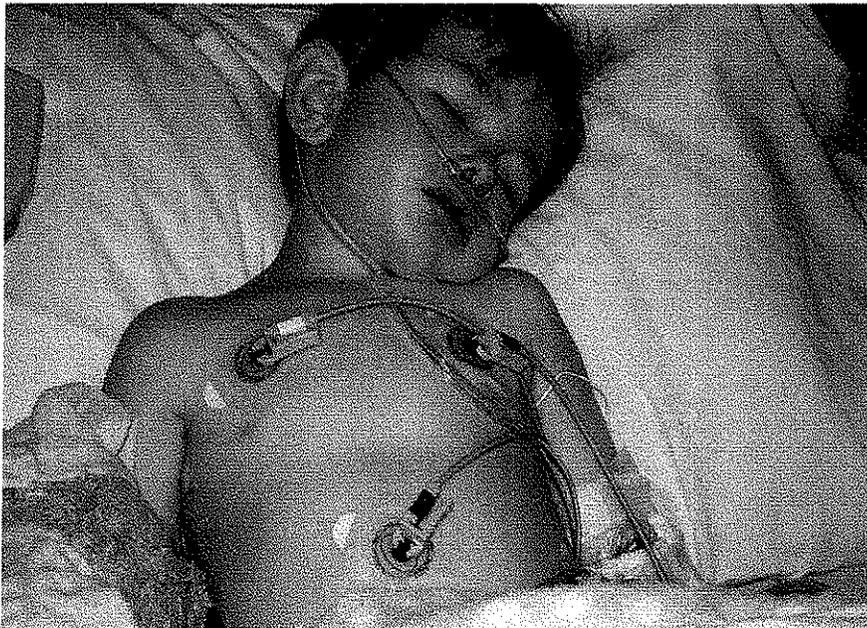


Adam Miteff, our son, was taken from us by CPS in September of 2006. One day after he was taken, we provided CPS with the names, addresses and phone numbers of six couples, all family members, who wanted Adam and would be very willing to take Adam into their homes. One couple is a licensed foster care provider. Another couple are Adam's natural grandparents. And another couple are Adam's Aunt and Uncle. All of these couples had seen Adam at least weekly since he was born.

For three years we fought to get our son back with us or with family. For three long years CPS and the courts refused. Adam was placed with strangers, a homosexual couple. Two months after he was placed with the homosexual couple, Adam had been to the emergency room six times and had to be hospitalized for several weeks. Eleven days of his hospitalization was spent in intensive care. Adam had to undergo emergency surgery which we signed for. My wife and I, Adam's mom and dad, were granted 24 hour a day unrestricted visitation with him while he was in the hospital. He was operated on Christmas day. After being with him for three days and nights, my wife and I were ordered out of the hospital by the CPS worker, Joyce Mansfield (who had come off of Christmas break to learn we were there), that originally removed him from our home. This is a picture of our son Adam in the hospital:



We fought for three long years to get our son home. For the first year we were allowed to see him one hour a week at CPS in a room with one-way mirrors (so they could observe the visitations). The second year, after a new foster care worker was assigned to our case, our visits were expanded to several hours a week. In the end, Judge Donald Shelton, decided after an 8 day trial, that our parental rights would be terminated and that Adam would be adopted to the homosexual couple that had him. For the next eight months we worked on our appeal. For those long eight months we were not allowed to see our son. We filed two appeals, one for my wife Pam and one for me. We won both appeals. All six COA judges ordered the termination reversed. During the oral argument for my appeal, the lead justice stated "what the lower court did to this family is nothing short of an atrocity". Even though Judge Shelton was reversed by the COA, he refused to return our son to us. My wife's appeal was won in June of 2009 and mine was won in September of 2009. In December of 2009, under pressure from the COA, Judge Shelton wrote an order to return our son to us. Adam has been greatly damaged by the "system". He sees a psychologist every week and has been seeing him since December of 2009. There was no reason why Adam should have been removed from our custody.

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