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What to Do If CYFD Shows Up at Your Door by Brian Anastasio

Every homeschool parent is terrified of that unexpected knock on the door from Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) because we have all heard stories about children being taken from a home for homeschooling or for housing "unsocialized homeschoolers."

Think it is unlikely that a state worker would investigate a report of "unsocialized homeschoolers" in the first place? In West Virginia, 2016, this exact situation occurred. Most families that homeschool would think that this sort of charge would not trigger any type of investigation; however, it would if you view homeschooling as a form of abuse. Incidents like the suspected abuse in the homeschooled family with 13 kids in California make more people suspicious of homeschoolers. Many people do have this opinion and would like to increase regulation of homeschool families and require their homes open for inspection.

We homeschoolers know that we are radicals, and with that moniker comes many complaints on the anonymous hotlines. The social worker has an obligation to investigate these grievances.



[<Click here to see the article in its entirety>](#)



CAPE at the Capitol is coming up fast. Please come join us in Santa Fe to let our elected and appointed officials know we value our freedom to homeschool. We will give an update on what is going on in Santa Fe that impacts homeschoolers and you can stop by your representatives office. This is a great time to teach kids the power and limits of government.

<[To register for CAPE at the](#)

[Capitol click here](#)>

Accepting Runner Applications

Do you have a teenager with a heart to serve? Our Runner Coordinator is accepting applications for runners. What are the requirements?

- A heart to serve and willing to take instruction
- Between the ages of 13 to graduating senior
- Parents must be on site for the convention, either as a volunteer or an attendee.



If your teen is interested, then you can apply online at:

<[To apply to be a runner, click here](#)>

Applications are being accepted until March 23, 2018.

Showcase Auditions



For students with amazing talent who want to perform at the CAPE-NM Showcase on Thursday, April 19, 2018, auditions are currently being accepted. To find out the requirements and how to audition, please go to:

< [Instructions to audition for the showcase](#) >

Auditions are being accepted through March 16. If you have questions, please email: showcase@cape-nm.org.

CAPE-NM Calendar

January 2018 [Graduation Registration open](#)

[Convention Registration open](#)

January 29, 2018 - Feb 2, 2018 [TeenPact](#)

February 1, 2018 [CAPE at the Capitol](#)

April 19-21, 2018 [Annual Convention](#)

October 19-21, 2018 Fall Family Retreat
(details available at a later date)



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