

WHY ANGELS IN WAITING USA WILL NOT BE CARING FOR THE SULEMAN CHILDREN, ACCORDING TO BOTH SIDES, ON DR. PHIL, MARCH 25-26

Nadya Suleman, Attorney Gloria Allred and Representatives from Angels in Waiting USA Will Be Guests, Along with Child Advocate Linda Wallace Pate, to Explain What Happened

(Los Angeles, CA March 24, 2009) – When [Dr. Phil](#) mediated an agreement between the group Angels in Waiting USA and the mother of octuplets, Nadya Suleman, his intent was to arrange for qualified care in a transparent environment for the children so that they could be released from the hospital to their biological mother. It seemed like the best solution in a difficult situation. Three weeks later, the agreement has been terminated, and both sides in the disagreement will speak out to explain what went wrong, on [DR. PHIL](#), Wednesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 26. (Check your local listings)

“I’m disappointed that the two parties could not find common ground to work together. Now my concern for the 14 children continues to be my singular focus,” said Dr. Phil in the opening of Wednesday’s show.

Because [Dr. Phil](#) did not want Ms. Suleman to spend valuable time away from her children to make the journey to the Paramount Studios, she joined the conversation by telephone during today’s taping. She was given the opportunity to share her concerns regarding Angels in Waiting USA, and discuss why she and her attorney Jeff Czech felt she had no other option but to end their arrangement and find replacement care.

Four of the Suleman octuplets have now left the hospital and are being cared for at home, but as of this week, their care will be supervised by Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Hospital, according to Ms. Suleman and Czech.

In Wednesday’s show, Ms. Suleman stressed that while she was appreciative of all Angels in Waiting USA had done to assist her in caring for her babies, when Kaiser stepped up to provide training for the nannies she had hired, as well as daily home health visits, she ultimately decided she no longer needed the services of AIW USA. She did not want to rely on the donations the agency needed to provide wraparound care, and she explained that her eventual goal was to be able to support her children without public or private assistance.

But Ms. Suleman had other concerns besides the funding question. “The primary issue was that myself [sic] and my nannies felt extremely uncomfortable. I personally felt like a stranger in my own home. The goal was to empower me as a mother, help me, train me. I’m open to that, I want that, I want to do the very best

for these ... premature babies. I wanted them [AIW USA] to use their training and knowledge to help guide me. I felt that was never accomplished. I felt as though every time I tried to hold the babies, feed the babies, they would be observing and they were waiting for me to make a mistake.”

Linda West Conforti and Jackie Peebles of Angels in Waiting USA, together with their attorney Gloria Allred, were also on hand to respond to Ms. Suleman’s assessment of the situation, as well as reiterate their concern that the care and well-being of the Suleman children continue to be monitored and reported by the responsible agency.

Allred said: “Our major concern has always been the best interest of the babies...and of course, I happen to disagree with quite a bit of what Nadya said in terms of what has happened. I think the real reason that Nadya has not been able to continue with Angels in Waiting may be the fact that not one, but three reports had to be filed with Child Protective Service by Angels in Waiting [who] are mandated reporters under the law.” The substance of those three complaints will be discussed in the show.

Added Allred: “The whole point of Angels in Waiting, besides providing such high-quality care...was not to put the burden on the taxpayer, but that’s what Nadya and Jeff are doing. [They want] to shut everybody up...that’s wrong. I want to know what they are hiding and why.”

In addition, all of the guests will identify what they thought went wrong the night the first octuplets, Noah and Isaiah, came home from the hospital, and Dr. Phil will address what kind of limitations Ms. Suleman and her attorney must set if she wants to keep her children safe at home. Explained Czech: “I don’t think anyone really foresaw the extent of what would happen the first time around.”

And child advocate and civil rights attorney Linda Wallace Pate will discuss why she thinks it’s in the best interest of the Suleman family to let the drama subside, and the small business owners who agreed to make improvements on the Suleman home so that it was ready and safe for the babies to come home were on hand to show their work and explain why they stepped forward.

About The DR. PHIL Show: The syndicated series, [DR. PHIL](#), was created by Harpo Productions, and is produced by Peteski Productions in association with CBS Television Distribution. It is broadcast on over 214 stations representing 100% of the country. Since its debut in September 2002, the series has been ranked second among all daytime talk shows and consistently ranks among the Top Ten of all syndicated strips (Source: NSS Ranking Report).