

Family Protection Ministries

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MINISTRY FACT SHEET

PURPOSE:

To defend the freedom to educate and care for our children in our homes privately.

HISTORY:

The Christian Home Educators Association of California (CHEA) and others – such as attorney Michael Smith of the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) – determined we needed to assure that California laws protect the God-given and constitutional rights of parents to determine and direct the education of their own children. CHEA, HSLDA, and others asked Roy Hanson to serve as Special Consultant for Legislative Affairs in California. Roy established Family Protection Ministries (FPM) to accomplish this mission. Roy has been assisted full-time by Jim Davis since 1994 and has served as the full-time Director from the beginning in 1986.

Each year, new bills threatening home education, private schools, and parental rights are introduced. Roy's and Jim's leadership has been strategic in stopping or amending dozens of damaging bills. A few of the many victories of dangerous proposals stopped include: criminalizing homeschooling, defining educational neglect and truancy as child abuse (which could have been used against homeschoolers), statewide daytime curfews, mandatory government home visits of all infants and toddlers, and mandatory psychiatric examinations for all citizens every three years. Their efforts have also been critical in passing positive legislation protecting parental rights (for example, SB 243 excluding spankings in the definition of child abuse, AB 1355 reducing the absolute immunity of social workers to protect innocent parents from false accusations of child abuse, and AB 2749, requiring CPS social workers performing an investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect to advise the individual of the allegations against him).

Family Protection Ministries is critical in coordinating with other home school, education, and family protection groups all across the state to assure a united approach to legislation affecting parental rights, religious freedoms, and private home education. A premature or wrong approach by even a single well-meaning group could make life very difficult for most of us.

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DUTIES:

1. Central clearinghouse for information on state legal/legislative status and action
2. Analyzing and tracking dozens of state (& federal) legislative proposals each year (They are hard to spot and are changed rapidly & often secretly.)
3. Advocacy in support, opposition or modification of specific legislation
4. Regular legislative Updates & Alerts
5. Speaking to home education groups, private schools, and other groups
6. Consultations and referrals
7. Writing position papers based on sound legal research and a Biblical world and life view
8. Building positive relationships with legislators, education officials, and the public
9. Liaison to CHEA, HSLDA, and other home school groups, other private school organizations and parental rights groups
10. Serving the Lord Jesus Christ and glorifying Him by serving you and others

Roy Hanson's and Jim Davis's BACKGROUND:

Roy married Debra in 1972. They educated their children at home through high school.

Roy holds a masters degree and experience in public policy and legislative analysis and action. Before working for California homeschoolers full time, he was the Director of the Public Policy Resource Center, a Christian World View research center and information clearing house located in Southern California. Prior to that position, Roy served on the faculty of the University of Texas at Austin ('77 to '81).

Jim married Judy in 1964. They homeschooled their daughter through high school.

Jim received his Bachelor's Degree in theology from Moody Bible Institute in 1975. Prior to joining Family Protection Ministries, Jim worked sixteen years for PG&E's Nuclear Quality Assurance Department.

Roy and Jim and their families have been active in their churches.

ARRANGEMENT:

Family Protection Ministries (FPM) is the only full-time organization, working in the state capitol, monitoring and advocating in all legislative and administrative actions which directly affect California private home educators. FPM is totally dependent upon home educators' regular financial support for 100% of both salary and expense needs. In order to continue to defend the freedoms of home educators, FPM needs your financial support. This ministry has a critical need for additional monthly support for salary and ministry/office expenses.

Your Challenge:

Our basic freedoms are at great risk. We need to find home educators and Independent Study Programs who will commit to giving \$20, \$50, \$75, or more each month toward the support of this one-of-a-kind ministry. We cannot do this tremendous job alone. This ministry is 100% faith supported. Be part of our team. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!

If you can help, your tax-deductible gift should be made payable to Family Protection Ministries (or FPM) and sent directly to the address below. (Family Protection Ministries is a part of New Century Educators.)

LEGAL-LEGISLATIVE UPDATE NEWSLETTER:

This newsletter, published by Family Protection Ministries, provides firsthand reports of any changes in the law as well as any legal threats to home education in California. There are two ways to receive this newsletter:

1. It is sent free to all California Christian home school support group and private school satellite program leaders and pastors who send their mailing address, name of group and phone number.
2. It is also sent free to those who contribute \$40 or more each calendar year to this ministry.