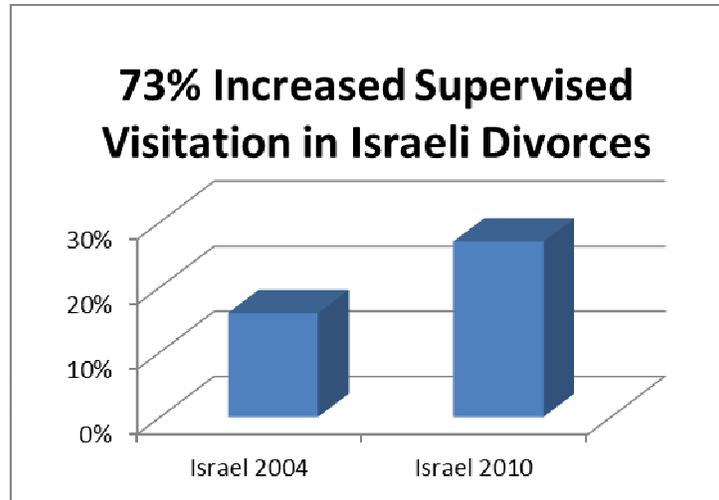




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Love for Israel Relief Fund announces plan to help rescue Israel's family welfare system.

The state-run infrastructure has reached a boiling point after government-employed social workers went on strike in March and returned to work only to be dragged before the UN Human Rights Counsel on human rights violations which have been mounting against them for years. The Love for Israel Relief Fund decided to take immediate action after the Jerusalem Post reported on 2 June 2011 that a group of Israeli fathers appealed to the UN with allegations including, "institutionalized torture and denial of civil rights" against the Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Welfare.

"This situation is unacceptable," stated R. David Weisskopf, Love for Israel Relief Fund's chairman. "On the one hand, Israel placed 500% more families under closely

supervised visitation than Illinois in 2004 when I served as a consultant with the IDCFS director. Since then, Israel's supervised visitation has increased by 73% - with a devastating impact on ethnic minorities, immigrants and suicide rates. It is five times more deadly for a father to get divorced in Israel than to drink and drive in Illinois. On the other hand, I hope both sides will return to the table and allow us to arbitrate a peaceful solution without involving the UN."

In an effort to restore family values, the time has come to seriously engage divorced families and begin filling in the gaps of service to this fragile and oftentimes explosive population. It is not acceptable that divorcing families have to wait six months to a year – or more - for a

professional report in order to finalize visitation and custodial arrangements.

The Love for Israel Relief Fund published a proposal to outsource services to community-based family support centers. Outsourcing services saved the social welfare system in Illinois and will also rescue Israel's social welfare system. The Ministry of Social Affairs & Social Services can more efficiently hold contractors to higher standards of excellence than government-employed bureaucrats. The proposal states that the first center is opening in Jerusalem and

will begin by offering therapeutic support groups in English and Hebrew to parents in divorce situations. "For now all our funding comes from private donations," said Weisskopf, "but we need to start these groups right away and worry about funds later."

The proposal is available online at:
<http://love4israel.org/admin/pdf/Proposal.pdf>

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