



# **Parental Alienation Awareness Association Ireland and International Information sheet**

## **Parental Alienation – Documented Effects on the child**

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The tactics of the alienator is tantamount to extreme psychological maltreatment of the child, including spurning, terrorizing, isolating, corrupting or exploiting, and denying emotional responsiveness. Professionals and Courts ruled it to be the “Ultimate Form of Child Emotional Abuse”

For the child, parental alienation is a serious mental condition, based on a false belief that the alienated parent is a dangerous and unworthy parent.

The severe effects of parental alienation on children are well-documented. Some is mentioned hereunder. Note not all the effects are always present. The alienator, reaction of target parent, support to the child, cultures, morals and more does play a part.

### **Immediate effects include:**

- low self esteem
- self-hatred
- lack of trust
- fears of rejection or abandonment
- depression
- losing capacity to give and accept love
- severe guilt
- loneliness
- grief

### **Medium term effects – up to early adulthood, included:**

- Continuation of some immediate effects
- reality-testing abilities compromised
- affected interpersonal functioning
- conflicted or distant relationships
- learning difficulties
- school adjustment problems
- concentration problems
- tension
- impulse control problems
- peer relationships

- unexplained psychological conditions
- suicidal ideation and self harm
- substance abuse and addiction
- cognitive deficiencies
- impaired sex-role identification
- effects on sibling relationships
- juvenile delinquency
- criminality

### **Long term effects:**

- Continuation of some medium term effects
- Unexplained psychological conditions
- Broken relationships
- Also becoming an abusing alienator
- High risk of becoming alienated from their own children

### **Old age effects:**

- “I wonder what..”
- loneliness
- rejection
- early dementia

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### **Drafted from evidence and judgments, among others in:**

Frye v. United States, 293 F. 1013 (D.C. Cir. 1923). *superseded by* Fed. R. Evid. 702, *construed in* Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 113 S. Ct. 2786 (1993).

Karen "PP" v. Clyde "OO", 574 N.Y.S. 2d 267 (Fam. Ct. 1991), *aff d sub nom.*, Karen "PP" v. Clyde "OO", 602 N.Y.S. 2d 709 (App. Div. 1993).

In the interest of T.M.W., 333 So. 2d 260 (Ra. Dist. Ct. App. 1989).

*In re* Rosenfeld and Rosenfeld. 524 N.W.2d 212 (Iowa Ct. App. 1994).

(Hornby) Simms v. Hornsby (Ohio Ct. App. 12th Dist., 1992)

*In re* Marriage of Wiederholt v. Fisher, 485 N.W.2d 442 (Wis. Ct. App. 1992).

and more ...