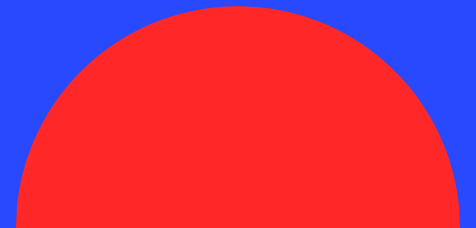
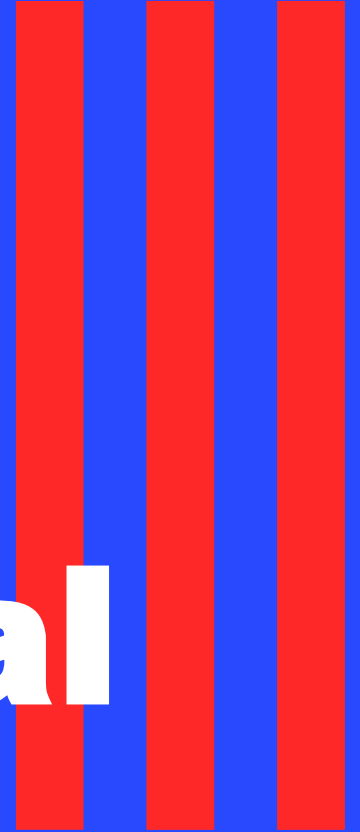


**Child
Psychological
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Agenda

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Symptoms of Abuse
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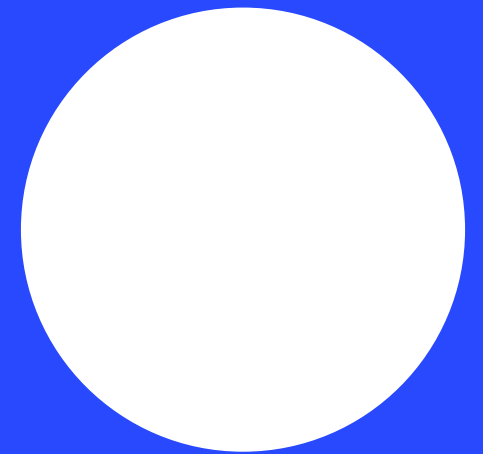
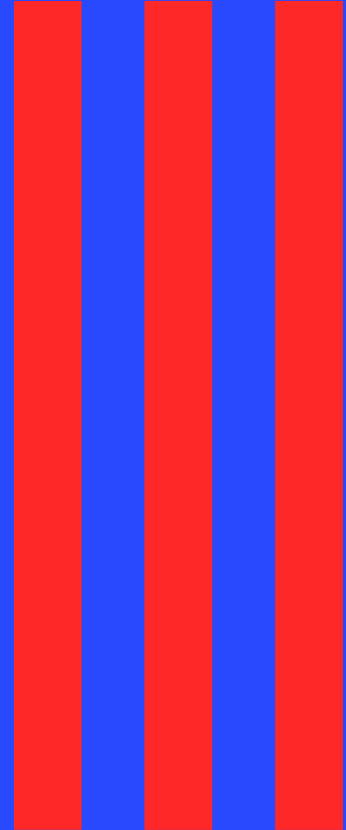
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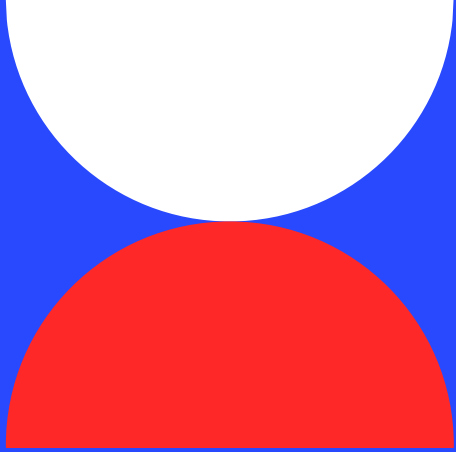
- Absence of physical/sexual abuse
- Unique bond with Mother & Father
- After divorce should be able to:
 - Avoid conflicts
 - Set boundaries
 - De-escalate issues
 - Repair relationships



High-Conflict Divorce

- 50/50 Shared parenting is best**
- Using child as a weapon to hurt other parent**
- Title IV-D**
- Fines, prison, garnished wages, suspend DL**
- TX Penal Code 25.03 - Interference w/ Custody**





Attachment System (Disorders)

**Children do NOT reject their parents!
Most people get everything backwards!**

- NPD/BPD**
- Enmeshment**
- Persecutory Delusions**
- Induced Compliance**
- False Accusations**
- Triangulation**

**Fear and Brainwashing are well hidden
Counter-Intuitive**

How to Diagnose Parental Alienation

Alienating Parent

- Using child to hurt the other parent
- Typically has primary custody of child

Target Parent

- Rejected by child
- Non-custodial parent

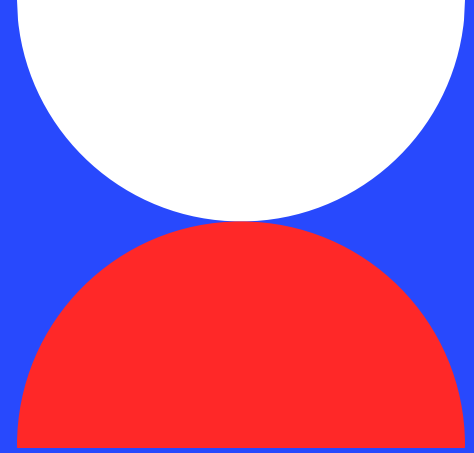
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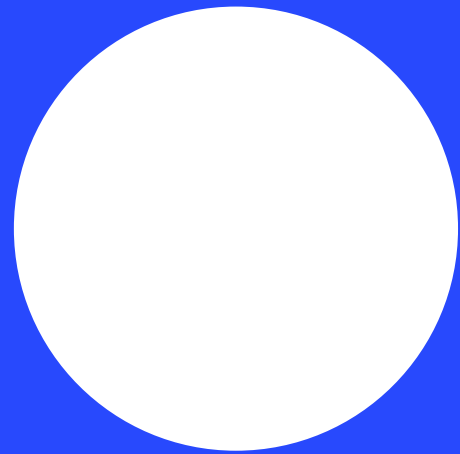
Child is forced to choose only one parent



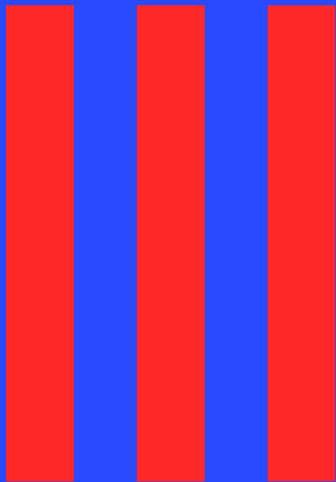
10 Things Alienated Kids WON'T Admit

- 1) Alienator loves to bad-mouth the Target parent
 - Kids don't know any different, it's normal to them
- 2) Decisions have been influenced to hate the Target parent
 - Known as the "independent thinker" phenomenon
- 3) Kids want the Target parent to love them
 - Miss the Target parent...inner void that needs to be filled
- 4) Kids wish that things were different with the Target parent
- 5) Kids say negative things about the Target parent like "selfish"
"unstable" and "abandoned"





- 6) Kids are scared of getting hurt again
- 7) Kids feel guilty for spending time with Target parent
 - Betraying the Alienator
- 8) Kids are hurting inside, but angry outside (mask)
- 9) Kids can't be themselves
 - Guarded, put up a wall
- 10) Getting close to the Target parent will upset Alienator
 - Kids will be interrogated and threatened by Alienator



Kids are AFRAID to stand up to Alienator, typically met with aggression, punishment, threats and ultimatums.

"Normal-range" parents should be willing to share child without getting upset.

Research/Test/Monitor

Read books (Foundations by Dr. Childress)

Watch videos (PA – In the Eyes of the Experts)

Join professional PA groups (PASG)

Alienators don't want to be exposed, so they won't participate in family counseling.



Removing child from Alienator may result in

Domestic Violence

Treatment Plans

Parenting Practices Rating Scale (1-4)

- *Levels 1-2 are Deviant-Abusive

- *Levels 3-4 are Normal-Range

3 Strikes You're Out!

- *Holds both parents accountable

- *Punishment for interfering/isolating the child

Allows Target parent the opportunity to restore relationship with child

What Does Parental Alienation Sound Like?

Dad says: "I'm picking up the kids on Friday at 6:00 pm"

Mom says: "You can discuss that with the kids"

-Analysis: Allowing the kids to choose their own schedule is undermining Dad's authority.

Dad says: "I have to work this weekend to pay child support"

Mom says: "Sorry kids, Dad abandoned you"

-Analysis: Alienators twist what actually happened and turn it into something terrible or offensive. Next, they use the terrible event as fuel to turn the child against the Target parent.

Dad says: "I just want to spend more time with our kids"

Mom says: "Dad's trying to force my kids out of the house"

-Analysis: Mom is suffering from a Persecutory Delusion and believes that Dad is trying to harm her and the kids.

Mom says to Dad: "If you don't pay child support you'll never see your kids again!"

-Analysis: Triangulation, using the kids to deal with spousal conflict



Thank you

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