

April 25th is world *PARENTAL ALIENATION* Awareness Day



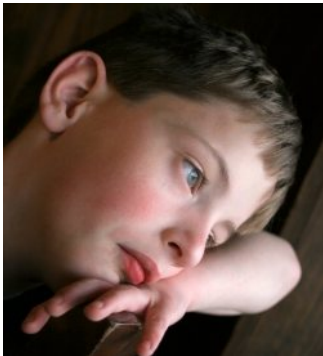
DO YOU KNOW A CHILD SHOWING SYMPTOMS OF ANY OF THESE?...

- Distrust toward the non-custodial parent, or no interest in him
- Baseless grounds for being frightened of the non-custodial parent
- Low self-esteem
- Anxiety or Depression
- Anger or rebellion
- Body image distortion
- Sleep disorder
- Recurrent headaches, digestive problems, skin rashes or hives
- Inappropriate language and/or behavior based on the child's age
- Experimentation with alcohol, drugs, sex

COMBINED WITH THE CHILD'S EXPOSURE TO MARITAL CONFLICT DUE TO...

- A difficult marriage between parents
- A custody battle over the child
- A past divorce

If so, you may know a child suffering from the **psychological abuse** of “**Parental Alienation**” and the tactics of “**Hostile Aggressive Parenting.**”



Many witnesses to such abuse believe that there is nothing that can be done because the perpetrator of the abuse (most often the custodial parent, and sometimes that parent's new partner and other family members as well)

will not change. (In fact, most people don't even know that there is a name for this form of abuse. Yet it is quite common after a Family Breakup and experts in the field say **Parental Alienation is the worst for of emotional abuse.**) So the silence and secrecy surrounding psychological abuse only furthers and continues its lifespan. The trauma a victimised child experiences due to this form of abuse causes obstacles that remain well beyond childhood. The consequences can often lead to life-long

emotional problems for the child and the bond between the child and alienated parent often never recovers. What's more, depending on the severity of the alienation and the sensitivity of the child, the symptoms of the abuse are often misdiagnosed, and the source of the problem is ignored.

In the past twenty years, the positive impact of breaking the silence and secrecy of physical and sexual abuse has been verified and thus supported in our culture. But we must remember the enormous risk it once was for those victims – and the ones who cared about them – to courageously step forward and speak out against the abuse. The time has come for those of us who have the same kind of courage to join hands to honour a child's relationship with **both** natural parents and to help prevent broken hearts and damaged children.

That is why we are announcing that on April 25th, 2006, the launch of the first annual worldwide Parental Alienation Awareness Day.

Don't let children become victims of this abuse!

Please join us and find out more at

www.Parental-Alienation-Awareness.com

For a safe and secure future in NZ, **PARENTAL ALIENATION MUST BE STOPPED!**