



Enforcing Time Frames and Moving Cases

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A young girl with long brown hair and a boy with short brown hair are smiling and embracing each other. The girl is wearing a white lace-trimmed top, and the boy is wearing a white shirt with a black star pattern and a dark tie. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

GEN JUSTICE IS WHERE ABANDONED AND
ABUSED CHILDREN TURN FOR HOPE.

A close-up portrait of a young girl with dark hair, smiling broadly. She is wearing a white lace-trimmed collar over a blue and orange patterned shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

PRO BONO CHILDREN'S LAW CLINIC

Bring justice and swift case resolution to abused kids.



Award-winning advocacy

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Adoption Excellence Award 2020

Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute Angel in Adoption 2020

Gregor G. Peterson Prize in Venture Philanthropy

and more



“With the signings of Senate Bills 1391 and 1660 and House Bill 2410, Arizona is taking steps to ensure more children across the state are safe. 1391 protects a child’s right to be represented by legal counsel in dependency cases, 1660 helps protect vulnerable children from sexual abuse and sex trafficking, and 2410 increases the age of a newborn which can be delivered into the Safe Haven program from 72 hours to 30 days old,” said the Office of the Governor.





28 REFORMS IMPACTING 480,000 CHILDREN . . . AND COUNTING

Key ASFA Timeframes

- 01 Family reunification services must be provided in the first 15 months**
- 02 Each child must have a permanency hearing within 12 months after entering foster care**
- 03 When a child has been in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months, the State must file a petition to terminate parental rights, unless:**
 - (a) a relative is caring for the child;**
 - (b) there is a compelling reason termination is not in the best interest of the child; or**
 - (c) the State has not provided the family the needed services within the required deadlines**

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a light-colored sweater, holding a baby. The baby is wearing a striped long-sleeved shirt and is looking towards the right. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden chair or table. The overall tone is warm and intimate.

No state is complying with ASFA' s permanency timelines



Systematic problems require systematic reforms

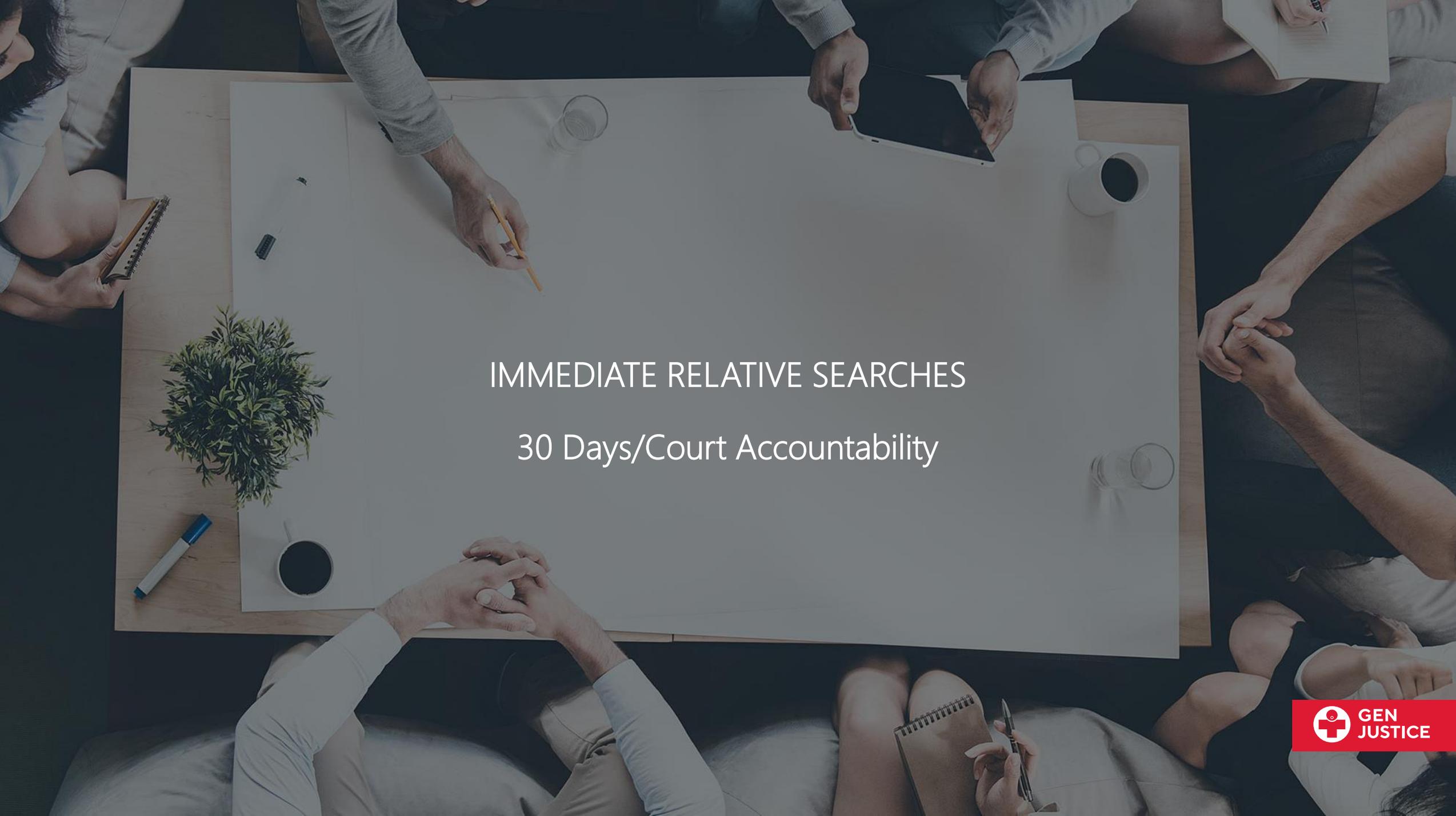
- 01 **Attorneys for all children in foster care**
- 02 **Immediate relative search**
- 03 **Family and child stability act**
- 04 **Immediate termination of dangerous parents (aggravated circumstances)**
- 05 **Reduce unnecessary court delays**
- 06 **Infant adoptions in one year**
- 07 **Streamlined adoptions for older youth**

Attorneys for all children

Children with attorneys:

- Exit care up to 3.5x faster
- Experience fewer placements
- Have more educational stability
- See services sought in court (including services for parents)





IMMEDIATE RELATIVE SEARCHES

30 Days/Court Accountability



Family and Child Stability Act

Keeping foster families together

Require state to notify court of aggravating circumstances warranting immediate TPR, such as:

- Abandonment
- Torture
- Chronic abuse
- Sexual abuse

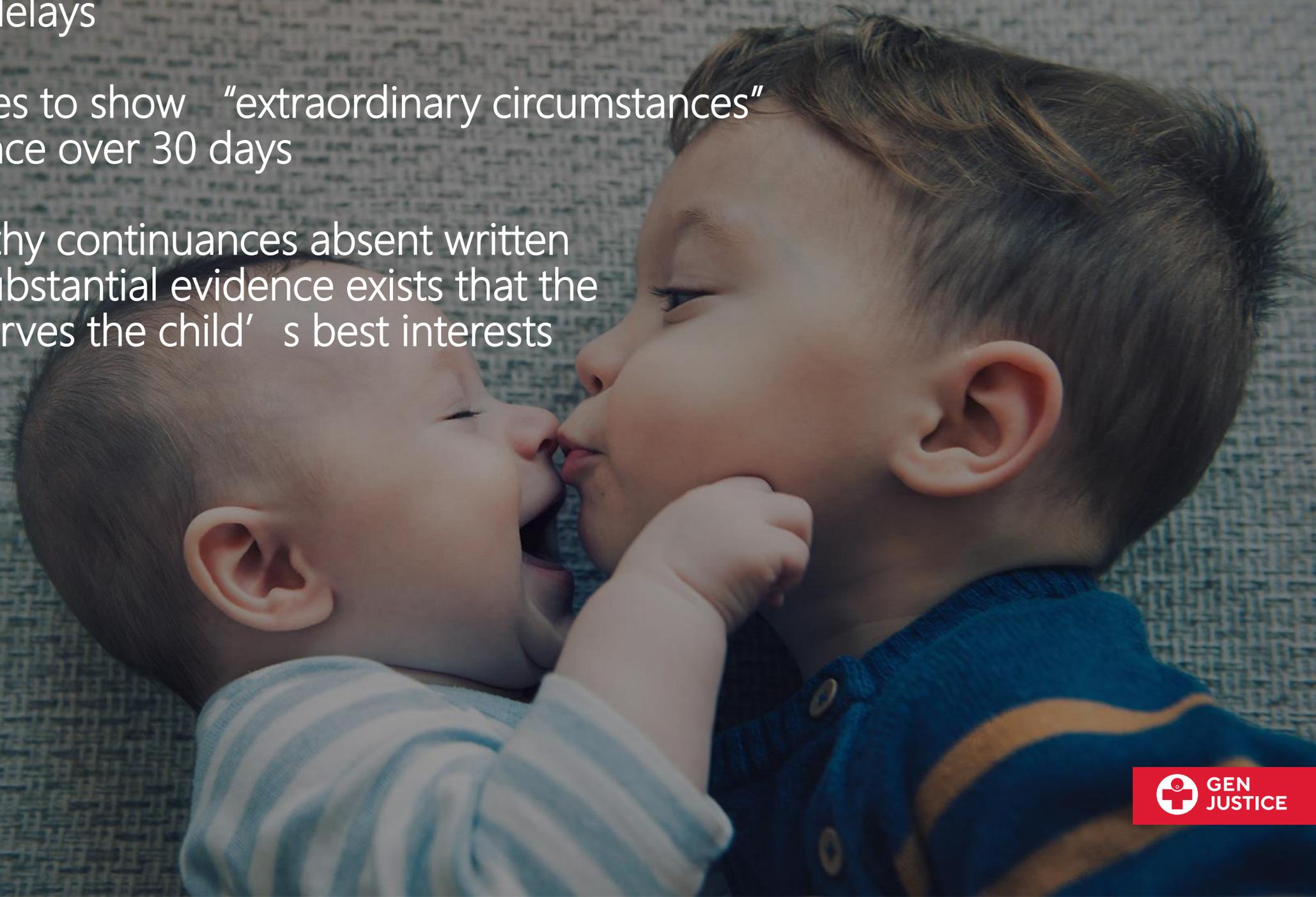


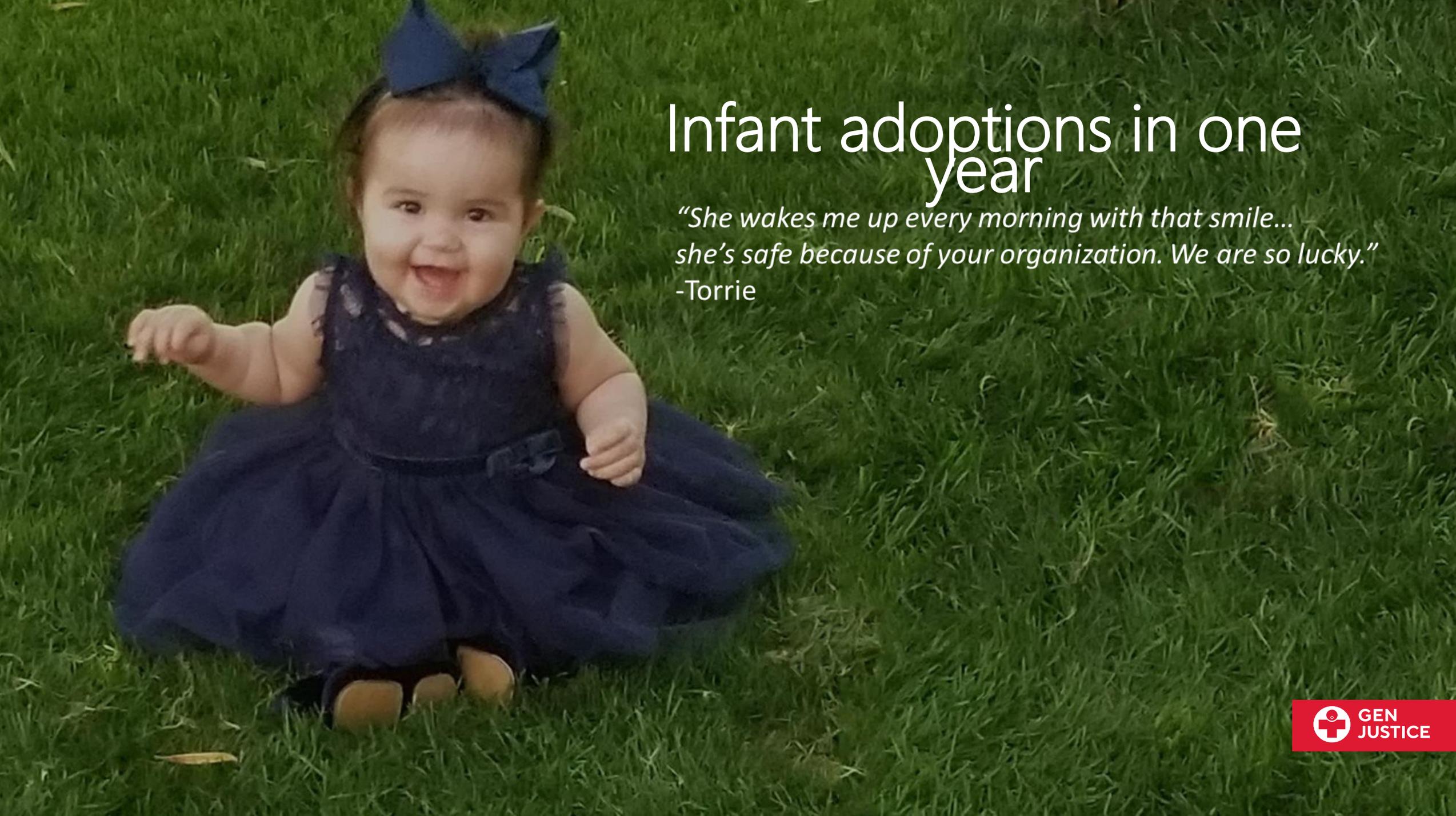
Immediate Termination of Dangerous Parents

SHE CAN'T FIGHT ABUSE. BUT WE CAN  **GEN JUSTICE**

Reduce court delays

- Require parties to show “extraordinary circumstances” for a continuance over 30 days
- Prohibit lengthy continuances absent written findings that substantial evidence exists that the continuance serves the child’s best interests





Infant adoptions in one year

*"She wakes me up every morning with that smile...
she's safe because of your organization. We are so lucky."*

-Torrie



Streamline adoptions for older youth



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Q & A

