



Darryl A. Gibbs

Parent Spokesperson

National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome

Darryl is the father of Cynthia Tamara Elaine Gibbs. At eight months of age Cynthia was a victim of shaken baby syndrome (SBS) with impact by the hands of her own New York State certified child care provider. Cynthia died from massive brain damage as a result of her injuries. In Cynthia's memory in 2001, Darryl founded the Cynthia Gibbs Foundation, an advocacy group that is dedicated to the prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome, raising public awareness, family support for victims and their family, and advocating for criminal justice for shaken baby victims and other forms of child abuse.

As a Shaken Baby Prevention Educator and Victims Advocate, Darryl speaks at child abuse conferences worldwide, schools, childcare agencies, health care facilities, churches, prison's, and community events. He shares his heartbreaking experience of "Cynthia's Story" along with his powerful message of courage, passion, inspiration and love for the protection of our most vulnerable and precious resource --- infants and young children from Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Darryl has worked to pass three Shaken Baby Syndrome Laws in New York State. A Social Services Law, that mandates all NYS certified child care providers be educated and informed on the identification, diagnosis and prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome; Public Health Law, requiring all NYS hospitals and birthing centers offer maternity patients and fathers of newborn children to view a video presentation on the dangers of shaking infants and young children and most recently "Cynthia's Law," requiring the NYS Department of Health to develop and implement an ongoing "Shaken Baby Public Information and Educational Campaign" to inform the general public about brain injuries that result from shaking infants and young children. "Cynthia's Law," also creates the new crime of Felony Reckless Assault for causing "Serious Physical Injury" to the brain of a child less than 5 years old by means of shaking, slamming, or throwing a child.

Darryl's continued commitment to protecting our smallest children, from the violence of Shaken Baby Syndrome is now on the Federal level. He used the public health model of "Cynthia's Law" to create an National Shaken Baby Syndrome Public Health Campaign entitled "The Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Act of 2007," sponsored by U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd (**S.1204**) and U.S. Congresswoman Nita Lowey (**H.R.2052**). The focus of this Federal legislation is to increase public awareness and education on the dangers and risk associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome. Darryl is "Spearheading" the national lobbying efforts of this very important legislation that will bring the best of current prevention, awareness and education practices to serve to protect America's infants and young children from Shaken Baby Syndrome, because protecting children starts with protecting our smallest!

Darryl is a true champion for children, and a passionate "Advocate for Humanity," who fervently believes that "A child's life...is never too small to save!"

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