

Beyond a Single Factor Parental Alienation Ideology

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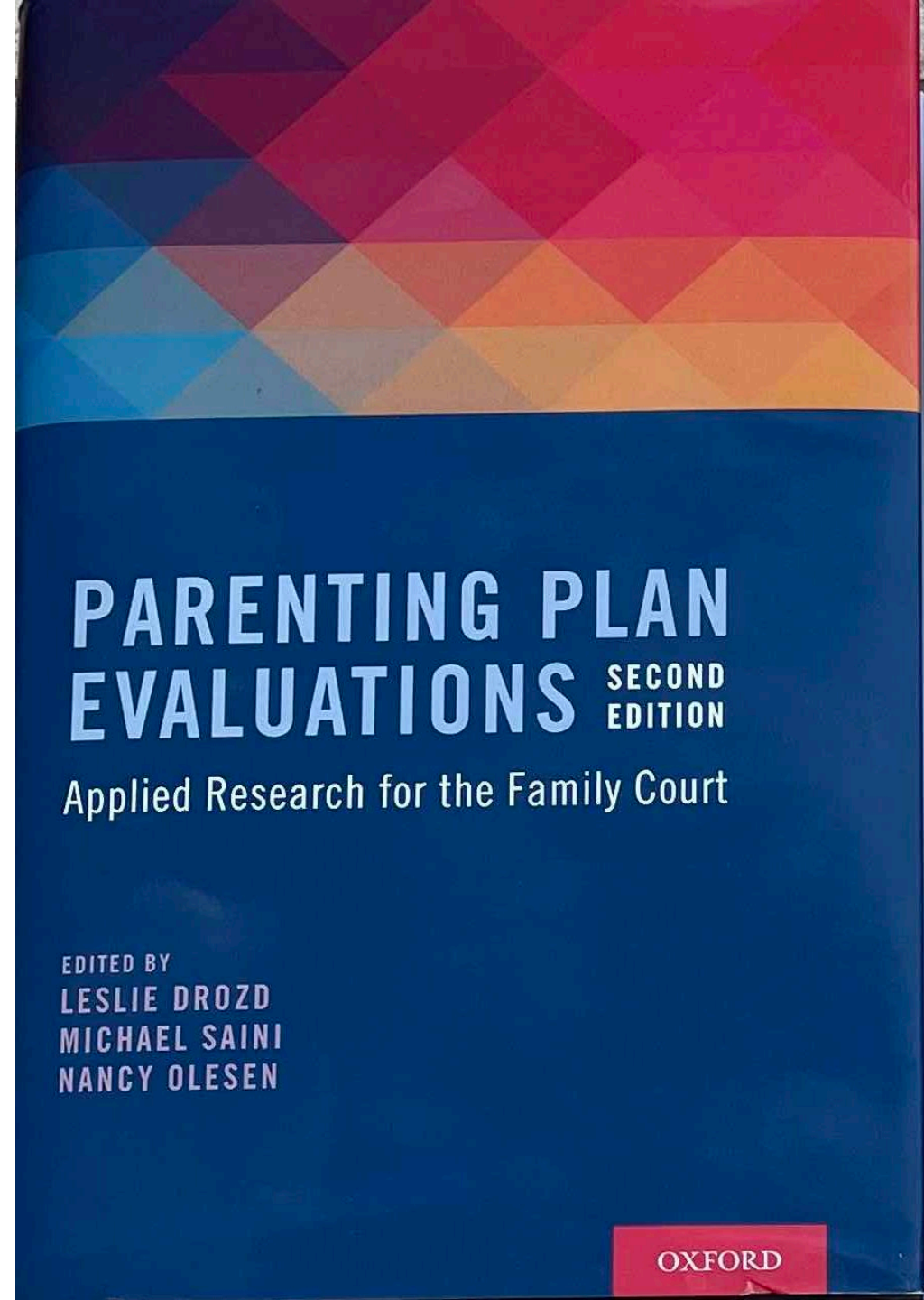
Source of "Single Factor" Terminology re PA

- *Family Court Review, Vol 57, No.2, April 2020*
 - **Parental Alienation: In Search of Common Ground For a More Differentiated Theory**
 - **Janet R. Johnston**
 - **Matthew J. Sullivan**

Recent Books Addressing Parental Alienation (PA)

2016 - 2022

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World Health Organization removes parental alienation from its classification index

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Update of September 20, 2020: since September 2020, the withdrawal of any mention of parental alienation from the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) is validated. Indeed, the official version, blue, has just been updated, and no longer makes any reference to this term, as shown in this screenshot.

The screenshot shows the ICD-11 for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics (ICD-11 MMS) website interface. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the text "ICD-11 for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics (Version : 09/2020)" and a globe icon with "EN". Below the navigation bar is a search bar containing the text "parental alienation" and a button labeled "[Advanced Search]". To the right of the search bar are four buttons: "Browse", "Coding Tool", "Special Views", and "Info". Below the search bar, a message in red text states "No results found!". On the left side, there is a vertical list of ICD-11 categories, each with a right-pointing arrow: "ICD-11", "01", "02", "03", "04", "05", "06", "07", "08", "09", "10", "11", "12 Diseases of the respiratory system", "13 Diseases of the digestive system", "14 Diseases of the skin", "15 Diseases of the musculoskeletal system or connective tissue", "16 Diseases of the genitourinary system", and "17 Conditions related to sexual health". On the right side, there is a panel with the following content: "ICD-11 for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics (ICD-11 MMS)", "Information for preparing implementation", "Release Notes", and a bulleted list: "• The code structure for the ICD-11 MMS is stable.", "• Updating mechanism is in place, based on the proposals submitted on the [maintenance platform](#)".

Original article :

On 15 February 2020, the WHO declared that it had removed this pseudo-scientific concept from its index and classification (temporary version, orange).

The Italian members of the Facebook group [PAS: informazioni e disinformazione](#) were the first to spread the information. They spotted a comment from a WHO team, *Team3 WHO*, on the page of the *Classification* devoted to *Psychological maltreatment*, in response to a remark reminding that parental alienation has no scientific basis.

REPORT THIS AD

Team3 WHO declares:

Parental alienation has been removed from the ICD-11 classification as it is a judicial term and issue. Its inclusion for coding purposes in the ICD-11 will not contribute to valid or meaningful health statistics.

Thank you for your proposal. Parental alienation has been removed from the ICD-11 classification as it is a judicial term and issue. Its inclusion for coding purposes in the ICD-11 will not contribute to valid or meaningful health statistics.

Team3 WHO 2020-Feb-15 - 14:11 UTC

REPLY

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The History of Parental Alienation Ideology

Made up by Richard Gardner, MD in 1985 with no research validation to support his view that the “vast majority” of sexual abuse allegations between separated or divorced parents which he believed were false. Several research studies later proved that his assumption about the rate of false allegations of sexual abuse in this group of cases was false but “Parental Alienation” ideology survived and is alive and well. It is spreading around the world like a contagious virus.



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CONTROVERSIES REGARDING PARENTAL ALIENATION: Authentic Voices, Critique of Current Research, and Practical Applications

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Jean Mercer, Ph.D.**

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APSAC, now in partnership with The New York Foundling, was founded in 1987 and is a nonprofit, national organization working to meet the needs of professionals engaged in all aspects of services for maltreated children and their families, focusing on *strengthening practice through knowledge*.

In 2017, we launched the Center for Child Policy to translate research into usable resources that promote evidence-informed policy-making and best practices for all professions involved in the field child maltreatment.

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APSAC POSITION STATEMENT: ASSERTIONS OF PARENTAL ALIENATION SYNDROME (PAS), PARENTAL DISORDER (PAD), OR PARENTAL ALLIENATION (PA) WHEN CHILD MALTREATMENT IS OF CONCERN

History of this Position Statement

- Stacie LaBlanc, APSAC President, asked Dr. Faller to draft a statement.
- I did so with reviews from my colleagues who are presenting with me today.
- Stacie reviewed it.
- It went to the APSAC Board of Directors and was accepted.

Agenda

Dr. Corwin is responsible for Authentic Voices, that is parents and children who have been traumatized by PA interventions.

Dr. Faller will summarize the APSAC position statement.

Dr. Milchman will describe a strategy for evaluation when PA is asserted.

Dr. Mercer will critique the research on PA and PA interventions.

General contents of the APSAC Position Statement

- Background to assertions that Parental Alienation Syndrome is the cause children are stating they have been maltreated by the “alienated parent.”
- Revisions of Parental Alienation theory.
- APSAC’s position is child safety takes precedence.
- The importance of considering multiple hypotheses when children express resistance, refusal, or fear of contact with a parent.
- The fundamental weakness of the PA explanation.

Background to Parental Alienation

- In 1985, Parental Alienation Syndrome was invented by the late Richard Gardner, M.D., who was in private practice and had his own press, Creative Therapeutics.
- Dr. Gardner asserted that the vast majority of allegations of incest were true, but allegations of sexual abuse when parents were separated and/or were divorcing were false.
- Dr. Gardner further asserted that these false allegations were a result of a collusion between the child and the non-abusing parent, sometimes aided and abetted by a female therapist.

Background to Parental Alienation

- Child abuse professionals challenged Dr. Gardner's theory, but the theory was embraced by some child custody evaluators and advocates on behalf of the accused parent.
- Efforts to get PAS included in the DSMs had been unsuccessful.
- In 2008, the theory was revised to be called Parental Alienation Disorder, a disorder of the child, in an attempt to get it included in DSM-5. This, too, was unsuccessful.

Background to Parental Alienation

Parental Alienation Advocates continue in their efforts to get PA accepted as a legitimate diagnosis, when children resist, refuse, or fear contact with the “alienated parent.”

They have established an international group of Parental Alienation Advocates.

They have unsuccessfully tried to get PA into the ICD-11.

It is important to appreciate these advocates financially benefit from conducting evaluations and testifying in court that the cause of child resistance, refusal, and fear of contact derives from PA.

APSAC's position is that child safety should remain paramount; moreover, evaluators and other decision-makers must consider multiple hypotheses:

1. The child has been maltreated by the “alienated parent” (less preferred parent). This maltreatment may be physical, sexual, or psychological abuse. It can also include neglect of the child.
2. The child has witnessed physical, emotional, or other abuse by the less preferred parent.
3. The causes also include other bad acts on the part of the less preferred parent, including substance abuse.
4. The less preferred parent is mentally unstable.
5. The less preferred parent has historically had a poor relationship with the child.
6. The less preferred parent has failed to support the family financially.
7. The less preferred parent has disparaged the more preferred parent in the child's presence.
8. The less preferred parent has been uninvolved in the child's life and/or emotionally unavailable.
9. The less preferred parent is an incompetent parent.
10. The less preferred parent lacks knowledge of child's developmental needs compared to the more preferred parent.
11. The more preferred parent is more sensitive to the child's culture than the less preferred parent.
12. Gender, race, ethnicity, and preferred activities may impact upon the child's resistance/refusal/fear.

Recent articles and how to access 6/22 APSAC Colloquium session addressing PA Controversies

<https://www.propublica.org/article/parental-alienation-utah-livestream-siblings>

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2023/mar/23/uk-mps-call-for-inquiry-into-use-of-alienation-claims-in-parental-disputes>

To view the entire (1:24) 2022 APSAC Colloquium Workshop on Parental Alienation including the survivor parents and former adolescent who was sent to a reunification camp, go to the APSAC website and search for the video library for the June 2022 Colloquium in New Orleans. It can also be found on YouTube by searching “APSAC June 2022 Colloquium” or click on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=607tPpnJ78c&t=7s>

Additional Publications since March Conference

- <https://www.insider.com/parental-alienation-syndrome-father-alleged-child-abuse-win-custody-case-2023-5>
- <https://www.propublica.org/article/family-reunification-camps-kids-allege-more-abuse>
- <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/23813311-un-report-on-alienation-5-2023?responsive=1&title=1>