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PREVENT DAYCARE TRAGEDIES TOGETHER

A Guide to Protecting Our Children

At the heart of our firm is a team that will do whatever it can to not only support those harmed by daycare abuse but to prevent cases like these from happening in the first place. To mark National Child Abuse Prevention Month, I want to emphasize just how crucial it is to take all the steps possible to keep our kids safe. While this may be my line of work, I would much rather **never** have another daycare injury case happen again.

Confronting child abuse and daycare injuries is undeniably challenging, not because of the legal battles but due to the tragic circumstances these cases entail. In an effort to provide legal services to our community and prevent these tragedies from happening, we've dedicated ourselves to supporting parents with the necessary tools to safeguard their children.

It's all too easy to be tricked by childcare businesses, and it may not be a coincidence that April Fools' Day also takes place this month. No parents should be misled into trusting an unsafe daycare. That's why we created our "10 Tips for Finding a Safe Daycare: A Guide for Parents and Families to Prevent Daycare Abuse, Injury, and Neglect," a resource designed to serve as an aid for parents navigating the pivotal decision of choosing a daycare facility.

According to the U.S. Administration for Children and Families, in 2017 alone, **there were 2,237 daycare providers who were reportedly abusing and neglecting children under their supervision.** Meanwhile, Texas officials reported that **952 kids** experienced serious or fatal injuries while in daycare in 2023.

One particular case that our team encountered exemplifies the devastating effects of neglect and abuse in daycare settings. The distressing ordeal of this 1-year-old girl, whom we'll call Emily, was a horrid combination of physical, emotional, and psychological abuse. Since her parents were left in the dark, our team worked hard to get

the daycare's surveillance footage. What we saw was unbelievable. Witnessing a caregiver's brutal treatment of Emily, from being force fed to physical assault, is something I'll never forget. Her case exposes the grim reality of what can transpire behind the closed doors of a daycare meant to offer care and protection.

While securing justice for Emily and her family provided some measure of comfort, we will always hope that abuse like this will never happen again. Our comprehensive guide aims to empower parents with essential information and strategies for vetting daycare facilities and ensuring their children remain safe.

It is our collective responsibility to protect these young lives from harm and ensure they grow in a world that values their safety and dignity above all. We encourage every parent and guardian to study our guide to stay informed. Our team also aims to offer informative content through all our social media platforms so you can keep your family safe.

On this National Child Abuse Prevention Month and every month, let's unite in our efforts to eradicate child abuse and neglect. We urge you to join us in this crucial endeavor. Together, through awareness, education, and action, we can turn the tide against child abuse and ensure a brighter, safer future for our youngest and most vulnerable citizens. Scan the QR code provided to access our guide and take a significant step toward protecting your child and contributing to a safer world.



—Russell Button

WELCOME TO THE TEAM, MARGO!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MARKETING SPECIALIST

We are thrilled to shine the spotlight on the latest addition to our team at BLF, Margo, our new marketing specialist! Margo brings to the table a dynamic skill set, including copywriting, SEO optimization, and graphic design, embracing the full spectrum of marketing with enthusiasm and expertise. Joining forces with Jacqueline, they form an unstoppable duo, tackling our firm's ever-growing marketing needs.

Before stepping into the legal domain, Margo's career took her through the



Margo celebrating the holidays with her mom's dog, Sage!

corridors of the toy industry in a B2B role. While it was a great experience, Margo felt a strong desire to contribute to a cause with a deeper social impact. Inspired by her mother, who is an elementary school counselor, Margo knew helping children at BLF was the perfect fit. Our firm's commitment to assisting families affected by childcare negligence resonated with her values and aspirations.

Since her start on Feb. 19, Margo has been on a steep learning curve, navigating the new environment with remarkable organization and adaptability. It also helped that our supportive culture here has made her transition smooth, allowing her to quickly become an integral part of our team.

Away from the office, Margo is a documentary aficionado and keeps an impressive list of all the documentaries she's seen and her own ratings! She's always ready to exchange recommendations or dive into a new film. But her love for storytelling doesn't end there; Margo has

set a goal to read 15 books this year and is already halfway through.

Margo has an active lifestyle, with weekly pickleball games with her boyfriend. She also enjoys spending time outside with Sage, her mom's Bernedoodle. Their favorite thing to do together is jump on the trampoline.

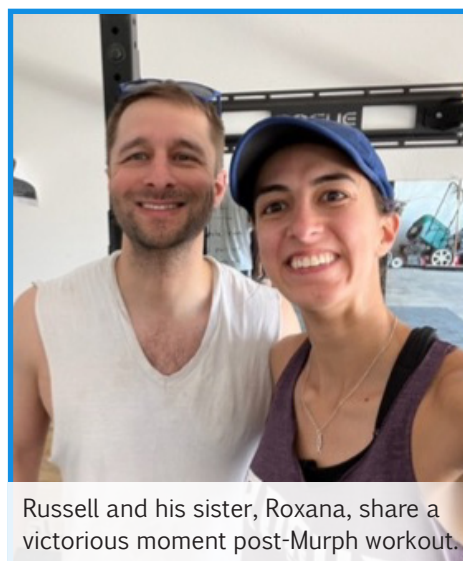
Margo's worldview was significantly shaped by spending three years in Hong Kong during her childhood, an experience that expanded her perspectives. Now, she brings that community-focused mindset to BLF, excited about our firm's engagement with the community and the positive changes we collectively strive to make.

We couldn't be happier to have Margo on board and look forward to the innovative and impactful ways she'll contribute to our firm's mission. If you need a book or documentary recommendation or simply want to welcome Margo to the BLF family, don't hesitate to reach out!

CELEBRATING NATIONAL SIBLINGS DAY AT BLF!

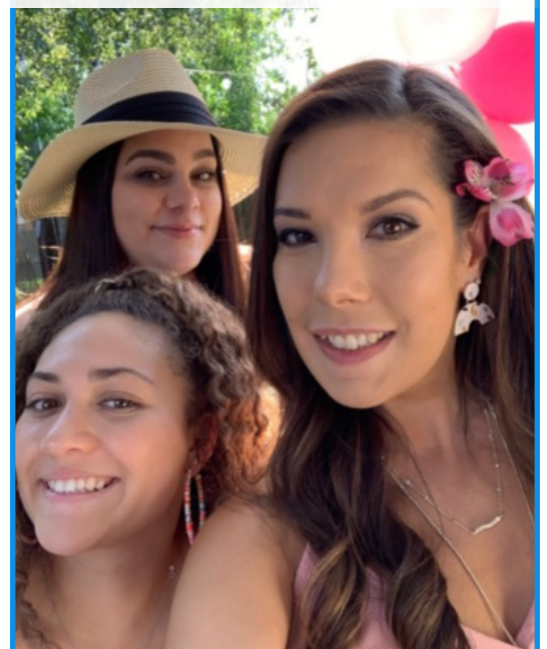
April 10th is National Siblings Day, so we're taking a playful pause to bring you a family photo collage of our team's sibling shenanigans! Come reminisce with us as we showcase the sibling love that makes each of us who we are today.

Be sure to check out the rest of our team's family photos on page three!



Russell and his sister, Roxana, share a victorious moment post-Murph workout.

Ashley and Cristina with their sister, Serina, share in a celebration!



A PAINFUL ENCOUNTER WITH BOTTLE WARMER BURNS

Lessons from Cameron's Daycare Tragedy

In summer 2022, a harrowing yet completely avoidable event unfolded that would forever change the life of a young child and his family. This incident exposed how easily a grave oversight can occur at a trusted daycare where parents expect the utmost care and security for their little ones. This accident, involving a toddler (whom we'll call Cameron), underscores a chilling negligence that no child should ever endure. (**His name was changed to protect the client's privacy.*)

Cameron, a vibrant 1-year-old, was left unsupervised near a hot bottle warmer — an item that is clearly a safety hazard and can lead to severe injuries. The consequence was a nightmarish scenario: Cameron pulled on the exposed cord, causing scalding water to cascade onto him, inflicting severe burns to his neck, shoulder, and chest. The immediate physical injuries were stark, marked by visible blistering and redness, not to mention

the lasting scarring that would become a constant reminder of the ordeal.

Yet, the negligence of those entrusted with his care amplified the tragedy, as Cameron's mother was met with vague explanations and incomplete information upon rushing to her son's side with the searing wet shirt still on him.

At our firm, we focus on advocating for the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community, understanding the profound impact negligence can have on a family. The case of Cameron is a heartrending example of the dire consequences when daycare facilities fail in their most basic duty: *to keep children safe.*

Our work emphasizes the importance of proper training for caregivers, safeguarding potentially hazardous items, and the crucial need for attentive

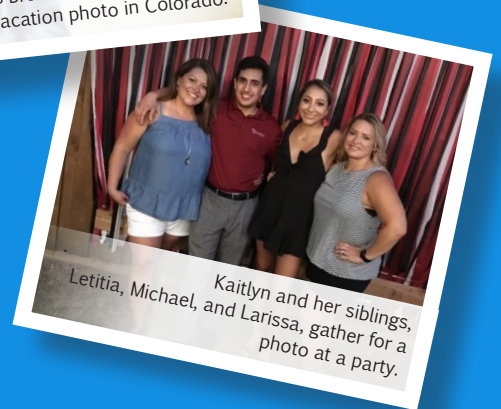


supervision at all times. We believe in the power of legal recourse to not only mend what has been broken but to forge a path toward safer childcare environments.

Fortunately, we were able to secure justice for Cameron and his family. As we reflect on his case, we feel more passionate than ever to continue serving our community and ensure that all childcare providers prioritize the safety and well-being of every child in their care. For parents and guardians seeking guidance or facing similar circumstances, our team stands ready to support and advocate for the safety and rights of your children.

BLF HIGHLIGHT REEL

As promised, our sibling photo collage continues! Check out the brothers and sisters who keep our team competitive, energized, and most importantly, smiling.



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EURIKA IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT BLF

Our Intake Specialist Reflects on Her Journey with Our Firm

A year ago, on April 3, 2023, Eurika stepped into The Button Law Firm (BLF), embarking on a journey far different from any she had experienced. At BLF, she could merge her two decades of teaching experience with legal advocacy for children and begin a journey she says is the most fulfilling of her career. Eurika's work anniversary is not just a milestone — it's a celebration of passion, growth, and the relentless pursuit of justice.

Reflecting on her first year, Eurika recalls the initial months filled with a blend of excitement and nervousness. "Rocking and rolling every day," she describes her early days, worried about everything



Eurika and her two grandchildren had so much fun experiencing Dave & Busters for the first time!

she didn't quite know yet. However, we were always there for Eurika to help her learn and grow. The unwavering support from her team quickly transformed her apprehension into confidence.

Eurika's work at BLF resonated deeply with her past as an educator.

Witnessing children and their families seek justice hit close to home, intensifying her dedication. The stark realization of the frequency and severity of daycare injuries was eye-opening. Yet, it inspired her work with a newfound fulfillment, driving her to excel in her role each day.

Throughout the year, Eurika has not only honed her skills but has also become a

beacon of hope and a source of invaluable knowledge for distressed parents navigating the complex world of childcare. Now, she looks forward to everything the upcoming year has to offer!

When it comes to personal projects, Eurika has embarked on writing a memoir inspired by her own experiences. Though finding the time and energy for writing after work and on weekends can be challenging, she views the upcoming summer as an opportunity to dive deeper into her personal project.

We are thrilled to celebrate Eurika's first work anniversary and are incredibly grateful to have her on our team. With her passionate advocacy and unwavering support for those in need, Eurika is integral to BLF and all those who know her.