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Shining Hope

The "Shining Hope" newsletter offers valuable resources and support to families facing child abduction and parental alienation. Our publication provides uplifting and informative messages to parents dealing with the abduction of their children, fostering a strong and supportive community throughout their difficult journey. Stay informed and up-to-date with the latest news, events, and pressing issues through our comprehensive and timely newsletter.



Donate now at STL's official website! Your support brings kids HOME!

Bi-Weekly Parent Support Zoom Call: Email contactshinethelight@gmail.com for dates and the link to join.

STL's new [YouTube channel](#) is now live, offering weekly tools, stories, and encouragement to help families stay supported and empowered!

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The Shining Hope: Carrying Light Forward

As the year comes to a close, reflection often brings a mix of emotions. Gratitude for moments of progress sits alongside the weight of unresolved loss, unanswered questions, and ongoing uncertainty. For families affected by [parental child abduction](#), time does not always bring clarity or closure, and waiting may continue into the new year.

In this context, hope is less about quick outcomes and more about steady engagement. It is supported by reliable information, continued awareness, and attention to the systems that influence prevention, recovery, and reunification.

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Through STL's publications, social media campaigns, and resources, the issues of parental child abduction and alienation are gaining greater public attention. This work also supports continued discussion at the policy level.

Looking ahead, STL is expanding its outreach through a new [YouTube channel](#) designed to share parents' stories and testimonies, along with interviews featuring legal, mental health, and child welfare professionals. This platform will extend existing resources and offer families another place to find information, insight, and support.

Light is carried forward through knowledge, responsible advocacy, and compassion. Knowledge empowers families to make informed decisions and understand their legal options. Responsible advocacy ensures that the voices of affected families are heard and considered. Compassion strengthens hope for left-behind parents who feel alone, isolated, or overwhelmed. With these elements in place, steps forward become possible, and families are better equipped to endure uncertainty and waiting.

STL works to ensure that no family faces this journey alone, and through its network of resources and support, light continues to shine. This light offers hope, connection, and practical guidance for the uncertain days ahead.

Thank you for being part of this community of awareness, compassion, and hope!



Happy Holidays

As the year ends, this season becomes a time to pause and reflect. For many, it's marked by traditions rooted in faith, family, or community. Within the STL community, the diverse faiths and beliefs represented remind us of something extraordinary: the ability to find connection through shared experiences, even when our journeys are different.

Whether lighting candles, exchanging gifts, or simply coming together to share a meal, these moments hold meaning beyond the traditions themselves. They remind us of the strength found in relationships, the importance of compassion, and the common ground that holds people together.

In a world often divided by differences, recognizing these shared threads is a gift in itself—one that encourages unity and purpose.

May this time serve as a reminder of the power in community and the importance of standing together.

Happy Holidays from STL!

300+
Families
Supported

Children
Reunited
240

Volunteers
30+

4000+
Advocacy
Hours

New Brazilian Law Recognizes Emotional Abandonment: What Parents and Advocates Should Know

Brazil has recently passed Lei 15.240/2025, a groundbreaking law that formally recognizes [emotional abandonment of children and adolescents](#) as a civil wrong, making it possible to seek compensation for moral damages.

While this is a Brazilian law, it signals a global shift toward recognizing children's emotional well-being as a key component of parental responsibility: a principle that has direct relevance for families affected by parental child abduction (PCA).

What the Law Does

The new legislation expands parental obligations beyond financial support to include emotional care, presence, and guidance. Emotional abandonment is now recognized as a violation of fundamental rights, and courts in Brazil can award civil damages for failures to meet these responsibilities.

While the law does not solve all challenges faced by left-behind parents, it underscores a growing recognition of the real emotional

harms caused by parental absence: a step toward justice and accountability that families and advocates can embrace as part of their ongoing efforts.

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As the new year begins, we want to pause and thank our parents, advocates, partners, and donors who continue to stand with families affected by parental child abduction.

Your presence, attention, and generosity make a real difference in a pervasive issue that affects thousands of families each year in the United States and around the world.

STL remains committed to advancing awareness, strengthening support, and walking alongside families affected by parental child abduction, ensuring they are not left to navigate this difficult journey alone.



WE THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL 2025 AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026!

Happy New Year! (English)

नया साल मुबारक!
(Naya Saal Mubarak - Hindi)

明けましておめでとう!
(Akemashite Omedetou - Japanese)

새해 복 많이 받으세요!
(Saehae Bok Mani Badeuseyo - Korean)

Bonne Année! (French)

С Новым Годом!
(S Novym Godom - Russian)

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! (Spanish)

Feliz Ano Novo! (Portuguese)

Athbhliain faoi Mhaise! (Irish)

新年快乐!

(Xin Nian Kuai Le - Chinese)

Felice Anno Nuovo! (Italian)

שנה טובה!
(Shana Tova - Hebrew)

عام سعيد!
(Aam Saeed - Arabic)

Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku! (Polish)

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