

Woman Sues Husband, Straight Inc.

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MAINEVILLE—A Maineville woman said Thursday she regrets allowing her minor son to be admitted into a drug rehabilitation program run by Straight Inc., which she is now suing.

"I just want my son out of that place. I wish I hadn't listened to those people who said it would be good for him," said Patricia Wynne in a telephone interview.

One of the people who convinced her that her son should be admitted to the program was her former husband, Walter J. Wynne, of Loveland. He and Straight Inc., a company established to cure youths of drug problems, named as defendants in a suit filed on behalf of Mrs. Wynne in Warren County Common Pleas Court.

The suit claims that while she was filing a deposition at the Warren County Courthouse July 1 in an effort to get her son out of the program, she was "assaulted and beaten . . . and violently pushed against a wall," and that a door was slammed on her arm.

In addition, the suit claims

that her attackers were "members, agents or employees of Straight Inc." acting in accordance with established practices of the firm, to prevent her from communicating with her son.

Mrs. Wynne is seeking \$30,000 to compensate her for medical bills, lost wages and "emotional distress" and \$50,000 in punitive damages from her former husband and Straight Inc.

In addition, her attorney, Joanne Hash, has sent a letter to the Ohio Department of Public Welfare, claiming that the firm uses brainwashing techniques.