**Michigan Welcomes Nationwide Advocate Mr. Mark Ludwig with Americans for Equal Shared Parenting for a Public Shared Parenting Seminar.**

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The Americans for Equal Shared Parentings’ **Capitols for Kids Tour** which began in Washington, DC in May of 2018, is now coming to the historic Howell Opera House in Howell Michigan Wednesday October 10th from 6-9pm. This event will help effectuate legislative change and ensure children have equal access to both fit and loving parents, regardless of the marital or relationship status of the parents.   The event is open to the public.  Tickets available at <https://cfk.afesp.com/>

This educational and inspirational event will educate and inform legislators, mental health professionals, lawyers, judges and most importantly community leaders and the public on the recent gains and what is needed to continue legislative progress in family court reform.

There will be an exciting lineup of speakers including sponsor of The Michigan Shared Parenting Bill, HB4691, State Rep. Jim Runestad (R-White Lake), State Rep. Bob Kosowski (D-Westland), Bill Gelineau Libertarian Party candidate for Governor of Michigan, Keith Ledbetter, and family law attorneys Colleen DeVries, & David Helm. Each will be discussing different aspects and benefits of the shared parenting philosophy and the Michigan Shared Parenting Bill.

 The keynote speaker will be Mr. Mark Ludwig, who is on the Americans for Equal Shared Parenting Board of Directors. He is a leader nationwide for the advocacy and promoting of Shared Parenting legislative reform. Mr. Ludwig has been meeting with top governmental officials, and Congressional leaders to advocate for federal changes in child custody laws for our nation’s children and families. He will be discussing what is being done at the Federal level to effectuate positive change and where we go from here.

We invite you, the media to attend this exciting event that is sure to be very informative and educational in regard to the current state of the Family Court System and how Child Custody cases are decided.

What: Shared Parenting Informational Seminar (open to the public)

When: Wednesday October 10th 2018; 6pm-9:00pm

Where: Howell Opera House, 123 W Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843

Who: Special Guest Speaker Mr. Mark Ludwig and Americans for Equal Shared Parenting.

Why: To educate and inform citizens and lawmakers regarding the nationwide crisis with child custody following the divorce and separation of their parents. Discuss the benefits of shared parenting legislation which is currently in the forefront in over 25 states as well as the current and future national pursuit to save our children from the devastating effects they are experiencing due to the systematic and forced restricted access to both loving, fit parents. House Bill 4691 - Michigan Shared Custody Act is currently moving in the legislative process to reform Michigan Law.

NOTE: Mr. Mark Ludwig as well as others from AFESP-Mi will be available for interviews both before and after the event.

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**Links: Press**

http://fox17online.com/2017/08/16/current-custody-law-being-challenged-by-newly-proposed-shared-parenting-act/

http://fox17online.com/2017/08/11/supporters-of-shared-custody-act-promote-bill-in-grand-rapids/

http://www.businessinsider.com/children-should-spend-time-with-each-parent-after-divorce-2017-5

**Social Media**

https://www.facebook.com/Americans-for-Equal-Shared-Parenting-1889833501257566/

https://www.facebook.com/groups/243753466119426/

https://www.facebook.com/MichiganNPO/

https://www.facebook.com/nationalparentsorganization/

Committee Hearing – (Begin at 28:00) http://www.house.mi.gov/MHRPublic/PlayVideoArchive.html?video=JUDI-050217.mp4

**Facts, Figures, and Statistics:**

https://nationalparentsorganization.org/

http://www.michigansharedcustody.org/parents-toolkit.html