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# Children Who Resist Postseparation Parental Contact: A Differential Approach For Legal And Mental Health Professionals (American Psychology-Law Society Series)





# Synopsis

Children Who Resist Postseparation Parental Contact is a critical, empirically based review of parental alienation that integrates the best research evidence with clinical insight from interviews with leading scholars and practitioners. The authors - Fidler, Bala, and Saini - a psychologist, a lawyer and a social worker, are an multidisciplinary team who draw upon the growing body of mental health and legal literature to summarize the historical development and controversies surrounding the concept of "alienation" and explain the causes, dynamics, and differentiation of various types of parent-child relationship issues. The authors review research on prevalence, risk factors, indicators, assessment, and measurement to form a conceptual integration of multiple factors relevant to the etiology and maintenance of the problem of strained parent-child relationships. A differential approach to assessment and intervention is provided. Children's rights, the role of their wishes and preferences in legal proceedings, and the short- and long-term impact of parental alienation are also discussed. Considering legal, clinical, prevention, and intervention strategies, and concluding with recommendations for practice, research, and policy, this book is a much-needed resource for mental health professionals, judges, family lawyers, child protection workers, mediators, and others who work with families dealing with divorce, separation, and child custody issues.

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A much-needed, even-handed summary of the state of the research on this complicated topic. A must-read for all attorneys, judges, and professionals working with children of divorce and their families. Thank you for bringing all of this detailed research and clinical theory together in one place!

Everything you need to know about the current approaches to alienation- excellent discussion of the different presentations and reasons, and i particularly liked the distinction about levels of alienation

Important information for those working with families in transition due to separation/divorce.

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