

WHAT IS PARENTAL ALIENATION?

Parental alienation is a form of child abuse in which a parent damages or destroys a child's relationship with their other parent. The abusive parent is referred to as the alienating parent or alienator. The affected parent is referred to as the target parent or alienated parent. The abusive parent uses alienating behaviors during the process of parental alienation. There are many alienating behaviors including but not limited to...

- Disparaging the target parent to or in front of the child
- Withholding the child from the target parent during the child's court ordered time with the target parent
- Withholding love, affection and acceptance of the child if they don't reject the target parent
- Punishment of the child if they don't reject the target parent
- Bribing child to reject the target parent
- Making the child feel that the target parent is unsafe or dangerous
- Any behavior that makes the child feel they can't show any positive feelings towards or about the target parent

Additional Important Information

- An alienated child can be any age, including an adult. As long as the child remains under the control and manipulation of the alienating parent, the child can remain alienated throughout adulthood.
- Alienating parents are often very calm, cool, collected and convincing. They are often very skilled at convincing people that the target parent is “crazy” or “unsafe” or has done something to deserve to be rejected by the child.
- A study conducted by Colorado State University has shown that approximately 22 million parents in the United States are experiencing some level of parental alienation. Parental alienation is an epidemic.

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“Parental Alienation can happen to ANYONE so it should matter to EVERYONE!”
~Wendy Perry~

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