbs, but they're also showing up in major cities where demand far exceeds capacity. For families living in these areas, securing quality care for their children can feel nearly impossible.

The impact on working parents is significant. Many families are forced to make difficult tradeoffs, juggling shifting work schedules, reducing hours, or leaving the workforce entirely.

But the issue extends beyond inconvenience. Daycare deserts can also create environments where safety risks increase. When daycares are overwhelmed and understaffed, it's much harder to maintain proper supervision and meet the needs of every child. In some cases, facilities may continue operating even when they don't meet the standards required to ensure a safe, nurturing space for young children.

Unfortunately, this strain on providers can result in serious consequences. Facilities stretched beyond capacity may cut corners or overlook warning signs, putting



children in situations where neglect or injury is more likely to occur.

In areas with limited options, families may feel pressured to accept these conditions simply because they have no choice.

We often hear from parents who know something isn't right with their child's daycare but feel stuck. In a community with very few providers, switching centers, or even temporarily pulling a child out, can feel like an impossible decision. That's the dangerous reality of a daycare desert: it takes away a parent's ability to choose safe, quality care and puts unnecessary risk on children who deserve better.

Daycare should be a place where children can learn, grow, and be safe while their parents work hard to provide for them. But in many communities, the reality doesn't match that ideal. Until meaningful efforts are made to address the underlying shortage of safe, accessible childcare, families will continue to bear the burden.

If you've felt the weight of these challenges, you're not alone. And if the options available to you don't feel safe or acceptable, trust your instincts. Every child deserves quality care, and every parent deserves peace of mind.

BLF CLIENT REVIEW

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I cannot say enough about the professionalism and compassion I received from The Button Law Firm. Eurika, in particular, went above and beyond — she stayed in constant communication with me for over a month while I was waiting on the outcome of a daycare investigation involving my child. She was incredibly kind, patient, and supportive during a very emotional and uncertain time.

Thanks to her dedication and follow-through, I felt heard, understood, and guided every step of the way. I'm grateful to now have legal representation I trust, and I truly recommend this firm to any parent seeking justice for their child.

— E. T.

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INTRODUCING ERIKA: SUPPORTING BLF WITH A SMILE

At The Button Law Firm, we believe that the heart of our success lies in the people behind the scenes. Erika, our incredible Administrative Assistant, is one of those people who keeps everything moving with purpose, positivity, and care.

Since joining BLF, Erika has been an essential part of our team. She's the friendly voice on the phone, the detail-oriented organizer, and the person making sure each day runs smoothly for our team and the families we serve.

Whether handling intake calls, preparing legal documents, or helping coordinate daily operations, Erika does it all with patience and a solutions-focused mindset. Her ability to keep things running efficiently while staying grounded is something we rely on every single day.

Before coming to BLF, Erika worked at an immigration law firm, where she built a strong foundation in legal support work. The transition has been a welcome challenge, one that continues to push her to learn and grow.



"I love understanding how the legal system can protect families," she says. "It's empowering to be part of a team that's making a real impact." Her dedication to learning and her genuine passion for helping others shine through in every interaction.

What stood out to Erika about The Button Law Firm is the connection between every role and every person.

"It's not just about doing your job and going home," she says. **"Here, everyone contributes to something bigger, and we support each other every step of the way."** That collaborative spirit is part of what makes BLF feel like home, and Erika plays a big part in creating that environment.

Outside the office, Erika is a proud dog mom to Mocha, a high-energy Australian Shepherd who keeps her on her toes, and Chica, her 14-year-old Pomeranian who prefers a quiet nap on clean laundry.

When she's not out walking her dogs or spending time at the park, Erika enjoys playing video games, watching her favorite shows, and recharging at home.

A fun fact about Erika: she's fluent in Spanish, a skill she learned from her mom and grandparents. She brings this gift to the team, helping BLF serve Spanish-speaking families with warmth and understanding. It's just one more way she helps make our clients feel seen and supported.

Erika's outlook on life is simple: "If you expect the worst, you're more likely to get it." Instead, she believes in finding the positive and moving forward.

We're so lucky to have her steady presence, compassion, and can-do attitude on the BLF team.

BLF BEHIND THE SCENES



Elizabeth and her mom having dinner together



Ashley and her niece Vivi spending time together on the 4th of July



The BLF Team celebrating our quarterly Vivid Vision check-in

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CARELESS PICKUP PROCEDURE TEXAS DAYCARE PUTS CHILD IN DANGER

At The Button Law Firm, we helped a family through one of the most terrifying daycare incidents we've encountered. This case highlights a serious failure in basic safety procedures and how quickly things can spiral when daycares don't follow the rules.

At a daycare in Celina, Texas, a man arrived to pick up his granddaughter. Due to a breakdown in protocol, daycare staff released another child to him without checking his ID, confirming he was on the approved pickup list, or following the required sign-out procedures.

The man, unaware of the mistake, took the young girl home. When he arrived and realized she wasn't his granddaughter, he returned to the daycare with the child.

Meanwhile, the child's real parents were living a nightmare.

They were told their daughter was still at daycare and needed to be picked up. But when they called the center, staff said she had already been signed out. Alarmed, they rushed to the facility and discovered their daughter had been released to a complete stranger. In that moment, they had no idea where she was or if she was safe.

This was not an accident. It was the result of negligence and a failure to follow the most basic safety standards.



Under Texas law, daycares must verify the identity of anyone picking up a child, confirm they are authorized, and document every pickup and drop-off. These rules exist to protect children.

We worked closely with the family to hold the daycare accountable. A state investigation uncovered several violations, including poor staff training, incomplete records, and lack of oversight.

There is no excuse for what happened. The emotional toll was immense, and the outcome could have been far worse. Through our efforts, the family got answers, found closure, and began to heal.

This case is a powerful reminder that families trust daycares with their children's lives. That trust must be met with responsibility and care.